

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

February 27, 2024

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Special-Called Teleconference Board meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 for the purpose of discussing issues related to an appointment made by the State Board of Education. The location of the meeting available to the public was in Suite 311 at the Central High School Building, Mississippi Department of Education, 359 North West Street, Jackson Mississippi. Board members present via Zoom were: Mr. Glen V. East (Gulfport, Mississippi), Dr. Wendi Barrett (Ocean Springs, Mississippi), Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee (Madison, Mississippi), Mr. Matt Miller (Hattiesburg, Mississippi), Mr. Mike Pruitt (Hattiesburg, Mississippi), and Ms. Mary Werner (Saltillo, Mississippi). Board member absent: Mr. Bill Jacobs.

- I. Mr. Glen V. East called the Special-Called Teleconference Board meeting to order at 3:33 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.

Mr. East 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. Mr. East stated that each Board member received a copy of the agenda. Mr. East 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 Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Dr. Wendi Barrett, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- III. Consideration of Executive Session

Mr. Matt Miller moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. Mr. Mike Pruitt seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 5 to 0. Mr. Glen V. East asked for Dr. Donna H. Boone, Dr. Marla Davis, and legal counsel to remain in the room.

Mr. Matt Miller, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(a) and (k) to discuss discrete personnel matters. Mr. Mike Pruitt seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Jennifer Nichols informed the public of the Board's vote to go into Executive Session for the above stated reasons.

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed discrete personnel matters.

On a motion by Mr. Matt Miller, seconded by Dr. Wendi Barrett, the Board unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session.

The public came back into the Board meeting and Mr. East stated that the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Dr. Margaret Ellmer as the Interim Superintendent for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind effective March 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

01. On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Mr. Mike Pruitt, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Margaret Ellmer as the Interim Superintendent for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

IV. On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Mr. Mike Pruitt, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

Approved:



Glen V. East, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Raymond C. Morgigno
Interim Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education