

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

May 15, 2025

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Board met via livestream, on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. for the regularly scheduled May monthly meeting.

Members Present:

Thomas A. Wicker, Chair

Christa Alexander, Vice-Chair

Keith Van Camp

Bill Cook

Member not Present:

Mark Henderson

Legislative Advisors Not 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

Stephanie Hedgepeth, Chief Administrative Officer

Jay White, Chief Information Security Officer

Brian Norwood, Chief Operations Officer

Lisa Kuyrkendall, Telecommunication Services Director

Steve Patterson, Data Services Director
Holly Savorgnan, Internal Services Director
Hailey Tucker, Human Resources Director
Nita Caylor, Accounting Manager
Michelle Walker, Procurement Process Specialist
Renee Murray, E-Government Program Lead
Lori Adams, Internal Operations Manager
Naz Khan, Technology Consultant
Matthew Livingston, Technology Consultant
Atrael Porter, Technology Consultant
Vershonda Grindle, Technology Consultant
Denetta Durr, Technology Consultant
Alec Shed, Technology Consultant
Robert Martinez, Technology Consultant
Roshunda Mitchell, Technology Consultant
Debbie Parker, Technology Consultant
LaTonya Kirkland, Technology Consultant
Tina O'Neal, Technology Consultant
David Ashley, Security Policy Analyst
Timika Franklin, Customer Service Manager
Richard Crout, Public Cloud Manager
Leslie Swilley, Administrative Specialist

Others Present:

Dorthy Young, Mississippi State Department of Health
Christopher Statham, Mississippi State Department of Health

Patricia Oluade, Mississippi State Department of Health
Esther Slay, University of Mississippi Medical Center
Grant Banks, University of Mississippi Medical Center
Mark Allen, Mississippi Department of Human Services
Clay Johnston, Mississippi Department of Public Safety
Jeffrey Johns, Mississippi Department of Public Safety
Joshua Broman, Mississippi Department of Public Safety
Shelia Miller, Mississippi Department of Public Safety
Krista LeBrun, Mississippi Community College Board
Jason Carter, Mississippi Community College Board
Jeremy Hurley, Mississippi Division of Medicaid
Jacob Black, Mississippi Division of Medicaid
Jill Chastant, Mississippi Division of Medicaid
David Sliman, University of Southern Mississippi
Erica Kennedy, University of Southern Mississippi
Trey Breckenridge, Mississippi State University
Rob McClure, AT&T
Chris Salmon, AWS
Sheila Kearney, Briljent
Bethany Stanfill, BSS Global
Jordan Nohra, Cisco
Trace Donato, C Spire
Eric Hollingsworth, C Spire
Charlie Case, Core Technology
Alexia Sykes, Logicalis
Dylan Lee, SailPoint

Stephen Clay, The Clay Firm

Lesli Leahey, Vertafore

Teresa Harris, Vertafore

Tom Wicker 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: Tom Wicker directed the Board's attention to the first agenda item, approval of the minutes from the ITS Board Meeting on April 17, 2025.

On motion by Christa Alexander and second by Bill Cook that the minutes of the meeting on April 17, 2025, be approved as written:

Motion carried with Keith Van Camp abstaining.

Agenda Item No. 2: Matthew Livingston and Esther Slay, Director of DIS Operations, presented Project No. 48906, requesting approval for an increase to the initial exemption request for IT Healthcare Consulting Services for the **UNIVERSITY MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER (UMMC)**. The staffs of ITS and UMMC jointly recommended approval of this \$10,442,640.00 increase to the original exemption request for a revised not-to-exceed total 5-year lifecycle cost of \$13,923,520.00.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 3: Denetta Durr, David Sliman, Chief Information Officer, and Erica Kennedy, AVP Research, presented Project No. 48843 requesting approval of an exemption for the **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI (USM)** to request proposals for the acquisition of Electronic Research Administration and Risk Compliance Software. The staff of USM recommended approval of the exemption request at a total estimated 5-year lifecycle cost of \$2,667,138.00. USM will solicit proposals in accordance with all statutory requirements for such acquisitions.

