

MISSISSIPPI PORT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING

January 3, 2013

Minutes of the Mississippi State Port Authority Board of Commissioners Special Meeting, Thursday, January 3, 2013, 2510 14th Street, Suite 1450, Gulfport, Mississippi, at which the following Commissioners and staff were present:

Commissioners: James C. Simpson, Jr., President
John Rester, Vice-President
E.J. Roberts, Treasurer (via telephone)
Robert J. Knesal, Commissioner

Staff: Matthew Wypyski Interim Executive Director & C.E.O.
Van Grundmann, Chief Commercial Officer
Mary Bourdin, Deputy Director – Finance
Kim Purchner, Executive Assistant/HRO

Ben Stone, Balch & Bingham (via telephone)

Others: Priscilla Loenberg, Sun Herald
Denton Gibbes, The Gibbes Company (via telephone)
Lisa Hathorn, The Gibbes Co. (via telephone)
Daron Wilson, MDA (telephone)

Commissioner Simpson noted the presence of a quorum and called the special meeting to order at approximately 3:05 p.m. to hear recommendations from Commissioners Rester and Roberts regarding their review of proposals from Executive Search firms.

Commissioner Rester and Roberts agreed that of the eight responders, Boyden Global Executive Search Firm was by far the most qualified. Many qualifications stood out – Boyden has been successful with the Port's last four searches (Executive Director/CEO, Executive Director of Restoration, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Commercial Officer), have a huge network within the maritime industry and have a large number of U.S. Ports as previous clients.

Commissioner Knesal moved to engage Boyden Global Executive Search Firm to handle the search for an Executive Director. Commissioner Rester seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:25 p.m.

Approved and Attested



James C. Simpson, Jr., President



Attest