



**Minutes of the
Commission on School Accreditation
Central High School Building
Room 311
359 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi
December 5, 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, December 5, 2019. The Commission members present in Room 311 of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi included:

Heather Westerfield, Chair
Sarah Foster

Attending via teleconference:

Kelle Barfield – Vicksburg, MS
Sean Brewer – Madison, MS
Roy Gill – Gulfport, MS
Brian Harvey – Oxford, MS
Jefferson Hughes – Bay Springs, MS
Dr. Valencia Martin – Greenwood, MS
John Mistilis – Oxford, MS
Anthony Montgomery – Gulfport, MS
Eddie Prather – Tupelo, MS
Brad Stevens – Monroe County, MS

The following members did not attend:

Michael Lindsey
Ingrid Williams

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
Shulawnda Johnson, Office of Accreditation
Angela Kitchens, Office of Accreditation
Ken Stamps, Office of Accreditation

Also in attendance: Sonia Amis and Phelton Moss

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

I. Call to Order

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 10:05 a.m.

Ms. Westerfield welcomed Mr. Jefferson Hughes to the Commission as the newest Commission member recently appointed by the State Board of Education.

II. Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Sarah Foster, seconded by Eddie Prather, the Commission unanimously approved the agenda.

III. Action: Approval of the minutes of the October 3, 2019 Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation

On a motion by Roy Gill, seconded by John Mistilis, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2019 meeting.

IV. Action: Approval of the minutes of the October 22, 2019 Special-Called Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation

On a motion by Sean Brewer, seconded by Dr. Valencia Martin, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2019 special-called meeting.

V. Information: Recommended Annual District Accreditation Statuses for School Year 2019-2020 and Districts with Deficiencies in Accordance with Accreditation Policies 2, 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2019*

Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Director, Office of Accreditation, presented the recommended accreditation statuses for the 2019-2020 school year. Roy Gill asked how the MDE is addressing the noncompliance of Process Standard 2 regarding personnel. Phelton Moss, Director of Educator Effectiveness and Talent Acquisition, explained how the MDE has allowed districts to submit a Human Capital Plan to the Office of Teaching and Learning to indicate how they are addressing their teacher shortage to avoid probation for Process Standard 2.

VI. Action: Approval of District Accreditation Statuses for 2019-2020

On a motion by Sarah Foster, seconded by Kelle Barfield, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the recommended district accreditation statuses for the 2019-2020 school year.

VII. Other Business

Heather Westerfield reminded the Commission that Kenny Bush had resigned from the Commission thus leaving a vacancy for a non-educator.

On a motion by Sarah Foster, seconded by Anthony Montgomery, the Commission unanimously voted to hold a special called Commission meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. to consider the recent report from the Office of the State Auditor regarding the Wayne County School District.

VIII. Adjournment

On a motion by Dr. Valencia Martin, seconded by Sean Brewer, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Feb. 6, 2020
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Heather Westerfield
Chair of the Commission

Janet Maloney
Executive Secretary of the Commission