

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

May 21, 2026

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Board met via livestream, on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. for the regularly scheduled May monthly meeting.

Members Present:

Christa Alexander, Chair

Thomas A. Wicker

Mark Henderson

Keith Van Camp

Member Not Present:

Bill Cook, Vice-Chair

Legislative Advisors Present:

Representative Jill Ford, MS House of Representatives

Legislative Advisors Not Present:

Senator Bart Williams, Technology Committee, MS State Senate

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
Michelle Smith, Procurement Process Specialist
LaTonya Kirkland, Vendor Contract Management Team Lead
Alec Shedd, Technology Consultant
Debbie Parker, Technology Consultant
Atrael Porter, Technology Consultant
Mikayla Smith, Technology Consultant
Brazel Crocker, Technology Consultant
Jake Alexander, Technology Consultant
Denetta Durr, Technology Consultant
Tina Wilkins, Technology Consultant
Susan McMichael, Technology Consultant
Betsy Ward, Security Operations Manager
Richard Crout, Public Cloud Manager
Suzanne Biggers, Billing Specialist
Leslie Swilley, Administrative Assistant

Others Present:

Walker Laseter, Office of Governor Tate Reeves
David J. Sliman, University of Southern Mississippi
Grant Banks, University of Mississippi Medical Center

Mark Allen, Mississippi Department of Human Services
Shenetta Drone, Mississippi Department of Human Services
Krista LeBrun, Mississippi Community College Board
Jason Carter, Mississippi Community College Board
Brooke Seals, Mississippi Department of Education
Jill Dent, Mississippi Department of Education
Joyce Greer, Mississippi Department of Educaiton
Daniel Jodan, Mississippi Secretary of State Office
Shelby Scoggins, Mississippi Secretary of State Office
Kyle Kirkpatrick, Mississippi Secretary of State Office
Jill Chastant, Mississippi Division of Medicaid
Rob McClure, AT&T
Chris Salmon, Amazon
Dylan Lee, SailPoint
Chris Keller, Genesys Knowledge Network
Eric Hollingsworth, C Spire
Jay Barrett, Slalom
Gary Katz, Progress
Bethany Ricks, BSS Global
Jennifer Miles, Peller Technologies
Sheila Kearney, Brilljent
Ken Harelson, Armis

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 April 16, 2026.

On motion by Tom Wicker and second by Keith Van Camp that the minutes of the meeting on April 16, 2026, be approved as written:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 2: Atrael Porter, Mark Allen, Chief Information Officer, and Shenetta Drone, Deputy Executive Director of Economics Programs, presented an overview and request to issue RFP No. 4746-49471 for the acquisition of an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Program for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (MDHS)**. The staffs of ITS and MDHS jointly requested approval to advertise and publish RFP No. 4746-49471 for the acquisition of an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) program.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 2.5: Brazel Crocker, Technology Procurement Consultant, and Brooke Seals, Director of School Financial Services, presented the recommendation for Project No. 49618, submitted under the ITS Planned Purchases Procedure by the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (MDE)**. The staffs of ITS and MDE jointly recommended approval of the planned purchases request to purchase ClassWallet from Insight Public Sector, Inc., at a 3-year lifecycle cost of \$1,508,749.67 using the NASPO Software Value-Added Reseller Cooperative. Additionally, the staffs of ITS and MDE request that the ITS Board waive the 3-quote requirement for planned purchases that exceed \$1,000,000.

The ITS Board discussed Agenda Item No. 2.5, but took no action.

Agenda Item No. 3: Jake Alexander, Daniel Jordan, Chief Information Officer, Shelby Scoggins, Deputy Director for Elections, and Kyle Kirkpatrick, prior Assistant Secretary of State for Elections presented Project No. 4755-49553, requesting approval for the sole source acquisition of election management software licenses and programming services for TSX and DS200 voting machines from Election Systems & Software, LLC (ES&S) for **MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE (MSOS)**. The staffs of ITS and MSOS jointly recommended Election Systems & Software (ES&S) as the sole-source provider of election management software licenses and programming services for TSX and DS200 voting machines, at a total 4-year cycle cost of \$3,587,643.00. With the approval of this sole source request, the total 8-year lifecycle cost of this contract is \$6,646,802.00.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4: Mikayla Smith, Jill Dent, Executive Director, and Joyce Greer, Education Program Development Supervisor, presented Project No. 49347, requesting approval for the sole source acquisition of an early education observation and professional development platform from Teachstone, Inc. for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (MDE)**. The staffs of ITS and MDE jointly recommended Teachstone, Inc. as the sole-source provider of an early education observation and professional development platform, at a 3-year life cycle cost of \$461,630.00. With the approval of this sole source request, the total 12-year lifecycle cost of this contract is \$1,028,632.30.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5: Denetta Durr, Krista LeBrun (Assistant Executive Director for Finance), and Jason Carter (Deputy Executive Director for Finance) presented project 49536, requesting approval for the sole source acquisition of a web-based student retention analytics system subscription for the **MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD (MCCB)**. The staffs of ITS and MCCB jointly recommended AspirEDU, Inc. as the sole-source provider of this web-based student retention analytics system subscription, at a 11-year lifecycle cost of \$2,740,925.00.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6: Hailey Tucker presented the recommendation for approval of State Retirees hired under Contract(s) exceeding \$20,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2027 for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS)** in compliance with Miss. Code Ann. §27-104-17 (3). The staff of ITS recommended approval of Michele Blocker, Melissa Booth, Ginger Breland, Caren Brister, David Johnson, Kim Marbury, Susan Meek, Tina O'Neal, Gary Rawson, Steven Walker, and Tina Wilkins hired under Contract(s) exceeding \$20,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS).

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

The Board acknowledged Agenda Item No. 7 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, June 18, 2026.

There being no further business Christa Alexander adjourned the meeting.

Christa Alexander, Chair

Bill Cook, Vice-Chair