

**MISSISSIPPI TORT CLAIMS BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**November 14, 2024**

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The Mississippi Tort Claims Board meeting was held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 1:30 p.m., in Room 138, Woolfolk State Office Building, 501 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

The following members were present, constituting a quorum:

Mr. Phillip Buffington, Chairman  
Ms. Christina Kelsey, representing MS Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney  
Ms. Suzanne Hudson, representing Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch  
Mr. David McRae, Mississippi State Treasurer  
Ms. Denita Griffith, representing MS Department of Public Safety Commissioner Sean Tindell  
Ms. Brittney Thompson, representing Liz Welch, Director, MS Department of Finance and Administration  
Mr. Ted Lampton, representing Chris Wells, MS Department of Environmental Quality

Also present were:

Mr. Mike Lanford, MS Department of Finance and Administration  
Mr. Bert Emrick, MS Department of Finance and Administration  
Ms. Karen McKlemurry, Office of Insurance/Tort Claims Board Staff  
Ms. Amanda Rayburn, Tort Claims Board  
Ms. Lori Paes, Tort Claims Board  
Kristie Price, CCMSI

Mr. Phillip Buffington, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Mr. David McRae to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024 and the October 3, 2024 meetings. Ms. Brittany Thompson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Amanda Rayburn, Claims Manager, who presented a list of 41 political subdivisions with the recommendation of Board approval for renewal of Certificates of Coverage. Mr. McRae made a motion to approve and Ms. Suzanne Hudson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Lori Paes, Tort Accountant, who presented the financial report.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Jeff Wilson, who provided an overview of the current investment reports.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Rayburn, who presented two attorneys recommended for addition to the Defense Attorney Register. Ms. Christina Kelsey made a motion to approve, and Mr. McRae seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman again recognized Ms. Rayburn, who provided an overview of the recent risk management services provided, in the absence of Mr. Steve Milner.

Ms. Rayburn also provided a list of the board meeting dates for 2025.

There was no Old Business, nor New Business.

A request was made that the Board go into Executive Session. Ms. Suzanne Hudson made a motion to close the current session which was unanimously adopted. The Chairman then requested a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing payment of claims. The motion was made by Ms. Kelsey and seconded by Mr. McRae, then was passed unanimously by the Board.

Mr. McRae moved and Ms. Kelsey seconded the motion to end the executive session, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Kelsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. McRae seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phillip Buffington", is written over a horizontal line.

PHILLIP BUFFINGTON, CHAIRMAN