

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

September 19, 2024

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Board met via livestream, on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. for the regularly scheduled September monthly meeting.

Members Present:

Thomas A. Wicker, Chair

Keith Van Camp

Mark Henderson

Bill Cook

Member not Present:

Christa Alexander, Vice-Chair

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

Jay White, Chief Information Security Officer

Brian Norwood, Chief Operations Officer

Lisa Kuyrkendall, Telecommunication Services Director

Steve Patterson, Data Services Director
Holly Savorgnan, Internal Services Director
Nita Caylor, Accounting Manager
Tabatha Baum, Legal Counsel
Michelle Walker, Procurement Process Specialist
Alec Shedd, Technology Consultant
Renee Murray, E-Government Program Lead
Debbie Parker, Technology Consultant
Matthew Livingston, Technology Consultant
Roshunda Mitchell, Technology Consultant
Christopher Gooday, Technology Consultant
Atrael Porter, Technology Consultant
Vershonda Grindle, Technology Consultant
Kevin Gray, IT Planning Coordinator
Lori Adams, Accounting Specialist
Leslie Swilley, Administrative Specialist

Others Present:

David J. Sliman, University of Southern Mississippi
Kacey Strickland, Mississippi State University
Brandy Akers, Mississippi State University
Tom Ritter, Mississippi State University
Mickey Yates, Mississippi Department of Revenue
Mike Dehaan, Mississippi Department of Revenue
Michael McRae, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks
Jason Thompson, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks

Sharon Prestridge, Mississippi Department of Education
Jackie Sampsell, Mississippi Department of Education
Michele Patton, University of Mississippi
Tangela Harrion, University of Mississippi Medical Center
Grant Banks, University of Mississippi Medical Center
Rob McClure, AT&T
Ben Lane, C Spire
Tina Wells, Tyler Technologies
Karen Newman, The Clay Firm
Jennifer Miles, Mainline Information Systems
Stan Flint, The Consulting Group
Tim Walker, H. F. Leeds, LLC
Lesli Leakey, Vertafore
Rita Rutland, GDIT

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 August 15, 2024.

On motion by Keith Van Camp and second by Bill Cook that the minutes of the meeting on August 15, 2024, be approved as written:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 2: Christopher Gooday, Kacey Strickland, Executive Director for Research Administration, Brandy Akers, Executive Director for Research Fiscal Affairs, and Tom Ritter, Chief Information Security Officer, presented Project No. 48443, requesting approval of an exemption for **MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY (MSU)** to request proposals for the acquisition of a cloud-based Electronic Research Administration system. The staff of MSU recommended approval of the exemption request at a total estimated 3-year lifecycle cost of \$2,500,000.00. MSU will solicit proposals in accordance with all statutory requirements for such acquisitions. On motion by Mark Henderson and second by Bill Cook that the staff recommendation be approved:
Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 3: Atrael Porter and David Sliman, Chief Information Officer, presented Project No. 48460, requesting approval of an exemption for the **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI (USM)** to request proposals for the acquisition of Oracle Database maintenance and Oracle PeopleSoft application maintenance. The staffs of ITS and USM jointly recommended approval of the exemption request at a total estimated 3-year lifecycle cost of \$3,210,000.00. USM will solicit proposals in accordance with all statutory requirements for such acquisitions. On motion by Bill Cook and second by Mark Henderson that the staff recommendation be approved:
Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4: Vershonda Grindle, Mickey Yates, Chief Information Officer, and Mike Dehaan, Infrastructure Services Manager and Enterprise Architect, presented recommendation

for Project 48509, submitted under the ITS Planned Purchases Procedure for the acquisition of Broadcom VMWare by the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (DOR)**. The staffs of ITS and DOR jointly recommended the approval of the planned purchases request to purchase Broadcom VMWare from Insight Public Sector, Inc., at a total 3-year life cycle cost of \$1,214,066.40 using the NASPO Software Value-Added Reseller Cooperative.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5: Matthew Livingston, Michael McRae, Director of Information Services, and Jason Thompson, Director of Administrative Services, presented the recommendation for Project No. 48491-4464 for an increase to the Agreement with Sovereign Sportsman Solutions for the Recreational Licensing and Point of Sale System for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS (MDWFP)**. The staff of ITS and MDWFP jointly recommended approval of the increase to the Agreement with Sovereign Sportsman Solutions through September 14, 2028, in an amount not-to-exceed \$3,088,625.00 for the recreational licensing and point of sale system. With this increase, the revised total not-to-exceed lifecycle cost of this project is \$12,076,031.00.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6: Roshunda Mitchell, Sharon Prestridge, Program Specialist Team Leader, and Jackie Sampsell, MS Assessment Director, presented the evaluation and recommendation

of proposals received in response to RFP No. 4582-47967 for the acquisition of English Language Proficiency Testing for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (MDE)**. The staffs of ITS and MDE jointly recommended the selection of Cambium Assessment, Inc. as lowest and best vendor responding to RFP No. 4582-47967, to provide English Language Proficiency Testing at a total estimated 5-year life cycle cost of \$2,390,556.50.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 7: Withdrawn.

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, October 17, 2024.

Tom Wicker adjourned the meeting.

Thomas A. Wicker, Chair

Christa Alexander, Vice-Chair