

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

November 21, 2024

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Board met via livestream, on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. for the regularly scheduled November monthly meeting.

Members Present:

Thomas A. Wicker, Chair

Christa Alexander, Vice-Chair

Keith Van Camp

Mark Henderson

Bill Cook

Legislative Advisor Present:

Senator Bart Williams, Technology Committee, MS State Senate

Representative Jill Ford, MS House of Representatives

Staff Members Present:

Craig P. Orgeron, CPM, Ph.D., Executive Director

Stephanie Hedgepeth, Chief Administrative Officer

Lisa Kuyrkendall, Telecommunication Services Director

Steve Patterson, Data Services Director

Hailey Tucker, Human Resources Director

Holly Savorgnan, Internal Services Director

Tabatha Baum, Procurement Services Director

Michelle Walker, Procurement Process Specialist

Renee Murray, E-Government Program Lead

Alec Shedd, Technology Consultant

Roshunda Mitchell, Technology Consultant

Jasmine Grice, Technology Consultant

Matthew Livingston, Technology Consultant

Atrael Porter, Technology Consultant

Naz Khan, Technology Consultant

Christopher Gooday, Technology Consultant

Vershonda Grindle, Technology Consultant

Tina O'Neal, Technology Consultant

Erica Cornelius, Mainframe and Database Manager

Nita Caylor, Accounting Manager

Lori Adams, Accounting Specialist

Kevin Gray, IT Planning Coordinator

Leslie Swilley, Administrative Specialist

Others Present:

Walter Hille, Mississippi Department of Employment Security

John Garrett, Mississippi Department of Employment Security

Guy Martin, Mississippi Department of Employment Security

Ana Maria Price, Mississippi Department of Employment Security

Timothy Rush, Mississippi Department of Employment Security

Anna Wallace, Mississippi Department of Employment Security

Clay Johnston, Mississippi Department of Public Safety

Grant Banks, University of Mississippi Medical Center

Al Faulk, University of Mississippi Medical Center
Cari Fowler, University of Mississippi Medical Center
Greg Easson, University of Mississippi
Brian Hopkins, University of Mississippi
Rob Jolly, University of Mississippi
Katherine Jones, University of Mississippi
Michele Patton, University of Mississippi
Kane Tomlin, Mississippi State Department of Health
Dorothy Young, Mississippi State Department of Health
Robert Anderson, Mississippi Department of Human Services
Mark Allen, Mississippi Department of Human Services
Maureen McDonald, Mississippi Department of Human Services
Preston Pierce, Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration
David J. Sliman, University of Southern Mississippi
Rob McClure, AT&T
Chris Salmon, AWS
Walker Whitehead, Brooksource
Bethany Stanfill, BSS Global
Jordan Nohra, Cisco
Trace Donato, C Spire
Eric Hollingsworth, C Spire
Ellen Freeman, Logicalis
Alexia Sykes, Logicalis
Rick Carter, Motorola Solutions, Inc.
Kenny Jones, Motorola Solutions, Inc.
Chris Keller, Next Step Innovation

Groves Powers, Next Step Innovation
Trent Townsend, Next Step Innovation
Nancy Macirowski, Office of the Maine Attorney General
Tracy Williams, PACT Consulting LLC
Dylan Lee, SailPoint
Winston Cutler, SAP
Stacy Ladnier, Scorpion Innovations
Noel Morgan, Simmons Consulting
Xavier Musenger, TATA Consulting Services
Karen Newman, The Clay Firm
Teresa Harris, Vertafore
Lesli Leakey, Vertafore

Tom Wicker called the meeting to order and asked guests to send an email with their name and the entity they represent to meetingminutes@its.ms.gov.

Agenda Item No. 1: Tom Wicker directed the Board's attention to the first agenda item, approval of the minutes from the ITS Board Meeting on October 17, 2024.

On motion by Bill Cook and second by Keith Van Camp that the minutes of the meeting on October 17, 2024, be approved as written:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 2: Roshunda Mitchell, Timothy Rush, Deputy Executive Director, Chief Operating Officer, Office of ReEmployment Assistance, Guy Martin, Chief Financial Officer, Anna

Wallace, Unemployment Insurance Director Tax, Office of ReEmployment Assistance, and Ana Maria Price, Attorney, Office of Legal Affairs presented the overview and request to issue RFP No. 4609-45732 for the acquisition of ReEmployUSA Application Support, Maintenance, and Enhancements for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY (MDES)**. The staffs of ITS and MDES jointly requested approval to advertise and publish RFP No. 4609-45732, to provide ReEmployUSA Application Support, Maintenance, and Enhancements for MDES. The staffs of ITS and MDES jointly requested approval for an increase in the Protest Bond amount from the \$250,000.00 default to 2% of the awarded contract amount as provided in the notice of intent to award.

