

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

April 13, 2026

TRUSTEES

PARTICIPATING: Mr. Bud Brown	Mr. Tim Heard	Dr. Sean Owen
Mr. W.T. Davis	Mrs. Hazel Johnson	Mr. Ed Mosley
Mrs. Kathy Dyess	Mr. Bobby McDade	Mrs. Evelyn Murray
Dr. Keith Gaskin-via Teams	Mrs. Susan Morgan	Ms. Lisa Wynn

OTHERS

PARTICIPATING: Dr. Scott Alsobrooks	Mrs. Christina Vernon	Dr. Michael Busby
Dr. James Rush-via Teams	Mr. Tony Montgomery	Mr. Kyle Younger
Dr. Nikita Ashford- Ashworth-via Teams	Ms. Tammie Holmes- via Teams	Ms. Ashley Walker-via Teams
Dr. Joshua Carroll	Mr. Keith Evans	Attorney Rod Hickman

The regular meeting of the East Mississippi Community College Board of Trustees was held on April 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Scooba Campus and via Teams.

Dr. Keith Gaskin, Ms. Tammie Holmes, Dr. Nikita Ashford-Ashworth, Dr. James Rush and Ms. Ashley Walker attended via Teams. All other participants were physically present.

Chairman Dyess called the meeting to order at 6:16p.m. The invocation was given by Mr. W.T. Davis and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Chairman Dyess requested the Trustees to review the Agenda and note any changes or additional items to be included.

There being no further changes or additions to the Agenda, Chairman Dyess requested the items noted with an asterisk on the Agenda be approved as the "consent agenda," and approved as one item, the following:

- Board Minutes from the meeting on March 2, 2026;
- Claims Docket for April 2026 and Sole Source Purchases, if any;
- Approval of Personnel Approval/Updates, X. A. 1-3
- Approval of recommended inventory deletions, if any; X. B.

A motion for approval of the consent agenda made by Ms. Lisa Wynn and seconded by Mr. Ed Mosley. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Board Chair's Report

Chairman Dyess did not have a report.

VII. President's Report

Dr. Alsobrooks' report included a legislative update, FY27 Appropriations Community Project Funding approval for Kemper County Economic Development and Natural Gas Expansion, TAP grant, past events and upcoming events

IX. Old Business

- A. Presentation of the FY25 Audit-Mr. Keith Evans
- B. Scooba Faculty Association-Dr. Joshua Carroll

XI. Financial Report and Review of Investment Activity. CFO Holmes did not have a report on this matter.

XII. Approval of special claims. Ms. Lisa Wynn made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Mrs. Hazel Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Approval of Emergency Claims. Ms. Lisa Wynn made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Mr. Tim Heard. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Initial review of the revised Athletic Drug Testing Policy. Final approval will be presented in May.

XV. Approval to accept Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant funding awarded to East Mississippi Community College by the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) in the amount of \$935,000. Approval is also requested to authorize the College to proceed with all necessary steps to implement the project in accordance with MDOT requirements. Additionally, the Board is asked to authorize the President of the College to execute all required documents, including entering into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Mississippi Transportation Commission, and to take any further actions necessary to activate and carry out the project. Ms. Lisa Wynn made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Mr. Tim Heard. The motion passed unanimously.

XVI. Approval to engage WGK Engineering for engineering services related to the Scooba Campus parking lot project. Approval is further requested to authorize the administration to negotiate the scope of work and fees, and to execute all necessary agreements and documents associated with the project. Ms. Lisa Wynn made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Mrs. Hazel Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

XVII. Approval to accept the easement offer from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to allow expansion of the existing transmission line adjacent to the rodeo barn, crossing Highway 16 and extending west toward DeKalb. Ms. Lisa Wynn made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Mr. Bud Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. Attorney Rod Hickman did not have a report.

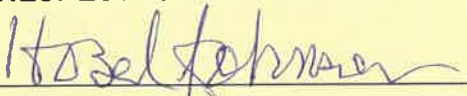
XIX. Other Business

- A. Reminder the statement of economic interest report to the Ethics Commission must be filed by May 1, 2026.
- B. The Board set the May Board meeting for May 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Communiversy.

XIV. Mrs. Hazel Johnson made the motion to adjourn and for payment of honorarium and travel. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lisa Wynn and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Dyess adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Secretary

APPROVED:


Chairman

DATE: May 11, 2026

