

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

January 15, 2026

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Board met via livestream, on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. for the regularly scheduled January monthly meeting.

Members Present:

Christa Alexander, Chair

Bill Cook, Vice-Chair

Thomas A. Wicker

Keith Van Camp

Mark Henderson

Legislative Advisors Present:

Senator Bart Williams, Technology Committee, MS State Senate

Legislative Advisors Not Present:

Representative Jill Ford, MS House of Representatives

Staff Members Present:

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

Jay White, Chief Information Security Officer

Holly Savorgnan, Chief Administrative Officer

Stephanie Hedgepeth, Chief Strategy Officer

Steve Patterson, Data Services Director

Lisa Kuyrkendall, Telecom Services Director
Hailey Tucker, Human Resources Director
Renee Murray, Procurement Services Director
Tabatha Baum, General Counsel
Matthew Henry, Associate General Counsel
Nita Caylor, Accounting Manager
Michelle Walker, Procurement Process Specialist
Alec Shedd, Technology Consultant
Mikayla Smith, Technology Consultant
Pam Sinclair, Planning and BRM Manager
Lori Adams, Internal Operations Manager
LaTonya Kirkland, Vendor Contract Management Team Lead
Debbie Parker, Technology Consultant
Richard Crout, Public Cloud Manager
Betsy Ward, Security Operations Manager
Leslie Swilley, Administrative Specialist

Others Present:

Mark Allen, Mississippi Department of Human Services
Grant Banks, University of Mississippi Medical Center
David Sliman, University of Southern Mississippi
Rob McClure, AT&T
Bethany Stanfill Ricks, BSS Global
Mary Tucker, Business Communications, Inc.
Trace Donato, C Spire
Alexia Sykes, Logicalis

Dylan Lee, SailPoint

Jay Barrett, Slalom

Tina Wells, Tyler Technologies

Chanelle Smith, World Wide Technology

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 December 18, 2025.

On motion by Bill Cook and second by Tom Wicker that the minutes of the meeting on December 18, 2025, be approved as written:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 2: Mikayla Smith and David Sliman, Chief Information Officer, presented Project No. 49366, requesting approval for an increase to the initial exemption request for faculty success software for the **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI (USM)**. The staffs of ITS and USM jointly recommended approval of this \$682,941.27 increase to the original exemption request, for a revised not-to-exceed total 10-year lifecycle cost of \$1,239,864.06.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 3: Pam Sinclair presented the *FY 2025 ITS Annual Report*. The staff of ITS requested approval to publish the *FY 2025 ITS Annual Report*.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

The Board acknowledged Agenda Item No. 4 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, February 19, 2026.

There being no further business, Christa Alexander adjourned the meeting.

Christa Alexander, Chair

Bill Cook, Vice-Chair