



**Minutes of the  
Commission on School Accreditation  
Regular Scheduled Meeting  
Central High School Building  
Senator Grey Ferris Board Room  
359 North West Street  
Jackson, Mississippi  
October 19, 2021  
10:00 a.m.**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation (CSA or Commission) took place via teleconference from the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. The public was invited to view the livestreaming via the MDE YouTube Channel. Commission members in attendance via teleconference included:

Pamela Manners, Chair, Biloxi, MS  
Kelle Barfield, Vicksburg, MS  
Dr. Lundy Brantley, Neshoba County School District  
Lori Brechtel, Brandon, MS  
Grant Dickinson, Ocean Springs, MS  
Dr. Carla Evers, Pass Christian, MS  
Reginald Goins, Sarah, MS  
Jefferson Hughes, Covington County School District  
Aisha Maxwell, Olive Branch, MS  
Brett Robinson, Clinton, MS  
Brad Stevens, North Monroe County, MS  
Jan Vaughn, Greenville, MS  
Sarah Wansley, Ellisville, MS  
Ingrid Williams, Clinton, MS

Members absent:

Dr. Valencia Martin

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

Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Director/Executive Secretary, Office of Accreditation  
Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer  
Alan Burrow, Executive Director, Office of District and School Performance  
Tracie Riggins, Director of Internal Audit, Office of Educational Accountability  
Angela Kitchens, Office of Accreditation  
Chris Haynes, Office of Accreditation  
Shulawnda Johnson, Office of Accreditation

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

**I. Announcement of Quorum and Call to Order**

Ms. Pamela Manners, Chair of the CSA, opened the Commission meeting and conducted a rollcall of the Commission members.

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

Ms. Manners called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

Ms. Manners asked the Commission members to review the proposed agenda. On a motion by Jefferson Hughes, seconded by Sarah Wansley, the Commission unanimously approved the agenda.

**III. Action: Approval of the minutes of the August 2, 2021, Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation**

On a motion by Dr. Lundy Brantley, seconded by Brett Robinson, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021, meeting.

**IV. Action: Approval of the minutes of the September 30, 2021, Special-Called Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation**

On a motion by Dr. Carla Evers, seconded by Jan Vaughn, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2021, special-called meeting.

**V. Action: Approval to immediately downgrade the Holmes County Consolidated School District's accreditation status from ACCREDITED to PROBATION**

On a motion by Dr. Lundy Brantley, seconded by Jefferson Hughes, the Commission unanimously voted to downgrade the Holmes County Consolidated School District's accreditation status from ACCREDITED to PROBATION.

**VI. Discussion: Recommended Annual District Accreditation Statuses for School Year 2021-2022 and Districts with Deficiencies in accordance with Accreditation Policies 2.0, 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2021**

Dr. Jo Ann Malone reported the recommended Annual District Accreditation Statuses to the Commission.

Dr. Carla Evers and Dr. Lundy Brantley recused themselves from discussion.

**VII. Action: Approval of District Accreditation Statues for 2021-2022.**

Dr. Carla Evers and Dr. Lundy Brantley recused themselves from further discussion and the vote.

On a motion by Grant Dickinson, seconded by Lori Brechtel, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the recommended district accreditation statuses for 2021-2022.

**VIII. Discussion: District/School Performance Reports for School Year 2021-2022 (based on School Year 2020-2021), with the stipulation that the information continue to be embargoes to the public until October 21, 2021.**

Mr. Alan Burrow, Executive Director, Office of District and School Performance, presented the district and school performance results for the 2021-2022 school year to the Commission members.

**IX. Other Business**

Dr. Malone reminded Commission members that the next regular scheduled meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, December 2, 2021.

**IV. Adjournment**

On a motion by Dr. Lundy Brantley, seconded by Brad Stevens, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

December 2, 2021  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Pamela Manners  
Chair of the Commission

Alan Malone  
Executive Secretary of the Commission