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MISSISSIPPI POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BOARD



IHL Executive Offices, Room 218
3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

January 17, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Teleconference: 1-888-822-7517, Access code: 2791682#
Zoom: <https://itsmsgov.zoom.us/j/86291222032>

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BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Members of the Board participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom or teleconference. Members of the media and public were invited to attend the meeting in Room 218 of the Education and Research Center, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, Mississippi, 39211.

The following member(s) participated remotely:

- Ben Burnett, MAICU appointee
- Barney Daly, Lt. Governor's appointee
- Isabelle Higbee, MAICU appointee
- Tyrone Jackson, MCCB institutional appointee
- Sharon Ross, Governor's appointee
- Jim Turcotte, Governor's appointee and Chairman
- Dianne Watson, MCCB appointee

The following member(s) did not participate:

- Steven Cunningham, IHL Board appointee
- Mark Keenum, IHL institutional appointee

Also in attendance either in person or remotely were:

- Jennifer Rogers, Director of Student Financial Aid and Postsecondary Board Director
- Meg Harris, Assistant Director of Operations, Student Financial Aid
- Apryll Washington, Assistant Director of Policy and Planning, Student Financial Aid
- Molly Minta, Reporter, *Mississippi Today*
- Melissa Temple, Director of Nursing, IHL

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Chairman Turcotte.

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On motion by Barney Daly and seconded by Dr. Tyrone Jackson, all Board Members legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the board meeting held on September 21, 2022, as originally drafted.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Item 1: Dr. Jennifer Rogers presented the 2022 Annual Report of the State-Supported Student Financial Aid Programs for review and approval to submit to the Mississippi Legislature. On motion by Mr. Daly, seconded by Dr. Ben Burnett, all Board Members legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the 2022 Annual Report of the State-Supported Student Financial Aid Programs for submission to the Legislature.

1. Review and Approve the 2022 Annual Report of the State-Supported Student Financial Aid Programs for Submission to the Mississippi Legislature

The 2022 Annual Report was submitted under separate cover as Exhibit 1.

Some highlights of the report include the following:

Awards (p. 7):

- 25,015 state-supported awards (down 207 or 0.8%), totaling \$46.1 million (up about \$860K or 1.9%)
- 24,598 individual recipients (down 199 students or 0.8%)
- \$1,842 average award amount (up \$49 or 2.7%)

Recipients (pp. 8-9):

- 24,598 individual recipients
- Every county represented
- 89% Dependent; 11% Independent
- 40% Male; 60% Female
- 97% aged 12-24
- 20% self-identify as African American; 70% as Caucasian
- Income breakdown for dependent students:
 - 22% below \$40K; 25% below \$80K; 53% over \$80K (32% between \$100-\$250K)
- Income breakdown for independent students:
 - 57% earn below \$10K; 11% below \$20K; 32% over \$20K

Appropriation/Budget/Expenses/Funding Disparity (pp. 10-11):

- \$47.11 million appropriated in General Funds (up \$5.02 million or 11.93% over the original FY21 appropriation, but up only \$1.4 million or 3.1% over the final FY21 general fund appropriation)
- \$3.36 million appropriated in Special Source Support (up \$2 million in EEF funds for WRTR)
- \$50.44 million original appropriation and operating budget
- \$3.5 million deficit appropriation of spending authority for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund grant (federal funds)
- \$53.94 million final appropriation (revenues)
- \$50.61 million total expended (expenses)

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- \$46.42 million from general funds on awards
- \$1.12 million from general funds on administration (2.2% of budget)
 - \$709K salaries/benefits
 - \$435K contractual services (\$235K to IHL, remaining \$200K to application, website, cybersecurity, ECSI, etc.)
- \$3.34 million balance
 - \$0 General Fund balance
 - \$1.6 million Investment/EEF balance (may lapse if not reappropriated)
 - \$1.22 million unspent from *current year* collections; available for carryover
- Funding disparity of \$1.8 million from unfunded loans and loan repayment

Breakdown of Awards by Institution and Type (pp. 12-13):

- 4-Year Publics: 58% of awards, 76% of funds
- 2-Year Publics: 33% of awards, 14% of funds
- Privates: 8% of awards, 8% of funds
- Grants: 99.3% of awards; 97.7% of funds
- Undergraduate: 99.3% of awards; 97.7% of funds

Charts of Awards and Amounts by Program Over Time (pp. 14-17)

Loan Repayment (pp. 18-24)

- 2,032 accounts under management (4% accounts in school/grace/deferment; 3% current service; 5% current money; 8% delinquent; 72% default; 8% closed current year)
- \$1.4 million collected
- \$130K cost to service loans
- Overall default rate steady at 6%

Detailed program pages:

- Undergraduate grant programs
- Loan repayment program
- Forgivable loan programs
 - Undergraduate
 - Graduate
 - Discontinued but tracked
 - Inactive (not tracked)

Summary: The Office requests approval to submit the 2022 Annual Report of State-Supported Student Financial Aid Programs to the Legislature.

Item 2: Dr. Rogers provided updates on the 2023 Legislative Session related to state aid redesign and to nursing loans. No action was required of the Board.

- 1) The Woodward-Hines Education Foundation convened a state aid redesign task force that met during the latter half of 2022. The task force included Dr. Rogers, Dr. Turcotte, Dr. Jackson and others who serve on or work closely with the Postsecondary Board. The task force also included representatives from the business community and the former director of Get2College as the representative of students and families. After many meetings, the task force agreed upon a proposal to redesign state aid. That proposal was discussed with other constituency groups and ultimately with legislators. Sen. Parks and Rep. Scoggin have both committed to introduce legislation to enact the proposal. The joint House and Senate Universities and Colleges Committee has scheduled a hearing to discuss the proposal on Tuesday, January 24, at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Rogers will present the proposal on

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behalf of the task force. Dr. Rogers will share bill numbers and updates with the Board as they become available.

- 2) Legislation has been introduced by Sen. Parks to create a loan repayment program for hospital nurses and another loan repayment program for nurse educators. The hospital nurses bill currently contains a provision to repeal the existing nursing forgivable loans. Dr. Rogers will update the Board on the progress of these bills.

2. Update on 2023 Legislative Session

Current areas of interest:

- State aid redesign
- Nursing legislation

Item 3: Dr. Rogers reminded the Board of the general meeting dates for 2023. As has been done in the past, Dr. Rogers will circulate a Doodle Poll to Board members in advance of each meeting to determine the best date. No action was required of the Board.

3. 2023 Meeting Schedule

The Board will need to meet according to the following schedule in 2023:

- January 17 – approve Annual Report
- April – approve FY 2024 budgets
- June – approve FY 2025 budget request
- September – approve 2024 legislative requests
- December – subject to call

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS IF NECESSARY

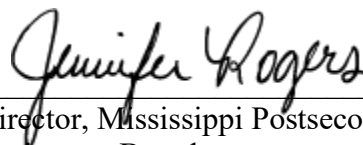
The Board did not consider any additional agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF DETERMINED NECESSARY

The Board did not consider the need to enter Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Mr. Daly and seconded by Sharon Ross, the meeting adjourned.



Director, Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial
Assistance Board