



**Minutes of the  
Commission on School Accreditation  
Special-called Meeting  
Central High School Building  
Fourth Floor, Board Room  
359 North West Street  
Jackson, Mississippi  
August 22, 2018  
2:00 p.m.**

The special-called meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation (CSA or Commission) took place at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2018. The Commission members present in the Fourth Floor Board Room of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi included:

Heather Westerfield, Chair  
Kelle Barfield  
Sean Brewer  
Sarah Foster  
Michael Miller  
Eddie Prather

Attending via teleconference:

Roy Gill, Gulfport, MS  
Brian Harvey, Oxford, MS  
Ann Jones, Jackson, MS  
Michael Lindsey, Gulfport, MS  
John Mistilis, Oxford, MS  
Rob Tyner, Sumner, MS

The following members did not attend:

Kenny Bush  
Dr. Valencia Martin  
Anthony Montgomery

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), Office of Accreditation staff members/representatives present included:

Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief, Division of Accountability/Executive Secretary  
Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General  
Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Director, Office of Accreditation  
Teresa Jones, Office of Accreditation  
Katrina McDowell, Office of Accreditation  
Ken Stamps, Office of Accreditation  
John Cartwright, Office of Accreditation

Alan Burrow, Patrice Guilfoyle and Joseph Runnels, Special Assistant Attorney General, also attended.

**I. Announcement of Quorum and Call to Order**

Heather Westerfield, Chair of the CSA, opened the Commission meeting and conducted a roll-call of the Commission members.

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Ms. Westerfield announced that a quorum of the Commission existed.

Ms. Westerfield called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

Ms. Westerfield asked the Commission members to review the agenda they received previously. On a motion by Sean Brewer seconded by Sarah Foster, the Commission unanimously approved the agenda.

**III. Discussion and consideration of proposed changes to the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System to reset the baseline scores in accordance with current State Board of Education policy for schools with Grade 12 effective school year 2017-2018 as recommended by the Mississippi Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).**

Dr. Vanderford explained that the State Board of Education, on August 16, 2018 remanded the Commission 's August 14<sup>th</sup> decision back to the Commission for further consideration because of concerns expressed by Commission members of not having adequate time to review information before needing to make a decision. Alan Burrow made a presentation to the Commission which explained how the issues of multiple assessments over multiple years has impacted the growth measurement and predicted results of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System

Ann Jones and Eddie Prather asked for clarity on the history of the PARCC assessments and their impact on accountability calculations.

Sean Brewer stated that he would like to see the use of the cut stores from 2015-2016 but Dr. Vanderford explained that doing so would not be using a baseline of MAAP to MAAP comparison.

Brian Harvey asked about the impact of the EL component for next year's accountability and whether the possibility exists in having to reset the baseline next year. Dr. Vanderford responded indicating there is a possibility of having to reset the baseline again next year due to any unforeseeable impact, such as the new EL component as well as any another unforeseen changes in statute.

Alan Burrow reminded the Commission that the cut-scores being presented could change after the final data is run and that the Commission would be voting on percentiles not specific cut scores.

**IV. Approval to submit request to the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System to reset the baseline scores in accordance with current State Board of Education policy for schools with Grade 12 effective school year 2017-2018 as recommended by the Mississippi Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).**

On a motion by Michael Lindsey, seconded by Roy Gill, the Commission voted unanimously to submit a request to the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Process Act process to revise the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability system to reset the baseline scores in accordance with current State Board of Education policy for schools with Grade 12 effective school year 2017-2018 as recommended by the Mississippi Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

**V. Adjournment**

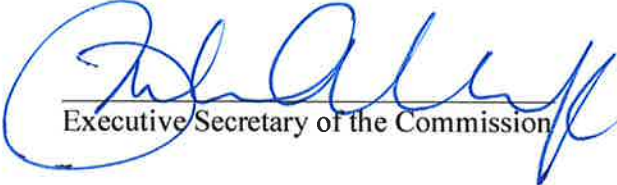
On a motion by Sarah Foster, seconded by Eddie Prather, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

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APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

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Chair of the Commission

  
Executive Secretary of the Commission