On Motion by Bill Cook and second by Mark Henderson that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 3: Matthew Livingston and Clay Johnston, MIS Director, presented Project No. 48678, submitted under the ITS Planned Purchases Procedure for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS)**. The staffs of ITS and DPS jointly recommended approval of the planned purchases request to purchase Body-Worn Cameras and a Video Storage Solution using the Public Safety Video and Communication (PSVC) Systems Express Products List from Motorola Solutions, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$1,187,740.00 during Fiscal Years 2024-2028.

On Motion by Keith Van Camp and second by Mark Henderson that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4: Naz Khan, Cari T. Fowler, Research Operations Senior Director, Greg Easson, Interim Senior Associate Vice Chancellor, and Rob Jolly, Director of Contracts Management & Counsel, presented Project No. 48571, requesting approval of an increase to the initial exemption request for a Grant Management System for the **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER (UMMC)**. The staffs of ITS and UMMC jointly recommended approval of this \$1,751,131.26 increase to the original exemption request, for a revised not-to-exceed total estimated 8-year lifecycle cost of \$3,201,131.26.

On motion by Bill Cook and second by Keith Van Camp that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4.5: Vershonda Grindle, Dorothy K. Young, Ph.D., Chief Health Data, Operations, and Research Officer, and Kane Tomlin, Chief Technology Officer, presented the recommendation for Project No. 48638, submitted under the ITS Planned Purchases Procedure by the **MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (MSDH)**. The staffs of ITS and MSDH jointly recommended approval of the planned purchases request to purchase Microsoft EA Licenses from CDW-G at a 3-year lifecycle cost of \$4,952,520.93 using the NASPO Software Value-Added Reseller Cooperative.

On motion by Tom Wicker and second by Bill Cook that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5: Atrael Porter and Al Faulk, Applications Officer, presented Project No. 4456-48497, requesting approval for the sole source acquisition of Capsule Tech Addition from Capsule Tech Inc. for the **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER (UMMC)**. The

staffs of ITS and UMMC jointly recommended Capsule Tech Inc., as the sole-source provider of Capsule Tech Addition, at a total cost of \$119,333.70. With this request, the total 10-year lifecycle cost of this project is \$2,996,935.42.

On motion by Bill Cook and second by Keith Van Camp that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6: Christopher Gooday, Michele Patton, Interim CIO, and Brian Hopkins, Deputy CIO for Academic Technology, presented the recommendation for Project No. 48621-3452 for the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with Blackboard, Inc. for Blackboard Learning Management System for the **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI (UM)**. The staffs of ITS and UM jointly recommended approval of the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with Blackboard, Inc. through December 11, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$1,672,306.00 for Blackboard Learning Management System. With this continuation, the revised total 14-year lifecycle cost of this project is \$3,310,606.46.

On motion by Bill Cook and second by Tom Wicker that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 7: Other Business. The Board discussed two items under other business.

For the first item, the ITS Board recognized the representatives from the Mississippi Department of Human Services, who presented their request to the Board related to RFP No. 4488-47212 for the acquisition of a Critical Case and Eligibility Systems and Software (SUCCESS) project, currently under protest. MDHS representatives requested that the ITS Board lift the automatic

stay on the project to allow the procurement project to proceed forward with the protest decision still pending resolution before ITS. The ITS Board and MDHS discussed the facts leading up this request. No action was taken by the ITS Board on this item.

For the second item, the ITS Board discussed a proposed schedule for in-person board meetings for the months of January, April, July, and October. All board members agreed to the proposal.

The Board acknowledged Agenda Item No. 8 regarding the summary of equipment, software and services, exemptions and sole source procurements approved by the ITS Executive Director.

The Board discussed verification of quorum for next ITS Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2024.

There being no further business, Tom Wicker adjourned the meeting.

Thomas A. Wicker, Chair

Christa Alexander, Vice-Chair