On motion by Bill Cook and second by Christa Alexander that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4: Vershonda Grindle, Dr. Krista LeBrun, Assistant Executive Director eLearning and Instructional Technology, and Jason Carter, Deputy Executive Director, Finance and Administration, presented Project No. 4680-48834, requesting approval for the sole source acquisition of Turnitin Software Licenses from Turnitin LLC for the **MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD (MCCB)**. The staffs of ITS and MCCB jointly recommended Turnitin LLC as the sole-source provider of Turnitin Software Licenses, at a total 1-year life cycle cost of \$243,783.00. With the approval of this sole source request, the total 17-year lifecycle cost of this project is \$2,539,992.68.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5: Naz Khan and Clay Johnston, MIS Director, presented the recommendation for Project No. 48929-3781 for the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with HDI Solutions, LLC for the motor vehicle insurance verification system for **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (MDPS)**. The staffs of ITS and MDPS jointly recommended approval of the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with HDI Solutions, LLC through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$346,500.00 for motor vehicle insurance verification system. With this increase, the revised total not-to-exceed 11-year lifecycle cost of this project is \$2,190,000.00.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6: Matthew Livingston and Clay Johnston, MIS Director, Joshua Broman, Executive Director of Public Safety Planning, and Jeffrey Johns, Director of Standards and Training, presented the recommendation for Project No. 48950-4557 for the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with Envisage Technologies, LLC for subscription, hosting and professional services for the Acadis Readiness Suite for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (MDPS)**. The staffs of ITS and MDPS jointly recommended approval of the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with Envisage Technologies, LLC through August 8, 2030, in an amount not to exceed \$1,659,209.97 for subscription, hosting and professional services for the Acadis Readiness Suite. With this continuation, the revised total not-to-exceed 6-year lifecycle cost of this project is \$2,068,396.45.

On motion by Bill Cook and second by Christa Alexander that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 7: Robert Martinez, Jeremy Hurley, Chief Information Officer, and Jacob Black, Deputy Administrator, presented the evaluation and recommendation of proposals received in response to RFQ No. 1733984S-48882, based on the Federal General Services Administration Schedule 70 eBuy, for the acquisition of MarkLogic Software Licenses for the **MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID (DOM)**. The staffs of ITS and DOM jointly recommended the selection of Carahsoft Technology Corp. as lowest and best vendor responding to RFQ No. 1733984S, to provide MarkLogic Software Licenses, at a total 4-year lifecycle cost of \$11,999,922.92.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 8: Matthew Livingston, Dr. Dorthy Young, Assistant Senior Deputy, and Patricia Oluade, Deputy State Register, presented the recommendation for Project Number 48934 for the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with Axiell ALM Canada Inc. for the Vital Records Management System and associated hosting and services for **MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (MSDH)**. The staffs of ITS and MSDH jointly recommended approval of the continuation of and increase to this Agreement with Axiell ALM Canada Inc. through June 30, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$1,368,935.97 for the Vital Records Management System and associated hosting and services. With this continuation, the revised total not to exceed 26-year lifecycle cost of this project is \$5,957,045.84.

On motion by Keith Van Camp and second by Christa Alexander that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 9: Atrael Porter and Dr. Dorthy Young, Assistant Senior Deputy, presented and evaluation and recommendation of proposals received in response to RFP No. 4635-48420 for an Integrated Disease Surveillance Platform for the **MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (MSDH)**. The staffs of ITS and MSDH jointly recommended the selection of Deloitte Consulting as lowest and best vendor responding to RFP No. 4635-48420, to provide an Integrated Disease Surveillance Platform, at a total lifecycle cost of \$5,366,523.00.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 10: Atrael Porter, Brian Norwood, Chief Operations Officer, and Lisa Kuyrkendall, Director of Telecom Service, will present the recommendation for Project No. 48937-3847, for the continuation of the Agreement with C Spire Governmental Data Solutions, LLC for a Co-Location Data Center solution for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS)**. The staff of ITS requests approval to delegate the use of this contract with C Spire Government Solutions, LLC to the ITS Executive Director through June 30, 2030.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 11: Vershonda Grindle and Brian Norwood, Chief Operations Officer, presented Project No. 48780-5000 and Project No. 48832-5000 for the continuation of the Statewide Telecommunication Services Agreements with AT&T Corp. and Telepak Networks, Inc. dba C Spire for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

SERVICES (ITS), Telecom Services. The staff of ITS requested the approval to delegate the use of this contract with AT&T Corp. for Enterprise Internet, Toll Free, and Audio and Web Conferencing services to the ITS Executive Director through June 30, 2030. The staff of ITS requests the approval to delegate the use of this contract with Telepak Networks, Inc. dba C Spire for Voice and Data Network, Raw Internet, Hosting VoIP, Long Distance, and MissiON services to the ITS Executive Director through June 30, 2030.

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

Motion carried with Christa Alexander abstaining.

Agenda Item No. 12: Jay White presented the proposed revisions to the State of Mississippi Enterprise Security Policy. The staff of ITS requested approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise Miss. Admin Code 36-1: Enterprise Security Policy.

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

Motion carried; unanimously.

The Board acknowledged Agenda Item No. 13 regarding the summary of equipment, software and services, exemptions and sole source procurements approved by the ITS Executive Director.

Agenda Item No. 14: There was no other business.

The Board discussed verification of quorum for the next ITS Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2025.

Tom Wicker adjourned the meeting.



Thomas A. Wicker, Chair



Christa Alexander, Vice-Chair