



**Minutes of the
Commission on School Accreditation
Special-Called Teleconference Meeting
October 26, 2023
8:30 a.m.**

A special-called meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation (CSA or Commission) took place via teleconference and video means from the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2023. The public was invited to view the livestreaming via the MDE YouTube Channel or in person in the Senator Grey Ferris Board Room.

Commission members in attendance via teleconference included:

Dr. Laurin Bailey, Pearl, MS
Kelle Barfield, Vicksburg, MS
Lori Brechtel, Jackson, MS
Anthony Bryant, Tupelo, MS
Dr. Carla Evers, Pensacola, FL
Reginald Goins, Sarah, MS
Dr. Tyler Hansford, Decatur, MS
Pamela Manners, (Chair), Biloxi, MS
Dr. Valencia Martin, Greenwood, MS
Brad Stevens, Flowood, MS
Jan Vaughn, Greenville, MS
Dr. Sarah Wilborn, Ellisville, MS

Members absent:

Jefferson Hughes
Aisha Maxwell
Ingrid Williams

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

Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Associate State Superintendent/Executive Secretary
Melisa Biggs, Office of Accreditation
Megan Spears Clark, Office of Accreditation
Lori Hartley, Office of Accreditation
J. Christopher Haynes, Office of Accreditation
Shulawnda Johnson, Office of Accreditation
Tracie Riggins, Bureau of Internal Audit
Jonathan Dennis, 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 8:34 a.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Manners asked the Commission members to review the proposed agenda. On a motion by Dr. Sarah Wilborn, seconded by Kelle Barfield, the Commission unanimously voted to adopt the agenda.

III. Information: Recommended Annual District Accreditation Statuses for School Year 2023-2024 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, 2023*

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

IV. Action: Approval of District Accreditation Statuses for 2023-2024

On a motion by Dr. Carla Evers, seconded by Dr. Tyler Hansford, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the recommended district accreditation statuses for 2023-2024.

V. Adjournment

On a motion by Dr. Valencia Martin, seconded by Dr. Sarah Wilborn, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

December 7 2023
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Chair of the Commission


Executive Secretary of the Commission