

**Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,  
Certification and Licensure and Development  
South Pointe Business Park Building  
Room 420  
Clinton, MS  
4:30 p.m.  
May 11, 2016**

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(3) and § 25-41-5, the members of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Commission) met at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, in Room 420 of the South Pointe Business Park Building, 500 Clinton Center Drive, Clinton, Mississippi.

**Members Attending:**

Kenny Goza	Rilla Jones	Mary Margaret King
Susan McClelland	Pamela Manners	Cindy Melton
Doris Perkins	Ginger Tedder	

**Members Absent:**

Shannon Doughty	Kelly Fuller	Patrick Gray
Cylesha Hopkins	LaToya Lee	Debra Mays-Jackson

**Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:**

Dr. Paula Vanderford	Rhonda Smith	Brenda Shelby
Crystal Womack	Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General	

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Cindy Melton, chair of the Commission, called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

**II. Establishment of a Quorum**

A roll call was taken as follows:

Shannon Doughty	Absent
Kelly Fuller	Present
Kenny Goza	Present, via teleconference, Birmingham, AL
Patrick Gray	Absent
Cylesha Hopkins	Absent
Rilla Jones	Present, via teleconference, Corinth, MS

Mary Margaret King	Present, via teleconference, New Albany, MS
LaToya Lee	Absent
Susan McClelland	Present, via teleconference, Oxford, MS
Pamela Manners	Present, via teleconference, Jackson, MS
Debra Mays- Jackson	Absent
Cindy Melton	Present, via teleconference, Clinton, MS
Doris Perkins	Present, via teleconference, Mendenhall, MS
Ginger Tedder	Present, via teleconference, Starkville, MS

Dr. Cindy Melton stated that a quorum is present at the locations stated for the purpose of conducting a meeting through teleconference.

### **III. Adoption of Agenda**

On a motion by Ginger Tedder and seconded by Doris Perkins, the Commission unanimously approved the adoption of the agenda.

The votes were as follows:

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza  
Rilla Jones  
Mary Margaret King  
Susan McClelland  
Pamela Manners  
Cindy Melton  
Doris Perkins  
Ginger Tedder

Members Abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent:

Shannon Doughty  
Kelly Fuller  
Patrick Gray  
Cylesha Hopkins  
LaToya Lee  
Debra Mays-Jackson

**IV. Discussion and/or approval of the Office of Elementary Education request for a new Pre-K add-on endorsement for teachers currently licensed to teach Kindergarten**

Dr. Cindy Melton introduced the next item on the agenda, which is the discussion and or the approval from the Office of Elementary Education with the request for a pre-k add-on endorsement for teachers who are currently licensed to teach kindergarten. Dr. Melton asked if there were any questions or discussion in reference to the request. Dr. Jill Dent from the Office of Elementary Education was available for questions and discussion via teleconference. There were no questions by the Commission members. Pamela Manners moved to approve the Office of Elementary education request for a new pre-k add-on endorsement for teachers currently licensed to teach kindergarten. Doris Perkins seconded the motion.

The votes were as follows:

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza  
Rilla Jones  
Mary Margaret King  
Susan McClelland  
Pamela Manners  
Cindy Melton  
Doris Perkins  
Ginger Tedder

Members Abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent:

Shannon Doughty  
Kelly Fuller  
Patrick Gray  
Cylesha Hopkins  
LaToya Lee  
Debra Mays-Jackson

**V. Other Business**

Dr. Cindy Melton asked if there was any other business to be discussed by MDE or the Commission members. Kenny Goza asked Dr. Melton if there will be any additional response to the Clarion Ledger article. Dr. Paula Vanderford stated that Dr. Carey Wright has prepared an editorial that is in response to the meeting on Friday as well as

the article that was published on today. It has been reviewed and edited and will be published as quickly as possible. Dr. Wright is also expecting to address this issue at the State Board meeting the next day under her 'Superintendent Update'.

In addition, Dr. Vanderford added that prior to the article, there were previous dates laid out during the Commission meeting on May 6, 2016, for the hearing dates. The idea was to avoid state board meetings, accreditation meeting dates, and other future dates that were already on the calendar. One of the things that Dr. Vanderford and the Office of Educator Misconduct wanted to do was to allow Commission members the opportunity to select dates more convenient for them since they were not given the time during the last Commission meeting. Another option provided to the Commission members is, there are four (4) attorney generals available who can be paired on a team certain dates available for teachers and administrators and double up in two (2) locations at the same time to further address the backlog of cases.

Dr. Vanderford stated that she wanted to know the Commission members thoughts and she will have Rhonda Smith to follow up in an e-mail with a recap of the date and additional proposed dates.

Dr. Melton stated she thinks that the way they have been doing the hearing dates has been working great for the Commission members. The Commission agreed that it's a matter of finding the time to be available for hearings that is an issue rather than agreeing on a specific date.

Dr. Vanderford also noted that they are working on a special, non-renewable educator license to take to the State Board for approval that might help districts with the shortage of teachers. In response to this, there may be a need for a special-called teleconference meeting before the June Board meeting, but the Commission members will receive advance notice on the meeting.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Dr. Cindy Melton entertained a motion to adjourn. Rilla Jones made a motion and Doris Perkins seconded the motion. The Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

The votes were as followed:

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza

Rilla Jones

Mary Margaret King

Susan McClelland

Pamela Manners

Cindy Melton

Doris Perkins  
Ginger Tedder

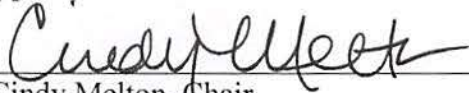
Members Abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent:

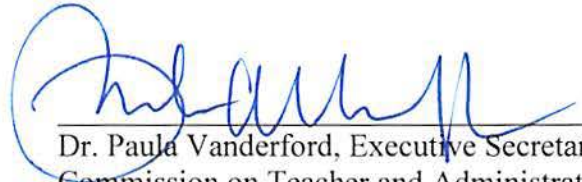
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**Approved:**



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Dr. Cindy Melton, Chair  
Commission on Teacher and Administrator  
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Dr. Paula Vanderford, Executive Secretary  
Commission on Teacher and Administrator  
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