

MINUTES OF
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Meeting

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The Budget and Control Board met at 12:00 noon on March 23, 1978 in the Governor's Conference Room with the following members in attendance:

Governor James B. Edwards
Mr. Grady L. Patterson, Jr.
Senator Rembert C. Dennis

Also attending were Board Secretary State Auditor W. T. Putnam, Governor's Executive Assistant Walter R. Pettiss and his Assistant A. E. Reiser and Assistant State Auditor William A. McInnis.

The following items of business were considered:

AERONAUTICS COMMISSION - TRANSFER OF AIRPLANE TO TRIDENT TECHNICAL

COLLEGE - State Auditor Putnam advised the Board that Trident Technical College has requested that the Aeronautics Commission be authorized to transfer one Cessna 310 airplane to the College. Mr. Putnam indicated that it was his understanding that if the plane is transferred to the College it would be used for training purposes and would not be flown. This Cessna 310 is the aircraft which the Board, at its meeting on March 8, 1978, authorized the Aeronautics Commission to sell at public auction to the highest bidder and use the sale proceeds to help finance the acquisition of a used Baron B-58 airplane as a replacement for a Baron B-55. Mr. Putnam also advised the Budget and Control Board that Aeronautics Commission Director John Hamilton has indicated that, if the transfer of the Cessna 310 to Trident Technical College were to be approved, his agency can provide from other sources the \$8,000 which had been projected as proceeds from the sale of this aircraft.

In the ensuing discussion, Governor Edwards noted that \$39,000 had been spent on this airplane since it was acquired through the Disaster

Preparedness Agency and Mr. Pettiss noted that only about 40 hours have been put on the engines of this plane since the \$39,000 was expended. Governor Edwards also expressed the view that it would appear that Trident Technical College could acquire a plane of lesser quality if it is to be used solely for training purposes and is not to be flown.

Following this discussion, upon a motion by Senator Dennis, seconded by Mr. Patterson, the Budget and Control Board authorized the Aeronautics Commission to transfer the Cessna 310 to Trident Technical College as a gift.

EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION - IMPLEMENTATION OF GRADE

REALLOCATIONS - State Auditor Putnam advised the Board that some uncertainty apparently still exists with regard to the Board's disposition of the Educational Television Commission request to implement immediately the grade reallocations approved by the State Personnel Division. Mr. Putnam noted that the House Ways and Means Committee had made provision for this item in the Appropriation Bill for next fiscal year but the handling of the matter for the remainder of this fiscal year is still unsettled.

In the ensuing discussion, Governor Edwards reiterated his support for the raises involved but again expressed an objection to using funds which had been reserved for a possible closed circuit system rate increase to finance increased personnel costs. Governor Edwards also pointed out that it had been reported at the last Board meeting that the Board sub-committee had recommended that the funds reserved by ETV for the closed circuit system rate increase be allowed to lapse and that ETV seek a supplemental appropriation to finance the costs of the grade reallocation during the current fiscal year. Senator Dennis expressed the view that the net effect of the course recommended by the Board sub-committee and simply allowing ETV to transfer the funds required to personal services is the same.

Following this discussion, upon a motion by Senator Dennis, seconded by Mr. Patterson, the Budget and Control Board agreed to revise its Supplemental Appropriation recommendations so as to include the funding required to implement during the current fiscal year the grade reallocations previously approved for ETV by the State Personnel Division provided that the funds reserved by the Educational Television Commission to pay for a closed circuit rate increase shall lapse to the General Fund.

FINANCE DIVISION - SUB-COMMITTEE ON VACANCY TERMINATIONS - State Auditor Putnam reminded the Board that Item 3 of Section 147 of the Appropriation Act requires that positions which remain unfilled for more than twelve months be declared non-essential and terminated and requested that a sub-committee of the Board be appointed to deal with the matter.

Following a brief discussion, upon a motion by Senator Dennis, the Budget and Control Board established a sub-committee comprised of the Governor or his designee, the State Treasurer and the Comptroller General to deal with the referenced subject.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - State Auditor Putnam announced that one contractual item and two grievance matters had been proposed for consideration in Executive Session. Upon a motion by Mr. Patterson, the Budget and Control Board agreed to consider these matters whereupon Governor Edwards declared the meeting to be in Executive Session.

RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS - Following the Board's consideration of Executive Session items, the meeting was opened and the following actions taken by the Board in Executive Session were ratified without objection:

(1) Approved the acceptance of the Hay Associates bid of \$51,000 to perform a study of approximately 200 non-academic, administrative positions in the State's colleges and universities, including four positions with the Commission on Higher Education and two positions with the State Board

for Technical and Comprehensive Education;

(2) After a review of the record, received as information the findings and recommendations of the State Employee Grievance Committee in a case involving the Department of Health and Environmental Control;

(3) After a review of the record, upheld the basic recommendation of the State Employee Grievance Committee in a case involving Trident Technical College, subject to an express stipulation that any reinstatement pay awarded the Appellant be reduced by any unemployment compensation or other earnings received by the Appellant since termination.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p. m.