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**MISSISSIPPI STATE PERSONNEL BOARD APPROVES APPOINTEES TO  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Aug. 26, 2010, JACKSON, Miss.** — The Mississippi State Personnel Board today approved the nomination of three appointees to the Information Technology Professional Development Committee (ITPDC).

The Board reappointed Linda Chase, Information Technology Director for the Department of Insurance, to a new six-year term on the ITPDC. Chase has served on the committee since 2004.

The Board also approved Becky Thompson and Rita Rutland to serve the remainder of two vacated six-year terms ending in 2013 and 2012, respectively. Thompson, the Project Director for the Statewide ERP Project (MAGIC) at the Department of Finance and Administration, and Rutland, the Chief Systems Information Officer at the Division of Medicaid, both bring more than 20 years of experience to the ITPDC.

The Information Technology Professional Development Committee is an eight-member group tasked with attracting, retaining and developing information technology professionals to support the information technology needs of the State of Mississippi.

“The Mississippi State Personnel Board is committed to helping state agencies identify, develop and retain talent to ensure a quality workforce for the State of Mississippi, through the MSPB’s Workforce Development programs and with the help of groups such as the Information Technology Professional Development Committee,” said Lynn Fitch, Executive Director of the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

“As the State of Mississippi’s information technology needs continue to grow, it is vital that we attract the most skilled professionals available to develop and support our information technology resources. We’re excited that these professionals have committed their time and expertise to helping achieve those goals.”

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