

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

September 18, 2025

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Board met via livestream, on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. for the regularly scheduled September 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

Representative Jill Ford, MS House of Representatives

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Staff Members Present:

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

Stephanie Hedgepeth, Chief Strategy Officer

Jay White, Chief Information Security Officer

Holly Savorgnan, Chief Administrative Officer

Brian Norwood, Chief Technology 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  
Michelle Walker, Procurement Process Specialist  
Denetta Durr, Technology Consultant  
Alec Shed, Technology Consultant  
Vershonda Grindle, Technology Consultant  
Jake Alexander, Technology Consultant  
Tina Wilkins, Technology Consultant  
Susan McMichael, Technology Consultant  
Debbie Parker, Technology Consultant  
Tina O'Neal, Technology Consultant  
David Ashley, Security Policy Analyst  
Leslie Swilley, Administrative Specialist

Others Present:

Dorothy Young, Mississippi State Department of Health  
Nicole Barnes, Mississippi State Department of Health  
Mark Allen, Mississippi Department of Human Services  
Chase Callaway, Mississippi Department of Human Services  
Johnny Waldrop, Mississippi Department of Human Services  
Jackie Surrell, Mississippi Department of Human Services  
Kim Wood, Mississippi Department of Mental Health

Trey Breckenridge, Mississippi State University  
Ben Cohen, Mississippi Department of Transportation  
Grant Banks, University of Mississippi Medical Center  
Chris Salmon, Amazon  
Rob McClure, AT&T  
Bethany Stanfill, BSS Global  
Trace Donato, C Spire  
Ken Harelson, ConvergeOne  
Tim Walker, H.F. Leeds, LLC

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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 August 21, 2025.

On motion by Tom Wicker and second by Mark Henderson that the minutes of the meeting and acknowledgement of receipt of information for Agenda Item #4 for Project No. 49143 ITS Board Meeting on August 21, 2025, be approved as written:

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Christa Alexander directed the Board's attention to hear Agenda Item No. 3 out of order of the published Agenda, before hearing Agenda Item No. 2.

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Agenda Item No. 3: Denetta Durr, Mark Allen, Chief Information Officer, and Johnny Waldrop, Project Manager - MIS, presented requesting approval for the sole source acquisition of content management system support, maintenance, and services for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (MDHS)**. The staffs of ITS and MDHS jointly recommended BCS Systems, Inc. as the sole source provider of content management system support, maintenance, and services, at a total 3-year lifecycle cost of \$8,427,919.87. With the approval of this sole source request, the total 14-year lifecycle cost of this contract is \$26,923,273.09.

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. 2: Jake Alexander and Ben Cohen, Chief Information Officer, presented the recommendation for Project No. 49210, submitted under the ITS Planned Purchases Procedure for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)** Information Systems Department. The staffs of ITS and MDOT jointly recommended approval of the planned purchases request to purchase a Maintenance Management System (MMS) from AtomAI Solutions, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$2,295,469.13 using the Cloud Solutions Preferred Vendor (CSPV) Pilot Express Procurement Option.

On Motion by Bill Cook and second by Mark Henderson that the staff recommendation be approved:  
Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 4: Vershonda Grindle, Dr. Dorthy Young, Assistant Senior Deputy, and Nicole Banes, Director Health Facility Licensure, presented the recommendation for Project No. 48954-3460 for the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with Automation Designs & Solutions, Inc. for the fingerprint/background check system 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 Automation Designs & Solutions, Inc., through June 30, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$1,546,884.00 for background check fingerprint transmissions for the AD&S fingerprint/background check system. With this continuation, the revised total not-to-exceed lifecycle cost of this project is \$7,303,971.00.

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. 5: Vershonda Grindle and Kim Wood, Chief Information Officer, presented the recommendation for Project No. 49202-3441 for an increase to the Agreement with UKG, Kronos for the replacement of timeclocks and biometric scanners for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (MDMH)**. The staffs of ITS and MDMH jointly recommended approval of the increase to the Agreement with UKG, Kronos in an amount not to exceed \$147,965.00, for the replacement of timeclocks and biometric scanners. With the increase, the revised total not to exceed lifecycle cost of this project is \$7,076,812.92.

On motion by Keith Van Camp and second by Bill Cook 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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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, the meeting was adjourned by Tom Wicker.

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Christa Alexander, Chair

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Bill Cook, Vice-Chair