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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** JOBS FOR MISSISSIPPI GRADUATES: LAYZELL TO JOIN BOARD  
**DATE:** 9/4/02  
**CC:** RENICK

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Dr. Joe Haynes has notified me that Commissioner Tom Layzell has agreed to serve on the Jobs for Mississippi Graduates (JMG) Board to represent higher education. Dr. Haynes is seeking your approval of Dr. Layzell's joining the board.

Wayne Stonecypher has told me that rumor has it that Dr. Layzell will be resigning as Commissioner of Higher Education once the IHL Board selects a new MSU president. Dr. Layzell's wife has cancer and has already moved back to Illinois. They have sold their home here and Dr. Layzell is living in an apartment. I have a call into Pam Smith at IHL to see if she can tell me anything regarding this matter.

Filling the higher education slot on the JMG Board will complete the Board and will provide another avenue for K-higher education to work together. If Dr. Layzell does retire, the next Commissioner will hopefully agree to serve on the JMG Board. I recommend that you approve Dr. Layzell's appointment to the JMG Board. May I tell Dr. Haynes that it is okay to proceed with Dr. Layzell's appointment?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_