

**Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,  
Certification and Licensure and Development**

**Central High School  
359 N. West Street  
Jackson, MS 39201**

**August 11, 2016 and November 17, 2016**

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(10) and § 25-41-5, 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 Thursday, August 11, 2016, in Room 311 of the Central High School located at 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS and 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room of the Central High School located at 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS.

**Members in Attendance:** Pamela Manners, Corey Welch, and Debra Mays-Jackson

**Commission Counsel:** Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General

**Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:**

James Thompson, Office of Educator Misconduct Investigator

Chad Callender, Office of Educator Misconduct Investigator (on August 11, 2016)

Joseph A. Runnels, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to OEM

**Other Individuals in Attendance:**

Turquoise Meeks, Educator

Lisa Ross, Counsel to Turquoise Meeks

**I. Case of Turquoise Meeks Educator License No.: 179213**

Pamela Manners, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:20 a.m.

At 11:13 a.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took a recess.

At 11:19 a.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee resumed this matter.

The Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act prohibits educational agencies from disclosing student's personally identifiable information without parental permission. Corey Welch moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session to prevent the release of student information. Debra Mays-Jackson seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Pamela Manners, Debra Mays-Jackson, Corey Welch, Erin Meyer, Joseph Runnels, James Thompson, Chad Callender, Turquoise Meeks, Lisa Ross, and the Court Reporter.

On a Motion by Debra Mays-Jackson, seconded by Corey Welch, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

At 12:34 p.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took a recess.

At 1:31 p.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee resumed this matter.

At 1:56 p.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took a recess.

At 2:05 p.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee resumed this matter.

At 2:12 p.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took a recess.

At 2:23 p.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee resumed this matter.

At 3:10 p.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took a recess.

At 3:20 p.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee resumed this matter.

At 4:30 p.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee recessed for the day.

At 9:35 a.m., on Thursday, November 17, 2016, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee reconvened on this matter.

At 9:48 a.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took a recess.

At 9:53 a.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee resumed this matter.

At 10:40 a.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took a recess.

At 11:58 a.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee resumed this matter.

At 1:07 p.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took a recess.

At 1:17 p.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee resumed this matter.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Debra Mays-Jackson moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee consider going into executive session, and Corey Welch seconded the motion. The Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session.

Debra Mays-Jackson moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the License of Educator Turquoise Meeks. Corey Welch seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The individuals who

remained in the room included the Commission Hearing Subcommittee and Counsel to the Commission.

During Executive Session Corey Welch moved that the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee find that the Respondent neglected her duties while serving as the Special Education Director in the Yazoo City Municipal School District and violated the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics Standards of Conduct, Standard 1 and suspend for one year, effective January 1, 2017, the License No. 179213 held by Turquoise Meeks in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2 (13)(a), based on her termination from the Yazoo City Municipal School District in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-9-59 for "neglect of duty and other good cause." Additionally, prior to petitioning the Commission for reinstatement, the Respondent, at her own expense, shall complete a minimum of one seminar or course work related to administration/supervision and a minimum of one seminar or course work related to ethics in education and shall submit proof of her attendance and successful completion of the required courses of study. Debra Mays-Jackson seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to suspend for one year, effective January 1, 2017, License No. 179213.

On a motion by Corey Welch, seconded by Pamela Manners, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

At 2:34 p.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took a recess.

At 2:47 p.m., the Commission Hearing Subcommittee resumed this matter.

## II. Adjournment

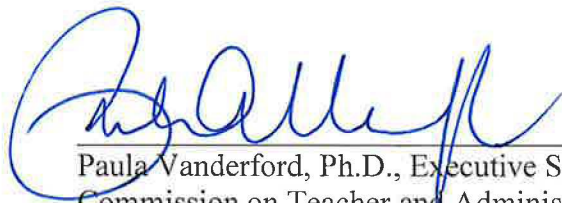
The hearing adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Approved:



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Pamela Manners, Subcommittee Chair  
Commission on Teacher and Administrator  
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Paula Vanderford, Ph.D., Executive Secretary  
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