



**Minutes of the  
Commission on School Accreditation  
Regular Scheduled Meeting  
Woolfolk Building – Room 145  
501 North West Street  
Jackson, Mississippi  
September 27, 2022  
10:00 a.m.**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation (CSA or Commission) took place from the Woolfolk Building, Room 145, 501 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. The public was invited to attend in person in Room 145 or view the livestreaming via the MDE YouTube Channel.

Commission members present in Room 145 included:

Pamela Manners, Chair  
Kelle Barfield  
Reginald Goins  
Dr. Valencia Martin<sup>1</sup>  
Brett Robinson  
Sarah Wansley  
Ingrid Williams

Commission members in attendance via teleconference included:

Dr. Lundy Brantley, Neshoba County School District Office  
Lori Brechtel, Brandon, MS  
Dr. Carla Evers, Pass Christian, MS  
Jefferson Hughes, Covington County School District  
Brad Stevens, Amory, MS

Members absent:

Aisha Maxwell  
Jan Vaughn

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. Kim Benton, State Superintendent of Education, Interim  
Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer  
Alan Burrow, Executive Director of District and School Performance

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Martin joined the meeting at 10:11 a.m. during the discussion of Item V.

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Melissa Biggs, Office of Accreditation  
Chris Haynes, Office of Accreditation  
Shulawnda Johnson, Office of Accreditation  
Megan Spears, Office of Accreditation

Baylea Blough, 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 10:04 a.m.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

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

**III. Action: Approval of the minutes of the June 2, 2022, Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation**

On a motion by Sarah Wansley, seconded by Reginald Goins, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2022, meeting.

**IV. Information: Report of the Internal Review of Preliminary Accountability Results in accordance with Accreditation Policy 3.1.3 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022.***

Mr. Alan Burrow presented information to the Commission and answered questions posed by Commission members.

**V. Discussion: District/School Performance Reports for School Year 2022-2023 (based on School Year 2021-2022), with the stipulation that the information will not become official until September 29, 2022**

Mr. Burrow presented the request to the Commission. Dr. Brantley commended the MDE team for their hard work. Dr. Martin asked for additional explanations about the on-demand tutoring. Dr. Kim Benton, State Superintendent, Interim, explained the difference between high-dosage tutoring and on-demand tutoring.

**VI. Action: Approval of District/School Performance Classifications for School Year 2022-2023 (based on School Year 2021-2022), with the stipulation that the information will not become official until September 29, 2022**

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On a motion by Dr. Lundy Brantley, seconded by Kelle Barfield, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the District/School Performance Classifications for School Year 2022-2023 (based on School Year 2021-2022) with the stipulation that the information will not become official until September 29, 2022

**VII. Other Business**

Dr. Malone informed the Commission of the need to have a special-called teleconference meeting to assign the annual accreditation statuses. The Commission agreed to hold the special-called meeting on Monday, October 31, 2022.

Dr. Malone informed the Commission of Mr. Grant Dickenson's resignation due to his newly appointed position and the need to fill his vacancy with a special education representative.

Dr. Malone also provided an update on the renovation of the Central High School building, introduced a new accreditation staff member and reminded Commission members that the next regular scheduled meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2022.

**XVII. Adjournment**

On a motion by Sarah Wansley, seconded by Dr. Carla Evers, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

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Pamela Manners  
Chair of the Commission

John Malone  
Executive Secretary of the Commission