MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

**Regular Telephonic Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Thursday, April 28, 2016**

4:00 p.m.

Board Room

MAET Administration Building

3825 Ridgewood Road

Jackson, Mississippi

Directors present: Bob Sawyer, Vice-Chair, Peggy Holmes and Jennifer O’Neal

Directors absent: Dr. Andrea Mayfield and Pete Smith

Directors participating telephonically: David Allen, Chair

Staff present: Ronnie Agnew, Joel Gatlin, Paul Moore and Claudia Morris

Others present: Ann Becker, Jack Reed, Jr., David Scott

**OPENING OF MEETING**

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order.

Claudia Morris called roll, and it was established that a quorum was present to do

business.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Sawyer, and seconded by Director Homes that the Board approve the agenda, and upon a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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**UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE CUTS**

Ronnie Agnew updated the board on the cuts to MPB made by the 2016 state Legislature and added that there may be more cuts. Ronnie Agnew stated that the bill which disallows state agencies to charge each other for services – not yet signed by the Governor -- also stands to affect MPB in a significant way.

Paul Moore presented the budget plan that he and executive director Ronnie Agnew have developed and which reflect what is presently known that MPB can do to adjust.

Paul Moore stated that the estimated income shown for underwriting was conservative and added that the request made of Foundation from MPB will increase to $600,000 for fiscal year 2017.

Paul Moore outlined the following proposed means of reducing the MPB budget:

* MPB will not replace those staff who have recently or are in the future resigning or retiring. MPB will shift staff as needed to cover vital positions.
* MPB will cut travel budgets.
* MPB will decrease the amount spent on contractual services.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Director O’Neal and seconded by Vice-Chair Sawyer that the Board go into a closed determination session to consider whether it had cause to go into executive session. The motion to go into closed determination session was unanimously passed by the Board members present.

In closed determination session, a motion was made by Vice-Chair Sawyer and seconded by Director Holmes that the Board go into executive session for the following reason:

Strategy or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, litigation or issuance of an appealable order when an open meeting would have detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Authority.

The motion to go into executive session was unanimously approved by the Board members present.

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Upon conclusion of the business for executive session, the Board voted, upon a motion made by Vice-Chair Sawyer and seconded by Director Holmes, to adjourn.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD**

The meeting was adjourned**.**

**SIGNED,** **this the 31st day of May, 2016**

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 **David Allen, Chair**

 **Board of Directors**

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 **Ronnie Agnew**

 **Executive Director**