

**Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification
And Licensure and Development
Central High Building
Fourth Floor Conference Room
May 3, 2013**

Members Attending:

Doris Perkins	Pamela Manners	Cindy Melton
Liz Michael	Dr. Angela Rutherford	Kelly Fuller
Robin Herrington	Donna Loden	Kenny Goza
Brian Pearse		

Members Absent:

Shannon Doughty
Marilyn McMillian
Renee Moore

MDE Personnel:

Daphne Buckley	Beebe Garrard	Gail Gettis
Amy Daniel	Cerissa Neal	Trecina Green
Tracey Miller	Bruce Stirewalt	
Nathan Oakley	Lender Monson	

The meeting was called to order by Pamela Manners, chair. A quorum was announced by Dr. Pamela Manners. The minutes were approved from January 11, 2013 and March 8, 2013. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Doris Perkins and seconded by Brian Pearse. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Liz Michael and seconded by Doris Perkins.

Item 1. MDE Update

Dr. Buckley presented the item. Items will be formatted in a new manner for the Commission. If the Commission has an item that will move forward to the State Board, a proposed board item will be included with the back-up material for the Commission to review with the item to vote on.

Since the last meeting, a new Bureau Director has been appointed for the Office of Educator Licensure. Mrs. Cerissa Neal will be starting 05/06/2013.

Item 2. Approval of 2012 Process and Performance Reviews of Teacher Education Preparation Programs

Gail Gettis presented the item. Ms. Gettis stated that the annual process for performance reviews of the Teacher Education Preparation Program is required to meet ten performance standards. She requested that the program reviews be approved. There were no questions or discussion.

A motion to approve the item was made by Cindy Melton and seconded by Robin Herrington. The motion was approved.

Item 3. Approval of Proposal from William Carey University to Modify the Education Specialist Degree Program to Include a Secondary Education Concentration

Ms. Gettis presented the item, along with Dr. Barry Morris, Dean of Education at William Carey University. All items were reviewed internally and externally and approved to be recommended. Dr. Morris stressed that the key difference between the elementary and secondary courses was the methodology, the types of tools used etc...According to William Carey University, this is a simple change, not requiring any modification in the program requirements. Both elementary and secondary concentrations are satisfied through the candidate's choice of elective courses (12 hours). No other courses will change. A motion to approve this item was made by Brian Pearse and seconded by Marilyn McMillan. The motion was approved. (See attached program.)

Item 4. Approval of Proposal from Mississippi State University for Supplemental Endorsement Program in Career/Technical Education-983 STEM

Ms. Gettis presented the item. She stated that MSU has developed a new 983 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) endorsement within the middle school system for the STEM certification supplemental endorsement. The STEM endorsement allows teaching of science/technology. No questions or discussion. A motion to approve this item was made by Dr. Angela Rutherford and seconded by Doris Perkins. The motion was approved. (See attached program.)

Item 5. Approval of Proposal from Mississippi State University to Accept TKT 4473/6473 as an approved Course for Fulfilling Requirements of an "Online Learning Workshop, Module, or Course," as required by Career/Technical Education Licensure Guidelines

Ms. Gettis presented the item at the previous meeting. These requirements will fill the Methods of Teaching Online requirements for the Career/Technical educator. No discussion or questions. A motion to approve this item was made by Marilyn McMillan and seconded by Donna Loden. The motion was approved. (See attached program.)

Item 6. Approval of New Praxis Core Academic Skills Tests for Educators and Multi-State Recommended Passing Scores

Dr. Buckley presented this item. The CASE (Core Academic Skills for Educators) test is replacing the PPST (Pre-Professional Skills Test). The CASE test begins 9/13; however MDE requested that Educational Testing Services (ETS) extend PPST for one year for MS test takers, and ETS agreed. This request was made, so that test takers who have passed only one or two sub-tests will have until 8/14, to pass the remaining subtest(s). The educator cannot combine parts of the PPST and parts of the CASE to meet certification requirements. Dr. Rutherford was concerned that this extension might be too long a period and felt that other professions would not request such an extension for an expired test. Mr. Pearse asked if Dr. Buckley was aware if any other states requested that ETS extend the PPST testing period.

A motion to approve the CASE test with the recommended passing scores and that during the transition to CASE, the OEL (Office of Educator Licensure) will continue to accept passing

PPST scores from applicants who meet all other licensure qualifications as listed in the Licensure Guidelines K-12 by 8/31/14, was made by made by Liz Michaels and seconded by Doris Perkins. The motion was opposed 6 to 5 and did not carry.

After further discussion, a final motion to approve the CASE test with the recommended passing scores and that during the transition to CASE, the OEL will to continue to accept passing PPST scores from applicants who meet all other licensure qualifications as listed in the Licensure Guidelines K-12 by 12/31/13, was made by Donna Loden and second by Dr. Rutherford. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 7. Approval of Regenerated Praxis Middle School and High School Math and English Tests and Multi-State Recommended Passing Scores

Dr. Buckley presented the item. She referenced the recommended cut scores set by the multistate standard setting panel. The current tests in Math, Middle School Math, English, and Middle School English/Language Arts will be discontinued by ETS, and the newly regenerated tests will be administered September 1, 2013. A motion to approve this item was made by Doris Perkins and seconded by Marilyn McMillan. The motion was approved.

