

MISSISSIPPI TORT CLAIMS BOARD
MINUTES
March 13, 2025

The Mississippi Tort Claims Board meeting was held on Thursday, March 13, 2025 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. Kim Turner, representing Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch
Mr. Tate Lewis, representing David McRae, Mississippi State Treasurer
Mr. Allen Phillips, representing MS Department of Public Safety Commissioner Sean Tindell
Ms. Liz Welch, Director, MS Department of Finance and Administration
Mr. Ted Lampton, representing Chris Wells, MS Department of Environmental Quality

Also present were:

Mr. Bert Emrick, MS Department of Finance and Administration
Mr. Patrick Black, MS Department of Finance and Administration
Mr. Mike Lanford, MS Department of Finance and Administration
Ms. Karen McKlemurry, Office of Insurance/Tort Claims Board Staff

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

A motion was made by Ms. Liz Welch to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2025 meeting. Ms. Kim Turner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Patrick Black, Administrator, who presented a list of 31 political subdivisions with the recommendation of Board approval for renewal of Certificates of Coverage. Ms. Turner made a motion to approve and Ms. Welch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Chairman again recognized Ms. Lori Paes, who provided an overview of the current investment reports in the absence of Mr. Jeff Wilson.

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

There was no Old Business.

In New Business, Mr. Black made a recommendation that the Board move to virtual meetings. After discussion, it was agreed that the meetings would be held virtually in the future, unless the Chairman finds it necessary to meet in person under certain circumstances.

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



PHILLIP BUFFINGTON, CHAIRMAN