

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

October 16, 2025

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Board met via livestream, on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. for the regularly scheduled October monthly meeting.

Members Present:

Christa Alexander, Chair

Thomas A. Wicker

Mark Henderson

Members Not Present

Bill Cook, Vice-Chair

Keith Van Camp

Legislative Advisors Present:

Representative Jill Ford, MS House of Representatives

Legislative Advisors Present:

Senator Bart Williams, Technology Committee, MS State Senate

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Staff Members Present:

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

Jay White, Chief Information Security Officer

Holly Savorgnan, Chief Administrative Officer

Brian Norwood, Chief Technology Officer

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  
Michelle Walker, Procurement Process Specialist  
Alec Shed, Technology Consultant  
Robert Martinez, Technology Consultant  
Vershonda Grindle, Technology Consultant  
Jake Alexander, Technology Consultant  
Denetta Durr, Technology Consultant  
Tina Wilkins, Technology Consultant  
Susan McMichael, Technology Consultant  
Betsy Ward, Security Operations Manager  
David Ashley, Security Policy Analyst  
Leslie Swilley, Administrative Specialist

Others Present:

Dorothy Young, Mississippi State Department of Health  
Kendra Johnson, Mississippi State Department of Health  
Mark Allen, Mississippi Department of Human Services  
Trey Breckenridge, Mississippi State University  
Ches Fedric, Mississippi State University  
Jason Tiffin, Mississippi State University  
Rick Sims, Mississippi State Oil & Gas Board

Jack Lilly, Mississippi Department of Public Safety  
Tim Watson, Mississippi Department of Public Safety  
Ben Cohen, Mississippi Department of Transportation  
Patricia Comachio, Mississippi Department of Transportation  
Robert Douglas, University of Mississippi Medical Center  
Lief McDonald, University of Mississippi Medical Center  
David Sliman, University of Southern Mississippi  
Rob McClure, AT&T  
Bethany Stanfill, BSS Global  
Jason Schick, Genesys  
Chris Keller, Gensys

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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](mailto: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 September 18, 2025.

On motion by Mark Henderson and second by Tom Wicker that the minutes of the meeting on September 18, 2025, be approved as written:

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 2: Jake Alexander, Ches Fedric, Director of Planning, Design & Construction Administration, and Trey Breckenridge, Chief Information Officer, presented Project No. 49222,

requesting approval of an exemption for **MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY (MSU)**, Office of Planning, Design & Construction Administration (PDCA), to request proposals for the acquisition of a Project Management Information System (PMIS). The staffs of ITS and MSU jointly recommended approval of the exemption request at a total estimated 5-year life cycle cost of \$1,325,000.00. MSU will solicit proposals in accordance with all statutory requirements for such acquisitions.

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. 3: Denetta Durr and Robert Douglas, Senior Director of Revenue Cycle Support Services, presented Project No. 49224, requesting approval of an exemption for the **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER (UMMC)** to request proposals for the acquisition of claims manager and scrubber software, services, and support. The staffs of ITS and UMMC jointly recommended approval of the exemption request at a total estimated 5-year lifecycle cost of \$4,500,000.00. UMMC will solicit proposals in accordance with all statutory requirements for such acquisitions.

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: Robert Martinez and Rick Sims, IT Department Supervisor, presented Project No. 4710-49140, requesting approval for the sole source acquisition of Oil and Gas Production System upgrades from Ground Water Protection Council for the **MISSISSIPPI STATE**

**OIL AND GAS BOARD (MSOGB).** The staffs of ITS and MSOGB jointly recommended Ground Water Protection Council as the sole-source provider of Oil and Gas Production System upgrades, at a total 3-year lifecycle cost of \$1,032,404.00. With this approval, the revised total lifecycle cost of this project is \$1,833,647.90.

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. 5: Vershonda Grindle, Tim Watson, Chief Information Officer, and Jack Lilly, Deputy Director, Driver Service Bureau, presented the recommendation for Project No. 49223 to utilize the award of RFQ No. FLHSMV-RFQ-038-24, issued by the State of Florida, for the acquisition of a Mississippi Mobile Driver License (mDL) and a Verifier Solution for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS).** The staffs of ITS and DPS jointly recommended the selection of Carahsoft Technology Corporation to provide a Mississippi Mobile Driver License (mDL) and Verifier Solution, at a total 6-year life cycle cost of \$2,310,000.00.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 6: Vershonda Grindle, Dr. Dorthy Young, Assistant Senior Deputy, and Kendra Johnson, STD/HIV Office Director, presented the recommendation for Project 49227-4082 for the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with Acro Service Corporation for the Acro Corporation Case Management System (ACAMS) for the **MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (MSDH).** The staffs of ITS and MSDH jointly recommended

approval of the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with Acro Service Corporation through January 18, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$256,910.00 for the ACAMS. With this continuation, the revised total not to exceed 10-year life cycle cost of this project is \$1,199,218.00. On motion by Mark Henderson and second by Tom Wicker that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 7: Denetta Durr and Patricia Comachio, Program Specialist, presented Project No. 49235-4356, for the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with AskReply, Inc. dba B2Gnow for a Transit Grant Management System for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)**. The staffs of ITS and MDOT jointly recommended approval of the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with AskReply, Inc. dba B2Gnow through November 2, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$528,544.25 for a Transit Grant Management System. With this continuation, the revised total 6-year lifecycle cost of this project is \$1,029,544.25.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

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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.

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The Board discussed verification of quorum for the next ITS Board Meeting scheduled for

Thursday, October 16, 2025.

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

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Christa Alexander, Chair

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Bill Cook, Vice-Chair