

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
January 15, 2026

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- G. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 99.4, State Board Policy Chapter 99, Rule 99.4 – School Donations

Executive Summary

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-139-5, 37-139-11, 37-140-7, 37-140-11, and 43-5-1, the State Board of Education, on behalf of the special State Schools, is authorized to receive and accept all bequests, devices, and donations made or which in the future be made to or for it. The State Board of Education may delegate certain powers to the Superintendent or Executive Director of the special State Schools.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Part 3 Chapter 99: State Schools

Rule 99.4 School Donations

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§37-139-5, 37-139-11, 37-140-7, 37-140-11, and 43-5-1, the State Board of Education, on behalf of the special State Schools, is authorized to receive and accept all bequests, devices, and donations made or which in the future be made to or for it.

The SBE hereby delegates the authority of accepting such bequests, devices, and donations to the Superintendent or the Executive Director of the special state schools.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-1-3, 37-139-5, 37-139-11, 37-140-7, 37-140-11, and 43-5-1.
(Adopted 1/2026)

West's Annotated Mississippi Code

Title 37. Education

Chapter 139. Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science

Miss. Code Ann. § 37-139-5

§ 37-139-5. Director

[Currentness](#)

The board may hire a director when it so deems one necessary and when sufficient funds have been appropriated. The director shall serve at the board's will and pleasure. He shall be the chief administrative officer of the school and shall administer the school in accordance with policies established by the board. The director shall be responsible for such administrative duties and functions as the board shall so prescribe. The board shall be authorized, in its discretion, to delegate to the director such of its powers and duties as it deems appropriate.

Credits

Laws 1987, Ch. 448, § 3, eff. July 1, 1987.

Miss. Code Ann. § 37-139-5, MS ST § 37-139-5

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West's Annotated Mississippi Code

Title 37. Education

Chapter 139. Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science

Miss. Code Ann. § 37-139-11

§ 37-139-11. Contributions

[Currentness](#)

For the operation and support of the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science, the board is authorized and empowered to receive contributions, donations, gifts, bequests of money, other forms of financial assistance and/or property, equipment, materials or manpower from persons, foundations, trust funds, corporations, organizations and other sources, private or public, to be expended and utilized by said board in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

Credits

Laws 1987, Ch. 448, § 6; Laws 1990, Ch. 535, § 14, eff. July 1, 1990.

Miss. Code Ann. § 37-139-11, MS ST § 37-139-11

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[Title 37. Education](#)

[Chapter 140. Mississippi School of the Arts](#)

Miss. Code Ann. § 37-140-7

§ 37-140-7. Director; powers and duties

[Currentness](#)

Subject to the availability of funding appropriated therefor, the board may hire a director of the school, who shall serve at the will and pleasure of the board. The director shall be the chief administrative officer of the school and shall administer the school in accordance with the policies established by the board. The director shall be responsible for those administrative duties and functions prescribed by the board, and the board, in its discretion, may delegate to the director such powers and duties as it deems appropriate.

Credits

[Laws 1999, Ch. 591, § 4, eff. July 1, 1999.](#)

Miss. Code Ann. § 37-140-7, MS ST § 37-140-7

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Title 37. Education

Chapter 140. Mississippi School of the Arts

Miss. Code Ann. § 37-140-11

§ 37-140-11. Budget; permissible sources of funding

[Currentness](#)

The board shall prepare the annual budget for the school. For the operation and support of the school, the board may receive contributions, donations, gifts, bequests of money, other forms of financial assistance and property, equipment, materials or manpower from persons, foundations, trust funds, corporations, organizations and other sources, public or private, to be expended and utilized by the board in carrying out this chapter.

Credits

[Laws 1999, Ch. 591, § 6, eff. July 1, 1999.](#)

Miss. Code Ann. § 37-140-11, MS ST § 37-140-11

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Title 43. Public Welfare

Chapter 5. Schools for the Blind and Deaf (Refs & Annos)

in General

Miss. Code Ann. § 43-5-1

§ 43-5-1. State Board of Education; consolidations

[Currentness](#)

(1) The State Board of Education shall be the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the Blind and shall retain all powers and duties granted by law to the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the Blind. Wherever the term Board of Trustees of the Mississippi School for the Deaf and Mississippi School for the Blind appears in any law the same shall mean the State Board of Education.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require any consolidation or combination of the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the Blind other than where economies can be realized through the common utilization of maintenance personnel and equipment, physical facilities, vehicles and administrative personnel, where the same can be done without impairment of the effectiveness of the educational programs of the two (2) institutions or the welfare of the students.

(3) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require any consolidation of services involving curriculum or instructional programs of the two (2) institutions.

(4) The State Board of Education, on behalf of each of these institutions, shall have the power to receive and hold property, real and personal, and to accept and use as provided by law, separate from the needs of the other institutions, all bequests, devices and donations made or which may in the future be made to or for it, and shall continue to enjoy the rights and privileges heretofore conferred upon it by law and such as are necessary now, or hereafter, to accomplish the purposes of its own establishment and operation and maintenance hereunder, provided that the same be not inconsistent with or in conflict with this chapter. The State Board of Education, in its discretion, may delegate any such powers and duties, as it deems appropriate, to any administrative staff of the State Department of Education, the Mississippi School for the Deaf or the Mississippi School for the Blind.

Credits

Laws 1944, Ch. 163, § 1; Laws 1989, Ch. 544, § 142; [Laws 1991, Ch. 534, § 15, eff. July 1, 1991](#). Amended by [Laws 2020, Ch. 369 \(H.B. No. 667\), § 1, eff. July 1, 2020](#).

Miss. Code Ann. § 43-5-1, MS ST § 43-5-1

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