

**MISSISSIPPI TORT CLAIMS BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 8, 2025**

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The Mississippi Tort Claims Board meeting was held on Thursday, May 8, 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. David McRae, Mississippi State Treasurer  
Ms. Denita Griffith, 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  
Ms. Amanda Rayburn, Tort Claims Board  
Ms. Karen McKlemurry, Office of Insurance/Tort Claims Board Staff  
Ms. Lori Paes, Tort Claims Board

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

A motion was made by Mr. David McRae to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2025 meeting. Mr. Ted Lampton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Amanda Rayburn, Claims Manager, who presented a list of 7 political subdivisions with the recommendation of Board approval for renewal of Certificates of Coverage. Ms. Turner made a motion to approve and Ms. Liz Welch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

The Chairman recognized Mr. Patrick Black, who requested Board approval to seek requests for quotes for a new contract for Audit Services, as the current contract with Farley Consulting Services expired on April 30, 2025. Ms. Welch made a motion to approve seeking requests for quotes. Ms. Turner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

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



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PHILLIP BUFFINGTON, CHAIRMAN