

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

July 17, 2025

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Board met in the Boardroom at ITS, 3771 Eastwood Drive, Jackson, MS 39211 and via livestream on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. for the regularly scheduled August monthly meeting.

Members Present:

Christa Alexander, Chair

Keith Van Camp

Tom Wicker

Mark Henderson

Members Not Present:

Bill Cook, Vice-Chair

Legislative Advisors 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

Holly Savorgnan, Chief Administrative Officer

Jay White, Chief Information Security Officer

Brian Norwood, Chief Technology Officer

Hailey Tucker, Human Resources Director

Renee Murray, Procurement Services Director
Tabatha Baum, General Counsel
Matthew Henry, Associate General Counsel
Nita Caylor, Accounting Manager
Lori Adams, Internal Operations Manager
Michelle Walker, Procurement Process Specialist
Alec Shedd, Technology Consultant
Debbie Parker, Technology Consultant
Roshunda Mitchell, Technology Consultant
Vershonda Grindle, Technology Consultant
Denetta Durr, Technology Consultant
Jake Alexander, Technology Consultant
Tina Wilkins, Technology Consultant
Susan McMichael, Technology Consultant
Tina O'Neal, Technology Consultant
Leslie Swilley, Administrative Specialist
Michele Blocker, Contract Employee
Pam Sinclair, Project Manager
David Richards, Service Center Manager

Others Present:

Judy K. Nelson, Mississippi Department of Education
Arthur Goss, Mississippi Department of Education
Jerrika Jackson, Mississippi Department of Education
Mark Allen, Mississippi Department of Human Services
Cameron Foster, Mississippi Department of Human Services

Chase Callaway, Mississippi Department of Human Services
Jackie Surrell, Mississippi Department of Human Services
Deanisha Hopson, Mississippi Department of Human Services
Jeremy Hurley, Mississippi Division of Medicaid
Kayla McKnight, Mississippi Division of Medicaid
Jill Chastant, Mississippi Division of Medicaid
Trey Breckenridge, Mississippi State University
Jason Tiffin, Mississippi State University
Michele Patton, University of Mississippi
Jason Pardoe, University of Mississippi
Sharon McElwain, University of Mississippi Medical Center
Lisa Vaughan, University of Mississippi Medical Center
Sarah Conwell, University of Mississippi Medical Center
Grant Banks, University of Mississippi Medical Center
David Sliman, University of Southern Mississippi
Chris Salmon, Amazon Web Services
Rob McClure, AT&T
Bethany Stanfill, BSS Global
John Nohra, Cisco
Kristen Hinton, Cisco
Ben Lane, C Spire
Trece Donata, C Spire
Ryan Aldridge, Ernst & Young
Aisha Miller, First Due
Alexia Sykes, Logicalis
Chris Keller, NSI

Brennan Dongieux, Tek Systems

Hope Ladner, The Clay Firm

Luke L. Sillah, University of Memphis

Teresa R. Harris, Vertafore

Christa Alexander 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: Christa Alexander directed the Board's attention to the first agenda item, approval of the minutes from the ITS Board Meeting on July 17, 2025.

On motion by Mark Henderson and second by Keith Van Camp that the minutes of the meeting on July 17, 2025, be approved as written:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 2: Denetta Durr and Sharon McElwain, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, presented Project No. 49079, requesting approval for an increase to the original exemption request for NCLEX assessment package and software for the of an exemption renewal request for **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER (UMMC)**, School of Nursing. The staff of UMMC recommended approval of this \$2,074,820.00 increase to the original exemption request, for a revised not-to-exceed total estimate 7-year lifecycle cost of \$3,012,320.00.

On Motion by Tom Wicker and second by Mark Henderson that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 3: Jake Alexander and Jason Pardoe, Network Manager, presented Project No. 49142, requesting approval of an exemption for the **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI (UM)**, Office of Information Technology, to request proposals for the acquisition of a Datacenter Network and Core Infrastructure Refresh. The staffs of ITS and UM jointly recommended approval of the exemption request at a total estimated 5-year lifecycle cost of \$2,000,000.00. UM will solicit proposals in accordance with all statutory requirements for such acquisitions.

On motion by Tom Wicker and second by Keith Van Camp that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4: Vershonda Grindle, Jacob Black, Deputy Administrator, Business Operations, and Jeremy Hurley, Chief Information Officer, presented the recommendation for Project 49143, requesting approval for an increase to the initial exemption request for the Medicaid Clinical Data Infrastructure (MCI) for the **MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID (DOM)**. The staffs of ITS and DOM jointly recommended approval of this \$6,000,000.00 increase to the original exemption request, for a revised not-to-exceed total estimated 17-year lifecycle cost of \$91,936,824.48.

A motion was made by Tom Wicker, seconded by Mark Henderson, for approval of the exemption increase, contingent upon receiving information from DOM regarding what impacted the transition timeline for the replacement system, which required DOM to make this exemption request of this Board.

Agenda Item No. 5: Denetta Durr, Mark Allen, Chief Information Officer, and Deanisha Hopson, Counsel for Economic Programs Workforce Development, presented the recommendation for Project No. 49146-3884 for the continuation and increase to the Agreement with Conduent State and Local Solutions for Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) program services for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (MDHS)**. The staffs of ITS and MDHS jointly recommended approval of the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with Conduent State and Local Solutions through February 1, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$2,060,213.76 for Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) program services. With this continuation, the revised total not-to-exceed 10-year lifecycle cost of this project is \$31,012,686.70.

On motion by Tom Wicker and second by Keith Van Camp that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6: Denetta Durr and Jerrika Jackson, Procurement Supervisor presented requesting approval for the sole source acquisition of a compliance and communication center software from TransACT Communications, LLC for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (MDE)**. The staffs of ITS and MDE jointly recommended TransACT Communications, LLC as the sole-source provider of a compliance and communication center software, at a total 3-year life cycle cost of \$428,533.00. With the approval of this sole source request, the total 11-year lifecycle cost of this contract is \$1,440,390.00.

On motion by Tom Wicker and second by Mark Henderson that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

The Board acknowledged Agenda Item No. 7 regarding the ITS Information Confidentiality Officer Report.

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 the next ITS Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025.

There being no further business, Christa Alexander moved that the ITS Board adjourn. Mark Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned by Christa Alexander.

Christa Alexander, Chair

Bill Cook, Vice-Chair