

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

March 30, 2023

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Special-Called Teleconference Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023 for the purpose of the meeting is to change the date of the regularly scheduled April Board meeting from April 20, 2023 to April 19, 2023, to appoint Board members to the Legislative Subcommittee, and to discuss personnel matters related to appointments within the MDE. The location of the meeting available to the public was in the Conference Room at the LifeShare House on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, 1252 Eastover Drive, Jackson Mississippi. Board members present via Zoom were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman (Clinton, Mississippi), Dr. Wendi Barrett (Biloxi, Mississippi), Mr. Glen V. East (Gulfport, Mississippi), Mr. Bill Jacobs (traveling – I-55 South), Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee (Madison, Mississippi), Mr. Matt Miller (Hattiesburg, Mississippi), and Ms. Mary Werner (Saltillo, Mississippi).

- I. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman called the Special-Called Board meeting to order at 4:31 p.m., after determining that a quorum of the Board existed for the purpose of conducting a meeting through teleconference and video means in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5.

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.

- II. On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- III. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair of the State Board, gave the following report:
 - Ms. Aultman stated that Mr. Bill Jacobs will continue to be the Chair of the Legislative Subcommittee. She stated that Mr. Glen V. East, Ms. Mary Werner, and Mr. Matt Miller will be members and that Dr. Wendi Barrett will be an alternate. Ms. Aultman stated that she will contact Senator DeBar to let him know that the Subcommittee is ready and willing to meet with him when he is available.

IV. Other Business

01. Action: Approval to change the date of the regularly scheduled April 2023 meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education from April 20, 2023 to April 19, 2023

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On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Mr. Matt Miller, the Board unanimously approved to change the regularly scheduled April meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education from April 20, 2023 to April 19, 2023.

V. Consideration of Executive Session

Mr. Glen V. East moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. Mr. Matt Miller seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 6 to 0. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman asked for the room to be cleared.

Mr. Glen V. East, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(a) and (k) to discuss discrete personnel matters related to appointments within the MDE. Ms. Mary Werner seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 6 to 0. Ms. Jennifer Nichols informed the public of the Board's vote to go into Executive Session for the above stated reason.

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed discrete personnel matters related to appointments within the MDE.

On a motion by Mr. Glen V. East, seconded by Mr. Matt Miller, the Board unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session.

The public came back into the Board meeting and Ms. Aultman stated that the Board voted to approve an Emergency Contract with Michael D. Kent to serve as Interim State Superintendent of Education beginning April 3rd and serving through June 30th at an amount not to exceed \$106,722.86 including services, contributions, and expenses.

VI. On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Ms. Mary Werner, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Approved:


Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education


Michael D. Kent
Interim Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education