

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
July 27, 2023

OFFICE OF PUBLIC REPORTING

- V. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To amend Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: Chapter 1 – Accountability, Rule 1.2 – School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee and Internal Accountability Subcommittee

Background Information: Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To amend Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: Chapter 1, Rule 1.2, to divide the School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee, a special subcommittee established by the State Board of Education, into two subcommittees as follows:

1. School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee – The subcommittee will focus on education initiatives that impact school performance and accountability including the accountability model, accreditation, and school leadership development, pursuant to Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: Chapter 1 – Accountability, Rule 1.2.
2. Internal Accountability Subcommittee – The subcommittee will assist the State Board of Education in fulfilling its oversight responsibility for the integrity of the MDE financial and operational results, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, performance of internal audits and program evaluations as well as review of external audit reports, pursuant to Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: Chapter 1 – Accountability, Rule 1.2.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Rule 1.2 School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee and Internal Accountability Subcommittee

1. PURPOSE

The State Board of Education has established two special subcommittees of the Board; the School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee, and the Internal Accountability Subcommittee.

The School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee shall focus on education initiatives that impact school performance and accountability including the Mississippi Statewide Assessment and Accountability Systems, and Accreditation. The Chief Accountability Officer shall serve as liaison to this subcommittee.

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2. COMPOSITION

Each subcommittee shall consist of three voting members of the State Board of Education. The subcommittees will meet at the call of their respective subcommittee Chair. Subcommittee members shall be appointed by the State Board of Education Chair.

3. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

This subcommittee is authorized to review and recommend matters related to the following program areas:

- a. Accreditation
 - i. Review proposed rules and regulations associated with the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.
 - ii. Review proposed rules and regulations associated with the *Mississippi Non-Public School Accountability Standards*.
 - iii. Review completed accreditation audit reports.
 - iv. Review and monitor reports for districts in District of Transformation status.
 - v. Review annual accreditation assignments for public and nonpublic schools.
- b. Statewide Accountability System
 - i. Review recommendations from the Accountability Task Force and Technical Advisory Council.
 - ii. Review proposed rules and regulations of the Accountability Business Rules.
 - iii. Review Statewide Accountability results.
- c. Statewide Assessment
 - i. Review proposed student assessment guidelines.

- ii. Review of Statewide Assessment results, including results on K-Readiness, MAAP, MAAP-A, and ACT.

4. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF INTERNAL ACCOUNTABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

This subcommittee is authorized to conduct or authorize program evaluations, internal audits, and reviews of matters within the scope of the State Board of Education's responsibility. It is empowered to:

- a. Approve the Director of Educational Accountability's Internal Audit Plan and Program Evaluation Plan and resolve any problems that occur in the execution of these plans.
- b. Review MDE internal and external audit reports, program evaluation reports, and corrective action plans.
- c. Meet with MDE employees, external auditors, legal counsel, or other individuals as necessary.
- d. Approve and submit to the State Board of Education any changes in the Director of Educational Accountability's duties and the duties of that office.
- e. Report to the State Board of Education on subcommittee meetings held.
- f. Approve internal audit policies that promote an effective system of internal controls. Reporting recommendations for approval of new policies and policy revisions to the State Board of Education.
- g. Ensure adequate budget resources and staffing are provided for the Office of Educational Accountability operations.

Source: *Miss Code Ann. § § 37-1-3, 37-151-9 (Rule Revised 07/2023)*

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~~4. RESPONSIBILITIES~~

~~The Subcommittee is responsible for the following:~~

- ~~a. Approving the internal audit plan and program evaluation plan which sets out the priorities of the Bureau of Internal Audit and the Bureau of Program Evaluation.~~
- ~~b. Ensuring adequate budget and staffing resources are provided for internal audit and program evaluation operations.~~
- ~~c. Reviewing internal and external audit reports and program evaluation reports. Discussing all matters with internal and external auditors that are required to be communicated with the Subcommittee under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.~~
- ~~d. Coordinating communication of significant audit related issues with the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Education.~~

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- ~~f. Performing other duties related to this policy as requested by the State Board of Education.~~

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