



MINUTES
Mississippi Library Commission
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

Date: November 18, 2025

Location: 3881 Eastwood Drive
Jackson, Mississippi, 39211

Board of Commissioners (BOC) Present: Ann Marsh, Lori Barnes, Stephen Cunetto, Theresa Buntny, Jolee Hussey

Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) Staff Present: Hulen Bivins, Jennifer Lena, Lynn Burris, Ray Wright, Kevin Scarborough

Guest: Jonathan Dennis, Special Assistant Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marsh called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM and welcomed everyone.

AGENDA

Recommendation: *Adopt agenda as presented.*

Motion: Lori Barnes; *Second:* Jolee Hussey

Action: Unanimously Approved

MINUTES

Recommendation: *Approve minutes of the regular meeting on September 23, 2025*

Motion: Theresa Buntny; *Second:* Lori Barnes

Action: Unanimously Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Hulen Bivins reported on the various activities in the agency and new projects and programs offered by MLC.

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Executive Director Jennifer Lena provided the Deputy Executive Report, with discussions and highlights of the services provided.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU REPORT

Deputy Director Lynn Burris provided the Administrative Services Report, with discussions and highlights of the services provided.

MLC FINANCIAL REPORT

Deputy Director Lynn Burris provided an overview of the Financials.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recommendation: *Chair Marsh called for a motion for the Board to consider entering into executive session to discuss a personnel matter in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-4(k)*

Motion: Lori Barnes; *Second:* Stephen Cunetto

Action: Unanimously Approved

Board goes into Executive Session

Recommendation: *Accept the resignation of the Executive Director effective March 20, 2026*

Motion: Jolee Hussey; *Second:* Lori Barnes

Action: Unanimously Approved

Recommendation: *Appoint Jennifer Lena as Executive Director following Hulen Bivins' departure effective March 20, 2026*

Motion: Stephen Cunetto; *Second:* Jolee Hussey

Action: Unanimously Approved

Recommendation: *Close executive session and move to open meeting*

Motion: Lori Barnes; *Second:* Stephen Cunetto

Action: Unanimously Approved

Board returns to Open Meeting

Chair Marsh announced that the Board accepted the resignation of the Executive Director effective March 20, 2026.

ADJOURN

Recommendation: *Adjourn meeting at 1:00 PM*

Motion: Jolee Hussey: *Second:* Theresa Buntyn

Action: *Unanimously Approved*

Jolee Hussey
Jolee Hussey (Feb 3, 2026 10:08:30 CST)

Jolee Hussey, Board Secretary

Feb 3, 2026

Date