



**Minutes of the
Commission on School Accreditation
Central High School Building
Fourth Floor, Board Room
359 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi
October 4, 2018
10:00 a.m.**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation (CSA or Commission) took place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2018. Commission members participated in person or via teleconference.

Attending in the Fourth Floor Board Room of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi:

Heather Westerfield, Chair
Eddie Prather

Attending via teleconference:

Kelle Barfield, Vicksburg, MS
Sean Brewer, Madison, MS
Kenny Bush, Philadelphia, MS
Sarah Foster, Brookhaven, MS
Roy Gill, Gulfport, MS
Ann Jones, Jackson, MS
Michael Lindsey, Gulfport, MS
Dr. Valencia Martin, Greenwood, MS
Michael Miller, Pearl, MS

The following members did not attend:

Brian Harvey
John Mistilis
Anthony Montgomery

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), Office of Accreditation staff members/representatives present included:

Dr. Paula A. Vanderford, Executive Secretary
Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Director, Office of Accreditation
Teresa Jones, Office of Accreditation
Ken Stamps, Office of Accreditation

Also in attendance: Joseph Runnels, Special Assistant Attorney General

Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, Special Assistant Attorney General, served as legal counsel to the Commission.

I. Announcement of Quorum and Call to Order

Heather Westerfield, Chair of the CSA, opened the Commission meeting and conducted a roll-call of the Commission members.

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Ms. Westerfield announced that a quorum of the Commission existed.

Ms. Westerfield called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Westerfield asked the Commission members to review the agenda they received previously. On a motion by Ann Jones seconded by Michael Lindsey, the Commission unanimously approved the agenda.

III. Action: Approval of the minutes of the September 18, 2018 Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation

On a motion by Michael Miller, seconded by Kelle Barfield, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting.

IV. Action: Approval to Upgrade the Accreditation Status of the Jefferson Davis County School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED

On a motion by Sarah Foster seconded by Roy Gill, the Commission unanimously voted to upgrade the Accreditation Status of the Jefferson Davis County School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED.

V. Action: Approval to Upgrade the Accreditation Status of the Jefferson County School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED

On a motion by Ann Jones seconded by Kenny Bush, the Commission unanimously voted to upgrade the Accreditation Status of the Jefferson County School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED.

VI. Action: Approval to Upgrade the Accreditation Status of the Hollandale School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED

On a motion by Kelle Barfield seconded by Ann Jones, the Commission unanimously voted to upgrade the Accreditation Status of the Hollandale School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED.

VII. Action: Approval to Upgrade the Accreditation Status of the Philadelphia School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED

On a motion by Michael Lindsey seconded by Eddie Prather, the Commission unanimously voted to upgrade the Accreditation Status of the Philadelphia School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED.

VIII. Action: Approval to Downgrade the Accreditation Status of the Pearl River County School District from ACCREDITED to PROBATION

Dr. Vanderford explained that the MDE notified the district in July of their recommended accreditation status of PROBATION but was erroneously placed on the list for ACCREDITED during the September 18, 2018 Commission meeting.

On a motion by Ann Jones seconded by Dr. Valencia Martin, the Commission unanimously voted to downgrade the accreditation status of the Pearl River County School District from ACCREDITED to PROBATION

IX. Other business

Dr. Vanderford announced that Michael Lindsey will be representing the Commission on the Accountability Task Force for the upcoming year.

Dr. Vanderford thanked Leah Kathryn Anzenberger for sitting in for Erin Meyer as legal counsel for today's meeting.

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Dr. Vanderford announced that she would no longer be serving as the Executive Secretary for the Commission. Dr. Wright has appointed Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Director of the Office of Accreditation, as the Executive Secretary for the Commission.

Dr. Vanderford announced that Rob Tyner has resigned from his seat on the Commission. As Mr. Tyner has resigned from his seat as a member of the Clarksdale Municipal School Board, he is no longer eligible to serve on the Commission as a local school board member representative. Dr. Vanderford asked the Commission to consider potential candidates to serve as his replacement and stated that the member will be required to live in Congressional District 2 (2002 map). Recommendations will be presented to Dr. Wright and the State Board of Education for final approval.

The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2018.

Kelle Barfield asked if the K-12 Attendance Center Task Force would be meeting before the Commission meets on December 6th. Dr. Malone explained they plan to set a date for the next K-12 Attendance Center Task Force meeting as soon as the State Board approves the final accountability ratings; however, they plan to meet before December 6th.

Heather Westerfield thanked Dr. Vanderford for her service to the Commission.

Dr. Vanderford informed the Commission that Dr. Wright has appointed Dr. Cory Murphy as the new Executive Secretary of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development.

X. Adjournment

On a motion by Michael Miller, seconded by Dr. Valencia Martin, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

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Chair of the Commission


Executive Secretary of the Commission