

**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Location: <https://www.youtube.com/@ITSmsgov/streams>

Date: Thursday, December 18, 2025

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Welcome and E-mail Address for Guests in Attendance
- Agenda Item No. 1: Approval of November 20, 2025 Minutes

Projects for Approval of the Recommended Selection/Award are as follows:

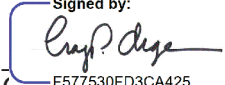
- Agenda Item No. 2: Vershonda Grindle and Brian McGarity, Director of Safe & Orderly Schools, will present the recommendation for Project No. 49280 to utilize the award of an RFP, issued by the Mississippi Department of Education, for the acquisition of a School Safety Platform for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (MDE)**. The staffs of ITS and MDE jointly recommend the selection of nSide, Inc. to provide a School Safety Platform at a total 1-year lifecycle cost of \$1,400,000.00.
- Agenda Item No. 2.5: Matthew Livingston, Chad Allgood, Division of Early Childhood Care and Development Director, and Mark Allen, Chief Information Officer, will present the recommendation for Project No. 49273-3677 for the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with WELS Systems Foundation for Web-Based Early Learning System subscription and support for the **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (MDHS)**. The staffs of ITS and MDHS jointly recommend approval of the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with WELS Systems Foundation through February 8, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$2,812,555.00 for Web-Based Early Learning System subscription and support. With this continuation, the revised total not-to-exceed 10-year lifecycle cost of this project is \$4,979,432.28.
- Agenda Item No. 3: Matthew Livingston, Dr. Dorthy K. Young, Assistant Senior Deputy, and Jameshyia Ballard, WIC Director, will present the recommendation for Project No. 49321-3884 for the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with Conduent State and Local Solutions, Inc. for the WIC Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Solution for the **MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (MSDH)**, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). The staffs of ITS and MSDH jointly recommend approval of the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with Conduent State and Local Solutions, Inc. through March 31, 2027 in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,905,452.00 to provide the WIC EBT Solution. With this continuation, the revised total 8-year lifecycle cost of this project is \$5,630,198.00.

(Revised December 16, 2025)

- Agenda Item No. 4: Denetta Durr, Dr. Dorthy Young, Assistant Senior Deputy, and Amanda Netadj, Immunizations Director, will present the recommendation for Project No. 49315-3558, for the continuation of and increase to the Agreement with STChealth for the operation and maintenance of the Immunization Registry for the **MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (MSDH)**. The staffs of ITS and MSDH jointly recommend approval of the continuation of and increase to the agreement with STChealth through December 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$4,632,802.58 for the operation and maintenance of the Immunization Registry. With this continuation, the total 18-year life cycle cost is \$29,264,797.71.

Other Items being presented:

- Agenda Item No. 5: Stephanie Hedgepeth, Chief Strategy Officer, and Renee Murray, Procurement Services Director, will present the recommendation for Project No. 49325 to establish a statewide Master Agreement between Carahsoft Technology Corporation and **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS)**, on behalf of the State of Mississippi, for the use of OpenAI's ChatGPT Platform. The staff of ITS recommends approval to establish a statewide Master Agreement with Carahsoft for the use of OpenAI's ChatGPT. The staff further requests that the ITS Board delegate the use of this Master Agreement to the ITS Executive Director.
- Agenda Item No. 6: Report by Executive Director of Director Approval Summary of equipment, software and services, exemptions, and sole source procurements approved.
- Agenda Item No. 7: Verification of Quorum for virtual ITS Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2026.
- Adjournment

Signed by:

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Craig P. Erickson, JPM, Ph.D.
Executive Director