

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

June 27, 2022

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Special-Called teleconference meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022 for the purpose of approving the search firm for the State Superintendent. The location of the meeting was the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom at the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman (Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi), Dr. Angela Bass (Jackson, Mississippi), Dr. Karen J. Elam (Sulphur Springs, West Virginia), Mr. Glen V. East (Gulfport, Mississippi), Mr. Bill Jacobs (Brookhaven, Mississippi), Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee (Madison, Mississippi), Mr. Matt Miller (Hattiesburg, Mississippi), and Ms. Mary Werner (Saltillo, Mississippi). Board member absent: Dr. Wendi Barrett.

- I. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman called the Special-Called Board meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., after determining that a quorum of the Board existed for the purpose of conducting a meeting through teleconference and video conference means in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5.
- II. Ms. Aultman stated that this is a Special-Called meeting of the Board of Education being held today and the notice was posted in accordance with state law and included the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting and identified the location of the meeting available to the public. Ms. Aultman stated that each Board member received a copy of the agenda. Ms. Aultman stated that this is a Special-Called Board meeting and therefore the only business that can be transacted is that which has been specified in the call of this meeting.
- III. On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Ms. Mary Werner, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- IV. Mr. Matt Miller, Chair of the Superintendent Search Subcommittee, stated that the members of the Subcommittee were Ms. Mary Werner, Dr. Karen J. Elam, and Mr. Bill Jacobs. Mr. Miller gave a review of the search firm selection process. Mr. Miller stated that the RFP was released on June 1, 2022, and the proposals were due on June 15, 2022. Mr. Miller stated that four proposals were received and on June 20, 2022, the Subcommittee evaluated the proposals. Mr. Miller stated that on June 23, 2022, the full Board met in a Special-Called meeting to hear the presentations from the four applicants and ask questions. Mr. Miller stated that the Subcommittee met on June 23, 2022, after the Special-Called Board meeting to complete evaluations of the four search firm presentations. Mr. Miller further stated that based on the evaluations, the firm of McPherson and Jacobson, LLC was selected to bring to the June 27, 2022, Special-Called Board meeting as the search firm to contract with to conduct the search for the State Superintendent.

V. Discussion and/or Approval of Board Items

01. Action: Approval of MDE Contracts [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

01.A. Action: Contract with McPherson & Jacobson, LLC to provide services for a State Superintendent Search [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

The Board discussed the selection of McPherson and Jacobson, LLC to conduct a national search for the State Superintendent beginning July 1, 2022.

On a motion by Mr. Matt Miller, seconded by Ms. Mary Werner, the Board unanimously approved the contract with McPherson and Jacobson, LLC to conduct the search for the State Superintendent.

VI. On a motion by Mr. Glen V. East, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Approved:

  
Rosemary G. Aultman, Vice-Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

  
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Kim S. Benton  
Interim Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education