BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

July 17, 2025

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Board met via livestream, on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. for the regularly scheduled July monthly meeting.

Members Present:

Christa Alexander, Chair

Bill Cook, Vice-Chair

Keith Van Camp

Tom Wicker

Mark Henderson

Legislative Advisors Present:

Senator Bart Williams, Technology Committee, MS State Senate

Legislative Advisors Not Present:

Representative Jill Ford, MS House of Representatives

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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

Stephanie Hedgepeth, Chief Strategy Officer

Lisa Kuyrkendall, Telecommunication Services Director

Steve Patterson, Data 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

Lori Adams, Internal Operations Manager

Michelle Walker, Procurement Process Specialist

Alec Shedd, Technology Consultant

Debbie Parker, Technology Consultant

Mathew Livingston, Technology Consultant

Roshunda Mitchell, Technology Consultant

Vershonda Grindle, Technology Consultant

Denetta Durr, Technology Consultant

Susan McMichael, Technology Consultant

Betsy Ward, Security Operations Manager

David Ashley, Security Policy Analyst

David Richards, Service Center Manager

Others Present:

Michael Pantin, Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services

Justin Stepp, Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services

John Hunt, Mississippi Department of Corrections

Audrey McAfee, Mississippi Department of Corrections

Melissa Beck, Mississippi Department of Education

Mark Allen, Mississippi Department of Human Services

Thomas Hederman, Mississippi Department of Human Services

Chase Callaway, Mississippi Department of Human Services

Jackie Surrell, Mississippi Department of Human Services

Twyla Jennings, Mississippi Department of Human Services

Kim Wood, Mississippi Department of Mental Health

Bobby Sterling, Mississippi Department of Mental Health

Ben Cohen, Mississippi Department of Transportation

Bo Dickerson, Mississippi Department of Transportation

Ron Hilbun, Mississippi Department of Transportation

Michele Patton, University of Mississippi

Jason Pardoe, University of Mississippi

Al Faulk, University of Mississippi Medical Center

Grant Banks, University of Mississippi Medical Center

David J. Sliman, University of Southern Mississippi

Chris Salmon, Amazon Web Services

Rob McClure, AT&T

Bethany Stanfill, BSS Global

John Nohra, Cisco

Ben Lane, C Spire

Chris Keller, Genesys

Charles Keller, Logista Solutions

Jennifer Miles, Mainline

Dylan Lee, SailPoint

Noel Morgan, Simmons Consulting Firm

Trey Stokes, Splunk Inc.

Howard Morgan, World Wide Technology

Chanelle Smith, World Wide Technology

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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.

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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 June 19, 2025.

On motion by Bill Cook and second by Mark Henderson that the minutes of the meeting on June 19, 2025, be approved as written:

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 2:   Matthew Livingston, Michele Patton, Chief Information Officer, and Jason Pardoe, Network Manager, presented Project No. 49018, requesting approval of an exemption for the **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI (UM)** to request proposals for the acquisition of Fortinet FortiGate 6001F firewalls. The staffs of ITS and UM jointly recommended the approval of the exemption request at a total 5-year life cycle cost of $2,400,000.00. UM will solicit proposals in accordance with all statutory requirements for such acquisitions.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 3:   Denetta Durr and Al Faulk, Applications Officer, presented Project No. 48976, requesting approval for an increase to the exemption request for Corepoint support and maintenance for the **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER (UMMC)**. The staffs of ITS and UMMC jointly recommended approval of this $1,152,626.88 increase to the original exemption request, for a revised not-to-exceed total estimated 20-year lifecycle cost of $2,826,866.36.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 4:   Denetta Durr and Melissa Beck, K-3 Assessment Coordinator, presented Project No. 49080, requesting approval of an exemption for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (MDE)** to request proposals for the acquisition of a Kindergarten Readiness Assessment. The staffs of ITS and MDE jointly recommended approval of the exemption request at a total estimated 5-year lifecycle cost of $3,400,000.00.   MDE will solicit proposals in accordance with all statutory requirements for such acquisitions.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 5:   Vershonda Grindle, Mark Allen, Chief Information Officer, and Thomas Hederman, Support Operations Manager, presented the recommendation for Project No. 49105 submitted under the ITS Planned Purchases Procedure by the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (MDHS)**.   The staffs of ITS and MDHS jointly recommended the approval

of the planned purchases request to purchase Microsoft EA Software from SHI at a total 3-year lifecycle cost of $3,710,236.74 using the NASPO Software Value-Added Reseller Cooperative. On motion by Bill Cook and second by Tom Wicker that the staff recommendation be approved: Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 7:   Vershonda Grindle, Kim Wood, Chief Information Officer, and Bobby Sterling, Information Technology Manager, presented the recommendation for Project No. 49007 to utilize the award of RFP No. 202105068, issued by the State of Maine, for the acquisition of a Behavioral Health Electronic Health Records System for the IDD Programs for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (MDMH)**.   The staffs of ITS and MDMH jointly recommended the selection of Netsmart Technologies Inc, to provide a Behavioral Health Electronic Health Records System for the IDD Programs, at a total 5-year life cycle cost of $18,489,305.00.

On motion by Bill Cook and second by Tom Wicker that the staff recommendation be approved: Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 6:   Matthew Livingston and Michael Pantin, Chief Information Officer, presented the recommendation for Project No. 49137, submitted under the ITS Planned Purchases Procedure by **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES (MDCPS)**.   The staffs of ITS and MDCPS jointly recommended the approval of the planned purchases request to purchase a Microsoft Enterprise Agreement from Insight Public Sector Inc. at a total 3-year life cycle cost of $4,268,379.69 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.

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Agenda Item No. 8: Roshunda Mitchell, John Hunt, Deputy Commissioner of Institutions, Audrey McAfee, Deputy Administrator for Technology and Program Services, and Rhoan Gordon, Radio Frequency Consultant, presented the evaluation and recommendation of proposals received in response to RFP No. 4581-47925 for the acquisition of a cellphone interdiction system for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (MDOC)**. The staffs of ITS and MDOC jointly recommended the selection of OmniProphis Corporation as lowest and best vendor responding to RFP No. 4581-47925, to provide a Cellphone Interdiction System, at an estimated life cycle cost of $26,231,200.00.

On motion by Bill Cook and second by Tom Wicker that the staff recommendation be approved: Motion carried; with Christa Alexander and Mark Henderson opposing.

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Agenda Item No. 9: Roshunda Mitchell and Ben Cohen, Chief Information Officer, presented the evaluation and recommendation of bids received in response to IFB No. 4687-48864 for the acquisition of Trimble equipment for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)**. The staffs of ITS and MDOT jointly recommended the selection of Navigation Electronics, Inc as lowest and best vendor responding to IFB No. 4687-48864, to provide Trimble equipment, at a 3-year lifecycle cost of $1,712,936.53.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 10: Nita Caylor presented the ITS 5-Year Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031 for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS)**. The staff of ITS requested approval to submit the plan to the Mississippi Legislative Budget Office.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 11:   Holly Savorgnan presented the ITS Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2027 for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS)**. The staff of ITS requested approval to submit the Budget Request to the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Budget and Fund Management.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

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The Board acknowledged Agenda Item No. 12 regarding the summary of equipment, software and services, exemptions and sole source procurements approved by the ITS Executive Director.

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The Board discussed verification of quorum for the next ITS Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2025.

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

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            Christa Alexander, Chair   Bill Cook, Vice-Chair