Approved by the Administrative Board of Trustees at its Regular Meeting on September 24, 2019

Venue: Bolden/Moore Library

Call to Order: Chairman Rickey Jones called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Meditation: Mrs. Sue Berry presented a meditation, Rev. McDaniels offered prayer.

Roll Call: Trustees Present: Mrs. Mary Garner, Mrs. Imelda Brown; Dr. Alferdteen Harrison, Mr. Rickey Jones, Mrs. Sue Berry, Rev. Wayne McDaniels, Mrs. Rosalyn Sylvester, Trustees Absent: Dr. Earline Strickland, Mr. Ricky Nations, Rev. Danny Ray Hollins, Mrs. Brenda Bethany, and Mr. Chester Ray Jones Also Present: Mrs. Patty Furr, Ms. Kimberly Corbett; Mr. Justin Carter, Mrs. Brenette Nichols, Ms. Shannon Presley, Mr. Patrick McCarty, Mrs. Ellen McLean, and Mrs. Judith Turnage

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Dr. Harrison moved, second by Mrs. Sylvester, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 23, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jones called upon Mr. Patrick McCarty, Branch Manager of the Bolden/Moore Library to address the assembly. Mr. McCarty noted there has been an uptick in patron numbers which he attributes to expanding program opportunities, especially for teens, and offering programs with historical themes. The Summer Reading Program was a great success. Mr. McCarty acknowledged Ms. Princess Barber, President of the West Side Civic Club, which shares the library facility, in the audience.

Approval of the Agenda: Chairman Jones stated that the Board had a need to move directly into Executive Session to discuss budgetary and personnel matters. Accordingly,

Rev. McDaniels moved, second by Dr. Harrison, that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss budgetary and personnel matters, and that Mrs. Brenette Nichols, Director for Human Resources, would remain to record minutes of the Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 4:15 p.m.,

Rev. McDaniels moved, Dr. Harrison second, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 5:30 p.m.
Executive Session: Chairman Jones announced that, during the Executive Session,

Rev. McDaniels, second by Mrs. Sylvester, moved to accept, all as presented in the Board Packet, Mr. Carter’s Financial Reports for July 2019; Mrs. Nichols’ Human Services Reports for August 2019; Mrs. Jin’s Technical Services report for July 2019; and, Ms. Corbett’s Public Services Report for August 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Return to Regular Session: Chairman Jones announced that, during the Executive Session, the Board had resolved:

1. Not to renew the Internet Services Contract for the River Hills office complex.

2. Not to renew the lease, as of September 30, 2019, on the River Hills Tower offices currently occupied by much of the Library System’s administrative staff, such staff to be integrated in other branches of the Library System.

3. To approve the Law Library Contract with the Hinds County Board of Supervisors and to approve the concomitant Westlaw Contract for extending “Westlaw Next” subscription for three (3) years.

4. To appoint a committee chaired by Mr. Ricky Nations to investigate the possibilities for relocating the Beverly J. Brown Library in Byram or rebuilding altogether.

5. To inform the City Council of Jackson and the Hinds County Board of Supervisors by letter from the Chairman of the Board Trustees that, as of September 30, 2019, the Jackson Hinds Library System will relinquish all its interest in and responsibility and/or obligation for the Charles W. Tisdale Library located at 807 East Northside Drive in Jackson, Mississippi 39206.

Chairman Jones further announced that the item on this meeting’s Agenda under Old Business, i.e., acquiring 22 Windows 10 Circulation Computers Due to End-of-Life Security Issues in January 2020 would be addressed in a committee of Mrs. Furr, Mr. Carter, and himself, and their conclusions would be presented to the Board in a Special Called Meeting in September.

Also to be discussed at a further meeting, as yet unspecified, are the items on this meeting’s Agenda under New Business, i.e., Public Hearing and Vote to Accept the CIPA Internet Safety Policy and Appointment of Nominating Committee.
Executive Director’s Report: None.
Chairman’s Report: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Public Comments: Ms. Sheila O’Flaherty, a JHLS patron proposed that during Library holidays, when a regularly scheduled work day would be scheduled (such as Thursday, July 4 being followed by Friday, July 5, and both days closing the libraries), at least one library should be left open to accommodate patrons who might not have other places to escape the hot or the cold.

Ms. O’Flaherty also noted that the Executive Session was called improperly in the case of several matters which should have been addressed in Open Session.

Date, Time, and Location for next Regular Meeting: Rev. McDaniels moved, second by Mrs. Garner, that the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees be on Tuesday, September 24, at 4 p.m., at the Eudora Welty Library. The motion carried.

Adjournment: 5:41 p.m.: Dr. Harris moved, second by Mrs. Berry, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.