



**Minutes of the
Commission on School Accreditation
Central High School Building
Fourth Floor, Board Room
359 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi
March 21, 2019
10:00 a.m.**

A special-called meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation (CSA or Commission) took place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2019. Commission members participated in person or via teleconference.

Attending in the Fourth Floor Board Room of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi:

Heather Westerfield, Chair
Kelle Barfield
Sean Brewer
Sarah Foster
Roy Gill
Michael Lindsey
Eddie Prather

Attending via teleconference:

Brian Harvey, Oxford, MS
Dr. Valencia Martin, Greenwood, MS
Anthony Montgomery, Gulfport, MS¹

The following members did not attend:

Kenny Bush
Ann Jones
Michael Miller
John Mistilis

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

Dr. Paula A. Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer
Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Secretary
Teresa Jones, Office of Accreditation
Angela Kitchens, Office of Accreditation

¹ Mr. Montgomery joined the meeting at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Ken Stamps, Office of Accreditation

Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General, served as legal counsel to the Commission.

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.

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

Ms. Westerfield called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

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

III. Information: Report of the recommendations from the Accountability Task Force to revise the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System effective for the school year 2018-2019 and thereafter

Mr. Alan Burrow, Director of District and School Performance provided information regarding the following topics:

- Assignment of Performance Classifications for Nontraditional High School Configurations (Section 1.7)
- Acceleration (Section 9)
- English Learners (EL) (Section 15)
- Alternative, Career and Technical Schools, and Child Development Centers (Section 21)
- Other:
 - General updates to language for ESSA
 - Clarify language for existing business rules
 - Remove obsolete language or language no longer applicable
 - Address technical issues that have arisen in the past

IV. Action: 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 effective for the school year 2018-2019 and thereafter

- a. On a motion by Michael Lindsey seconded by Sarah Foster, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the request 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 effective for the school year 2018-2019 and

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thereafter, excluding the proposed revisions to Section 21 (Alternative, Career and Technical Schools, and Child Development Centers).

- b. On a motion by Sean Brewer, seconded by Eddie Prather, the Commission unanimously² voted to approve the request to submit request to the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise the business rules for Section 21 (Alternative, Career and Technical Schools, and Child Development Centers) of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability system effective for the school year 2018-2019 and thereafter.


V. Adjournment

On a motion by Kelle Barfield, seconded by Roy Gill, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

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Chair of the Commission


Executive Secretary of the Commission

² Roy Gill recused himself from discussion and vote on this business rule due to his position with the Harrison County School District. All other Commission members voted unanimously to approve the request.