



**Minutes of the
Commission on School Accreditation
Central High School Building
Fourth Floor, Board Room
359 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi
June 6, 2019
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, June 6, 2019. 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
Kelle Barfield, Vicksburg, MS
Sarah Foster, Brookhaven, MS
Roy Gill, Gulfport, MS

Attending via teleconference:

Sean Brewer, Madison, MS
Brian Harvey, Oxford, MS
Ann Jones, Jackson, MS¹
Michael Lindsey, Gulfport, MS
Dr. Valencia Martin, Greenwood, MS
Anthony Montgomery, Gulfport, MS

The following members did not attend:

Kenny Bush
John Mistilis
Eddie Prather

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

Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer
Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Secretary
Teresa Jones, Office of Accreditation

¹ Ann Jones joined the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and did not vote until item VIII.

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Ken Stamps, Office of Accreditation
Melissa Biggs, Office of Accreditation
Angela Kitchens, Office of Accreditation

Also in attendance: Wendy Clemons and Dr. Dana Bullard, Office of Secondary Education and Alan Burrow, Office of School and District Performance

Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General, served as legal counsel to the Commission.

I. Call to Order and Invocation

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

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

Ms. Westerfield called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Sarah Foster led an invocation.

II. Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Roy Gill, seconded by Kelle Barfield, the Commission unanimously approved the agenda.

III. Action: Approval of the minutes of the April 4, 2019 Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation

On a motion by Sarah Foster, seconded by Sean Brewer, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2019 meeting.

IV. Discussion: Recommendation to revise Process Standard 14.1 of the *Mississippi Public Schools Accountability Standards, 2019*

Dr. Dana Bullard, Office of Secondary Education, explained the need to revise the language to ensure that school and districts offer the diploma endorsement options to students.

V. Action: Consideration of recommendation to submit request to the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Process Standard 14.1 of the *Mississippi Public Schools Accountability Standards, 2019*

On a motion by Kelle Barfield, seconded by Roy Gill, the Commission unanimously voted to submit a request to the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Process Standard 14.1 of the *Mississippi Public Schools Accountability Standards, 2019*.

- VI. Discussion: Recommendation to revise Miss. Admin Code 7-3: 28.3, State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 36, Rule 36.3: Access to Substantive and Rigorous Curriculum Policy, Process Standard 26 and Appendices A and B of the *Mississippi Public Schools Accountability Standards, 2019***

Dr. Dana Bullard, Office of Secondary Education, explained the need to revise the language to reflect current auditing practicing pertaining to the requirement for schools to offer advance level courses and to update the list of allowable courses.

- VII. Action: Consideration of recommendation to submit request to the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to Miss. Admin Code 7-3: 28.3, State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 36, Rule 36.3: Access to Substantive and Rigorous Curriculum Policy, Process Standard 26 and Appendices A and B of the *Mississippi Public Schools Accountability Standards, 2019*.**

On a motion by Sarah Foster, seconded by Kelle Barfield, the Commission unanimously voted to submit a request to the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise to revise Miss. Admin Code 7-3: 28.3, State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 36, Rule 36.3: Access to Substantive and Rigorous Curriculum Policy, Process Standard 26 and Appendices A and B of the *Mississippi Public Schools Accountability Standards, 2019*.

- VIII. Discussion: Recommendation to revise the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System to include the Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for the Deaf, Early College High Schools, and University-Based Schools and to provide for the reporting of available performance measures of these schools as well as Child Development Centers**

Alan Burrow, Director of School and District Performance, explained the proposed revisions to business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System, specifically the addition of business rules 21.2, 23.2, 23.2.1, 23.2.2, 23.3.4, 23.6, 23.6.1, and 23.6.2, and the revision of business rule 23.1.1.

- IX. Action: Consideration of recommendation to submit request to the State Board of Education to revise the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System to include the Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for the Deaf, Early College High Schools, and University-Based Schools and to provide for the reporting of available performance measures of these schools as well as Child Development Centers**

On a motion by Kelle Barfield, seconded by Anthony Montgomery, the Commission voted 8-1 to submit a request to the State Board of Education to revise the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System to include the Mississippi School for the Blind and the Mississippi School for the Deaf, Early College High Schools, and University-Based Schools and to provide for the reporting of available performance measures of these schools as well as Child Development Centers.

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The following Commission members voted aye:

Kelle Barfield
Sean Brewer
Sarah Foster
Brian Harvey
Ann Jones
Michael Lindsey
Dr. Valencia Martin
Anthony Montgomery

The following Commission members voted nay:

Roy Gill

X. Information: Proposed revisions to the Accreditation Policies of the State Board of Education in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2019*

Dr. Malone informed the Commission that MDE staff is currently working on some proposed revisions to the Accreditation Policies of the State Board of Education in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2019* and the Commission would be receiving a copy of the proposed revisions in advance of a future meeting for their consideration. These proposed revisions will help clarify some of the language pertaining (but not limited to) the appeals and hearing processes for districts to appeal assignment of accreditation statuses and performance classifications, process for district notification of complaints received by the MDE, and updated language pertaining to Schools at Risk to align with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

XI. Action: Election of the 2019-2020 Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission on School Accreditation

- A. On a motion by Kelle Barfield, seconded by Roy Gill, the Commission unanimously voted to re-elect Heather Westerfield as the Chair of the Commission on School Accreditation for 2019-2020.
- B. On a motion by Roy Gill, seconded by Valencia Martin, the Commission unanimously voted to re-elect Eddie Prather as the Vice-Chair of the Commission on School Accreditation for 2019-2020.

XII. Action: Approval of meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year

On a motion by Kelle Barfield, seconded by Sarah Foster, the Commission unanimously approved the following meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year:

August 1, 2019	February 6, 2020
September 17, 2019*	April 2, 2020
October 3, 2019	June 4, 2020
December 5, 2019	

*Meeting to approve the 2019 Mississippi Statewide Accountability Results

Other Business

Heather Westerfield thanked Ann Jones for her service to the Commission since her appointment in 2010. Dr. Malone informed the Commission that Michael Miller resigned from the Commission and that his term was also expiring. Additionally, the State Board of Education would be considering recommendations for appointments at their upcoming June 13, 2019 meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

On a motion by Roy Gill, seconded by Kelle Barfield, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

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Heather Westerfield
Chair of the Commission

John Malone
Executive Secretary of the Commission