BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

June 18, 2026

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Board met via livestream, on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. for the regularly scheduled June monthly meeting.

Members Present:

Christa Alexander, Chair

Keith Van Camp

Thomas A. Wicker

Mark Henderson

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

Stephanie Hedgepeth, Chief Strategy Officer

Steve Patterson, Chief Technology Officer

Hailey Tucker, Human Resources Director

Renee Murray, Procurement Services Director

Mark Gibbs, Internal Services Director

Tabatha Baum, General Counsel

Nita Caylor, Accounting Manager

Lori Adams, Internal Operations Manager

Matthew Livingston, Technology Consultant

Mikayla Smith, Technology Consultant

Brazel Crocker, Technology Consultant

Jake Alexander, Technology Consultant

Denetta Durr, Technology Consultant

Alec Shedd, Technology Consultant

Robert Martinez, Technology Consultant

Debbie Parker, Technology Consultant

Tina Wilkins, Technology Consultant

David Richards, Service Center Manager

Leslie Swilley, Administrative Specialist

Others Present:

Mark Allen, Mississippi Department of Human Services

Michael Lowrey, Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi

Melanie Estridge, Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi

John Yaun, University of Mississippi

Vicki Farnsworth, University of Mississippi

Jason Tiffin, Mississippi State University

Gerhard Lehnerer, Mississippi State University

David J. Sliman, University of Southern Mississippi

Patricia Bryant, Mississippi Department of Public Safety

Tim Watson, Mississippi Department of Public Safety

Scott Henley, Mississippi Department of Public Safety

Krista LeBrun, Mississippi Community College Board

Jason Carter, Mississippi Community College Board

Grant Banks, University of Mississippi Medical Center

Walker Laseter, Office of Governor Tate Reeves

Bethany Stanfill, BSS Global

Rob McClure, AT&T

Eric Hollingsworth, C Spire

Alexia Sykes, Logicalis

Jennifer Miles, Pellera

Jay Barrett, Slalom

Chris Keller, Genesys

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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 May 21, 2026.

On motion by Mark Henderson and second by Tom Wicker that the minutes of the meeting on May 21, 2026, be approved as written:

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 2: Matthew Livingston, Michael Lowry, Chief Technology Officer, and Melanie Estridge, Deputy Director of Admin Services will present Project No. 49611, requesting approval for an increase to the initial exemption request for the pension administration system for the **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF MISSISSIPPI (PERS)**. The staffs of ITS and PERS jointly recommend approval of this Change Order for $1,609,100.00; therefore, increasing the exemption request for a revised not-to-exceed total estimated lifecycle cost of $71,216,979.16.

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: Mikayla Smith, Dr. John Yaun, Assistant Vice Chancellor, and Vicki Farnsworth, Chief Information Officer, will present Project No. 49621, requesting approval of an exemption for the **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI (UM)** to request proposals for the acquisition of Campus Security Modernization. The staffs of ITS and UM jointly recommend the approval of the exemption request at a total 3-year life cycle cost of $8,001,000.00. 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.

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Agenda Item No. 3.5: Denetta Durr, Jason Tiffin, Deputy CIO, and Gerhard Lehnerer Director of Information Technology Infrastructure, will present project 49623 requesting approval of an exemption for **MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY (MSU)** to request proposals for the acquisition of network infrastructure upgrades. The staffs of ITS and MSU jointly recommend approval of the exemption request at a total estimated 5-year lifecycle cost of $6,000,000.00. MSU will solicit proposals in accordance with all statutory requirements for such acquisitions.

On 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. 3.6: Brazel Crocker and Steve Patterson, Chief Technology Officer, will present the recommendation for Project No. 49645 submitted under the ITS Planned Purchases Procedure by the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS)**. The staff of ITS recommends the approval of the planned purchases request to purchase VMware Licensing Renewal for the State Private Cloud Environment from CDW Government, LLC., at a 3-year life cycle cost of $4,177,532.16, using the NASPO Software Value-Added Reseller Cooperative.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 4: Matthew Livingston and Patricia Bryant, Information Technology Project Manager, Tim Watson, Chief Information Officer, and Major Scott Henley, Deputy Director of Commercial Transportation Enforcement will present Project No. 49521-4752, requesting approval for the sole source acquisition of a mobile, multi-violation detection, and real time enforcement system and support from Acusensus, Inc. for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS)**. The staffs of ITS and DPS jointly recommend Acusensus, Inc. as the sole-source provider of a mobile, multi-violation detection, and real time enforcement system and support, at a total 3-year lifecycle cost of $2,052,000.00.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Mark Henderson requested the following information to be provided to the ITS Board related to this agenda item: A more significantly detailed and scheduled project management plan, a list of key stakeholders and their responsibilities for managing the system and the data collection under the contract, and a copy of the data collected on a quarterly basis.

ITS staff will be providing this information to the ITS Board upon receipt from DPS.

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Agenda Item No. 5: Jake Alexander, Krista LeBrun, Assistant Executive Director for eLearning, and Jason Carter, Deputy Executive Director for Finance will present Project No. 49615, requesting the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with Brainfuse, LLC for a Virtual Tutoring Solution for the **MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD (MCCB)**. The staffs of ITS and MCCB jointly recommend the continuation of and increase to this Agreement with Brainfuse, LLC through August 22, 2029, in an amount not to exceed $1,035,000.00 for Virtual Tutoring Solution. With this continuation, the revised total not-to-exceed 6-year life cycle cost of this project is $2,007,923.46.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

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The Board acknowledged Agenda Item No. 6 regarding the summary of equipment, software and services, exemptions and sole source procurements approved by the ITS Executive Director.

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Agenda Item No. 7: Christa Alexander directed the Board's attention to the need for nomination of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman to begin serving July 1, 2026.

On motion by Tom Wicker and second by Mark Henderson that Bill Cook serve as Chairman of the ITS Board for one-year, effective July 1, 2026:

Motion carried; unanimously.

On motion by Tom Wicker and second by Mark Henderson that Keith Van Camp serve as Vice-Chairman for one-year, effective July 1, 2026:

Motion carried; unanimously.

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The Board discussed Agenda Item No. 8 regarding authorization of per diem, travel and other expenses for ITS Board members through June 30, 2027. The staff of ITS recommended a motion to authorize per diem, travel and other expenses as required for ITS Board members to attend the scheduled monthly meetings of the ITS Board through June 30, 2027, along with other meetings as required in the performance of their duties.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

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The Board discussed verification of quorum for the next ITS Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2026.

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

Bill Cook, Chair

Keith Van Camp, Vice-Chair