Item 8. Discussion of Proposal from William Carey University to Modify Master of Art in Teaching Program to Include a Special Education Track

Ms. Gettis presented along with Dr. Barry Morris, Dean of Education at William Carey University. William Carey University has 150 students in the MAT program. Currently, the School of Education at WCU offers two tracks in the M.Ed. Art of Teaching: Elementary Education (4-6) and Secondary (7-12). He spoke highly of the Alternate Route programs that offer Special Education. With the State Board of Education's approval of Special Education for all Alternate Route programs, William Carey University proposes to add a third track for Special Education K-12. Ms. Gettis stated that the program will not be in effect until 2014. The proposal will be brought back for approval at the next commission meeting.

Item 9. Discussion of Proposal from Career and Technical Education for approval to Reinstate License Code 340 Electronic Communications Production

Bruce Stirewalt presented the item. The lack of demand resulted in the Electronic Communications course being offered at only one school. The course at the school has been reinstated, on a pilot status. The request is to allow for reinstatement of the 340 Electronic Communications Production endorsements.

Item 10. Report on Changed to MS Code 37-3-2 from the 2013 Legislative Session

Amy Daniel presented the item. Ms. Daniel reviewed the changes made in 37-3-2 (11), which increased reasons why an applicant can be denied, as well as defined the term "guilty plea." Changes to section 37-3-2(12) included increases in why an educator's license can be suspended or revoked, as well as again defining the term "guilty plea." Changes to section 37-3-2 (14) give

the Commission discretion to automatically reinstate a suspended license or to require the educator to petition for a reinstatement hearing.

Item 11. Report on Hearings from April 11, 2013

On April 11, 2013, the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee comprised of Dr. Angela Rutherford, Shannon Doughty, and Doris Perkins conducted the following disciplinary hearings:

1. License No. 252176, issued to Lisa Presley was suspended for one (1) year after the Respondent was found to have violated Section 37-3-2(12) (a) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated as amended, and Standard 10 of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct which requires: *An educator should fulfill all of the terms and obligations in the contract with the local school board or educational agency for the duration of the contract.* On or about February 4, 2013, the Respondent breached her contract or abandoned her employment with the Moss Point School District.
2. License No. 128523, issued to William Franklin, was suspended for one year after the Respondent violated Section 37-3-2(13)(a) of the Mississippi Code, in that the Respondent was dismissed by the Moss Point School District for conviction of indecent exposure.
3. Licensure No. 241814, issued to Hearie Lee, was taken under advisement on April 11, 2013, by the Commission to further review exhibits. The Hearing Subcommittee met further via telephone on April 24, 2013. On that date, License No. **241814** held by Hearie Lee was suspended for one year after the Respondent was found to have violated Section 37-3-2(12)(g) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated as amended, having engaged in unethical conduct relating to an educator/student relationship as identified by the Mississippi Board of Education, in its Rules, Board Policy 1717, Standard 4, which requires: "An Educator should always maintain a professional relationship with all students, both in and outside of the classroom." Specifically, the Respondent admittedly physically tapped or swatted his students with a measuring stick, threatened or attempted to strike a female student with a towel and made comments about a female student's physical appearance.

Mr. Lee and his counsel have since appealed the Commission's decision. We anticipate that the SBE will hear this appeal during the June Board meeting.

4. License No. 250671, issued to Brian Flanner, was suspended in that the respondent was terminated in compliance with Section 37-3-2(13) (a) of the Mississippi Code of 1972. Mr. Flanner was terminated from his employment with the Monroe County School District on November 12, 2012, pursuant to Section 37-9-59 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, for having a sexual relationship with one of his tenth grade female students and failing to be forthright and honest when questioned about the matter.

Item 12. Ratification of Voluntary Surrender

Randy Cuevas, license number 161384, was served a Complaint charging him with a violation of Standard Four of the MS Educator Code of Ethics. Mr. Cuevas has signed a voluntary surrender denying the charge, but agreeing to surrender his license without a hearing, with the understanding that it can only be reinstated by a majority vote of the Commission at a reinstatement hearing. A copy of the surrender was added to your notebooks behind tab eight. The Division of Educator Misconduct requests that the commission ratify this surrender. The motion to ratify the voluntary surrender requirements was made by Doris Perkins and seconded by Dr. Rutherford. The motion was approved.

Item 13. Licensure Update

Dr. Buckley presented the item. Dr. Buckley mentioned State Board policy 1706- rules of procedure governing disciplinary procedure. The changes approved by the State Board in April included that a continuance can be offered to both parties and that witnesses 18 or younger must be accompanied by an adult during the hearing.

Dr. Buckley reminded the Commission that Certification hearings are to be scheduled on a monthly basis. The scheduled board attendees are:

May 21, 2013-Pamela Manners, Kenny Goza, Brian Pearse

June 6, 2013-Kelly Fuller, Pamela Manners, Shannon Doughty

July 11, 2013-Kelly Fuller, Donna Loden, Robin Herrington

Item 14. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Adjourn

On a motion made by Robin Herrington and seconded by Brian Pearse, the meeting was adjourned.