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Governor Musgrove Announces Appointments to State Board of Community and Junior Colleges

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has appointed Major General (Ret.) Charlie Denver Brackeen of Union, Napoleon Moore of Jackson, Dr. Dorothy Smith Nelson of Greenville, and Patricia Cain Randall of McComb to the Mississippi State Board of Community and Junior Colleges with a term commencing on July 16, 2002. Brackeen and Moore will serve a six-year term ending June 30, 2008. Nelson will serve an unexpired term ending June 30, 2008 *vice* Donald Green. Randall will also serve an unexpired term ending June 30, 2007 *vice* David Marsh.

“Mississippi’s community colleges provide a foundation for higher education as well as occupational training programs designed to prepare students to succeed in the workforce. These individuals are going to help make that foundation stronger,” Musgrove said. “The Community and Junior College Board is responsible for the coordination of the state’s 15 public community and junior colleges, and these four appointments are a great selection dedicated to carrying out the duties.”

Brackeen received his associates of art degree from East Central Community College in 1953. After receiving his bachelor and master degrees from the University of Mississippi, he served ECCC in various positions including basketball coach, counselor, director of admissions, academic dean, director of financial aid, and dean of students. Brackeen was also selected into the National Junior College Hall of Fame, the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame, and ECCC Alumnus of the Year. He is a retired Major General in the Mississippi Army National Guard and formerly served as Special Advisor to the Governor for Military Affairs.

Moore attended Mississippi Valley State University and received a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He is currently the owner/president of Moore Construction in Jackson. His previous work experience includes Community Relations Specialist for WISCA (Washington, Isequena, and Sharkey County Action) Agency in the delta region and finance officer at Public Finance in Greenwood.

Nelson received her Ph.D. in higher education, academic administration from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She retired from Mississippi Valley State University in 1999 where she served as associate professor and director of the academic skills parlor, interim vice president for academic affairs, and assistant vice president for academic affairs. She is currently the property manager for Frisby-Smith-Nelson Rentals. Nelson is a member of the American Association of Higher Education, and Mississippi Associations of Colleges.

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Randall is a realtor and broker associate at Hometown Realty GMAC Real Estate in McComb. She is a past owner of Pat Randall and Associates Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate firm. She has sixteen years of experience in real estate including membership in Multi-Million Dollar Club, Top Producer, Southwest MS Board of Realtors, Mississippi Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors. She received her associates of art degree from Southwest Community College, and her B.A. and MA degrees from Southeastern Louisiana Univeristy in Hammond.

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