

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

June 16, 2021

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Special-Called Board meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2021, via teleconference and video means pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5 for the purpose of conducting the Special-Called Board meeting.

The meeting was available to the public by live stream.¹ Board members present in the 4th Floor Boardroom at Central High School, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Dr. Angela Bass, Mr. Glen V. East, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Bill Jacobs, and Mr. Matt Miller. Student Representative: Ms. Amy Zhang was absent. Dr. Carey M. Wright was present in the 4th Floor Boardroom at Central High School, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members absent: Dr. Wendi Barrett and Mr. Ronnie L. McGehee.

- I. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair, called the Special-Called Board meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Ms. Aultman welcomed the new Board member, Mr. Bill Jacobs, to the meeting.

- II. Mr. Matt Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Glen V. East gave the Invocation.
- III. Ms. Aultman stated that the agenda for the Special-Called Board meeting was sent and only business that can be transacted is that which has been specified in the call of this meeting, which is the review of the budget.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Dr. Angela Bass, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. Dr. Carey M. Wright stated this meeting is to give the Board members a review of the draft proposed FY 2023 budget request for the Mississippi Department of Education.

Dr. Wright presented the Vision and Mission Statement for the Mississippi Board of Education.

¹ Due to the impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and the recommendations of the CDC and the Mississippi Department of Health, gatherings should be restricted to no more than 10 people. To protect the public health, the State Board of Education met via teleconference and video means and the meeting was available to the public via video means (live stream). The SBE exercised their authority granted by the Governor in his Proclamation of a State of Emergency. See Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-31.

Dr. Wright presented the Mississippi Board of Education Goals that drives the work at the Department. Dr. Wright stated that all the budgetary priorities have been aligned to the goals.

Dr. Wright stated that the proposed 2023 Legislative priorities are listed for the Board members to review. Dr. Wright stated that the priorities are not in any certain order. Dr. Wright stated that it is up to the Board how they want the Legislative priorities.

Dr. Wright stated that Dr. Felicia Gavin would present the 2023 Fiscal Priorities and Overview of Budget Requests to the Board. Dr. Gavin stated there are four major budget categories in the Department: General Education, Career and Technical Education, Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP), and Chickasaw. Dr. Gavin stated the MAEP numbers will be available for the July Board meeting since we have not gotten the information from the CPA.

The following Executive Leadership Team members presented the FY 2023 proposed budget requests: Dr. Nathan Oakley, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer; Dr. Wright for the Chief Information Officer; and Dr. Gavin presented for the Office of General Counsel, Office of Educational Accountability, Office of Chief Operations Officer, Office of Chief of Staff, Office of Communications and Government Relations, and Office of State Superintendent.


Dr. Wright answered questions asked by the Board members. Dr. Wright explained about the 16 PINs (Personal Identification Numbers) that the Legislature cut and she stated that she will continue to ask for PINs.

VI. Adjournment

On a motion by Dr. Angela Bass, seconded by Mr. Matt Miller, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Approved:


Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education


Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education