

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M.**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in a Special Call Meeting on September 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room of City Hall, located at 110 West Main Street, Starkville, MS. Present were Mayor Lynn Spruill, Aldermen Kim Moreland, Sandra Sistrunk, Kyle Skinner, Mike Brooks, William Pochop, Roy A'. Perkins and Henry Vaughn, Sr. City Attorney Berk Huskison and City Clerk / CFO Lesa Hardin were also present.

The meeting was properly noticed pursuant to Miss. Code Ann §21-3-21 and a copy of that notice is included in the minutes. The public and media were welcomed and attended.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 21-3-21 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED, MAYOR D. LYNN SPRUILL DOES HEREBY GIVE NOTICE OF A SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, TO MEET ON **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.**, IN THE STARKVILLE SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE STARKVILLE CITY HALL LOCATED AT 110 WEST MAIN STREET, STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI 39759.

The specific subject of the meeting is as follows:

**INTERVIEWS AND CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPLACEMENT
CITY CLERK EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 10, 2025, UPON THE RETIREMENT OF CURRENT
CITY CLERK LESA HARDIN.**

Mayor Lynn Spruill read the meeting notice and called the meeting to order.

**1. INTERVIEWS OF MS. JOANNA MCLAURIN AND MR. LYLE MECASKEY FOR THE
POSITION OF STARKVILLE CITY CLERK.**

Ms. McLaurin and Mr. McCaskey were interviewed (in alphabetic order) by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

**2. A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS PROPER
CAUSE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

There came for consideration the matter of entering a Closed Session to determine if there is a proper cause for Executive Session. Upon the motion of Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Vaughn, to enter into a Closed Session to determine if there is proper cause for Executive Session, the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Kim Moreland	Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk	Voted: Yea
Alderman Kyle Skinner	Voted: Yea
Alderman Mike Brooks	Voted: Yea
Alderman William Pochop	Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion passed. The Board entered closed session.

3. A MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Alderman Vaughn offered a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel performance. Following a second by Alderman Brooks, the Board voted as follows to enter Executive Session:

Alderman Kim Moreland	Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk	Voted: Yea
Alderman Kyle Skinner	Voted: Yea
Alderman Mike Brooks	Voted: Yea
Alderman William Pochop	Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion passed. The Mayor invited the public back in and then announced that the Board had decided to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel performance. The Mayor and Board then went into Executive Session.

4. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

Alderman Vaughn offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Perkins, to exit executive session and return to open session. The Board voted as follows:

Alderman Kim Moreland	Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk	Voted: Yea
Alderman Kyle Skinner	Voted: Yea
Alderman Mike Brooks	Voted: Yea
Alderman William Pochop	Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

The Mayor invited the public back in and then announced that the Board had taken no action in Executive Session.

5. MOTION TO OFFER THE POSITION OF CITY CLERK TO JOANNA MCLAURIN.

Alderman Perkins offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Vaughn, to offer the position of City Clerk to Joanna McLaurin effective October 10, 2025 at an annual salary of \$80,000.00 with the probation period as defined in the City Personnel Handbook.

The Board voted as follows:

Alderman Kim Moreland	Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk	Voted: Yea
Alderman Kyle Skinner	Voted: Yea
Alderman Mike Brooks	Voted: Yea
Alderman William Pochop	Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Alderman Vaughn offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Skinner, to adjourn the Special Call meeting. The Board voted as follows:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jeffrey Rupp	Voted: Yea
Alderman Mike Brooks	Voted: Yea
Alderman Hamp Beatty	Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025

Attest:

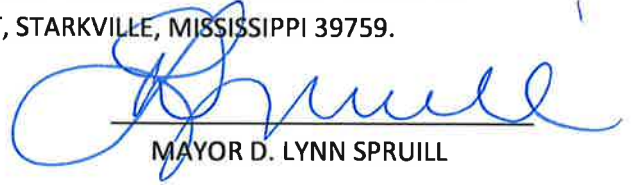
D. LYNN SPRUILL, MAYOR

Lesa Hardin, City Clerk/CFO

(SEAL)

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025, 5:30 P.M.**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 21-3-21 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED, MAYOR D. LYNN SPRUILL DOES HEREBY GIVE NOTICE OF A SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, TO MEET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, AT 5:30 P.M., IN THE **STARKVILLE SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM** OF THE STARKVILLE CITY HALL LOCATED AT 110 WEST MAIN STREET, STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI 39759.


MAYOR D. LYNN SPRUILL

The specific subject of the meeting is as follows:

1. INTERVIEWS OF MS. JOANNA MCLAURIN AND MR. LYLE MECASKEY FOR THE POSITION OF STARKVILLE CITY CLERK.
2. CLOSED SESSION
3. OPEN SESSION
4. EXECUTIVE SESSION (PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE)
5. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPLACEMENT CITY CLERK EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 10, 2025, UPON THE RETIREMENT OF CURRENT CITY CLERK, LESA HARDIN.
6. ADJOURN

The above notice was executed by a Police Officer of the City of Starkville, Mississippi; via electronic transmission – email; and with said notice displayed on the front door of City Hall and posted on the City website.

Said notice was executed more than three hours prior to the Special Call Meeting.

NOTICE UPON SERVICE:

Police Officer



RECORD OF SERVICE OF SPECIAL CALL MEETING
Tuesday, September 23, 2025
at 5:30 P.M.

OFFICIAL	TIME/PLACE	OFFICER	ALDERMAN SIGNATURE
MAYOR SPRUILL CITY HALL	-----	-----	SIGNED THE NOTICE
ALDERMAN MORELAND	9.16.25 5:20 PM	MSB	<i>in Moreland</i>
ALDERMAN SISTRUNK	9.16.25 5:20 PM	MSB	<i>Sandra Sistrunk</i>
ALDERMAN SKINNER	9.16.25 5:20 PM	MSB	<i>John Skinner</i>
ALDERMAN BROOKS	9.16.25 5:20 PM	MSB	<i>Will Brooks</i>
ALDERMAN POCHOP	9.16.25 5:20 PM	MSB	<i>Jeff Pochop</i>
ALDERMAN PERKINS	9.16.25 5:20 PM	MSB	<i>Ray A. Perkins</i>
ALDERMAN VAUGHN	9.16.25 5:20 PM	MSB	<i>Henry H. Vaughn</i>
ATTORNEY HUSKISON	9.16.25 5:20 PM	MSB	<i>Eric Huskison</i>