

Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,
Certification and Licensure and Development
Room 117 Woolfolk Building
501 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201
September 22, 2022

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-3-2(10), a subcommittee of the members of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (“Commission”) met at 9:00 a.m. on September 22, 2022, in room 117 of the Woolfolk Building, 501 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Rebecca Gray, Dr. Teresa Poole, Jamie Creel
Commission Counsel: Jonathan Dennis, Special Assistant Attorney General

OEM Counsel: Joseph Runnels, Esq.

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:
Tilla Tate, Investigator for the Office of Educator Misconduct (OEM)
Scott DeJong, Director for the OEM

Others in Attendance:
Tracy Gilmer, Educator

Charles McLendon, Educator

Brian L. Williams, Educator

Matter before the Subcommittee:

I. Case of Tracy Gilmer, Educator License No. 184240

Jonathan Dennis, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:12 a.m.

Based on discussion with Counsel for OEM, on a motion by Rebecca Gray, seconded by Jamie Creel, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to enter into executive session for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law by Mr. Tracy Gilmer, specifically to protect the confidentiality of students’ personally identifiable information and/or education records in accordance with state and federal law.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee change the purpose of why it is in executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of Educator, Tracy Gilmer. Dr. Teresa Poole seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing

Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Rebecca Gray, Jamie Creel, Dr. Teresa Poole, and Jonathan Dennis.

During Executive Session (for deliberations), the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took the following action:

Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee grant the reinstatement of Mississippi Educator License No. 184240 for Tracy Gilmer. Dr. Teresa Poole seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the processing and issuance of Respondent's license.

On a motion by Dr. Teresa Poole, seconded by Jamie Creel, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

In open session, counsel read the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee to the participants.

II. Case of Charles McLendon, Educator License No. 174769

Jonathan Dennis, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 10:39 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee change the purpose of why it is in executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of Educator, Charles McLendon. Dr. Teresa Poole seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Rebecca Gray, Jamie Creel, Dr. Teresa Poole, and Jonathan Dennis.

During Executive Session (for deliberations), the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took the following action:

Jamie Creel moved, that based on the testimony and evidence presented, to reinstate Petitioner Educator License No. 174769 on the condition that Charles McLendon must complete a course on ethics related to student-teacher relationships by June 30, 2023.

On a motion by Dr. Teresa Poole, seconded by Jamie Creel, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

In open session, counsel read the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee to the participants.

Case of Brian L. Williams, Educator License No. 186600

Jonathan Dennis, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 1:14 p.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. Dr. Teresa Poole seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Dr. Teresa Poole seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Rebecca Gray, Jamie Creel, Dr. Teresa, and Jonathan Dennis.

On a motion by Jamie Creel, seconded by Shelly Simmons, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

During Executive Session, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took the following action:

Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee grant the reinstatement of Mississippi Educator License No. 186600 for Brian L. Williams. Dr. Teresa Poole seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the processing and issuance of Respondent's license.

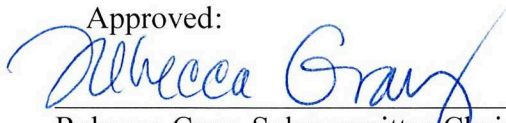
In open session, counsel read the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee to the participants.

The presiding officer pronounced the conclusion of the hearing at 2:16 p.m.


III. Adjournment

On a motion by Jamie Creel, seconded by Dr. Teresa Poole, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 2:17 p.m.

Approved:



Rebecca Gray, Subcommittee Chair
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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