

Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development

Teleconference Meeting Central High School Jackson, MS 4th Floor Boardroom July 12, 2019 10:00 a.m.

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 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 12, 2019 in the 4th Floor Board Room located at Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson. MS.

Members Attending:

Kenny Goza John Howard

Bernell Kelly

Rebecca Skinner-Gray

Mary Hill-Shular

William Hamilton III

Corey Welch

Members Attending via Teleconference:

Patrick Gray

Lisa Reeves-Guice

Rilla Jones

Susan McClelland

Cindy Melton

Members Absent:

Debra Mays-Jackson David Martin Etta Taplin

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:

Dr. Paula Vanderford

Whitney Young

Dr. Debra Burson

Brian McGairty

Dr. Cory Murphy

Kristina Oxendine

Special Assistant Attorney General Attending:

Joseph Runnels

I. Call to Order

Kenny Goza called the meeting to order on Friday, July 12, 2019 at 10:00a.m. The meeting took place in the 4th floor Boardroom at the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

II. Establishment of a Quorum

Cindy Melton Present, via teleconference, Clinton, Mississippi

Susan McClelland Present, via teleconference, Oxford, MS

Rilla Jones Present, via teleconference, Tupelo, Mississippi

John Howard Present, Jackson, Mississippi

Debra Mays-Jackson Absent

Corey Welch
Mary Hill Shular
Kenny Goza
Present, Jackson, Mississippi
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Etta Taplin Absent

Bernell Kelly Present, Jackson, MS

Patrick Gray Present, via teleconference, Hattiesburg, MS
Lisa Reeves-Guice Present, via teleconference, Biloxi, Mississippi

David Martin Absent

Rebecca Skinner-Gray Present, Jackson, MS William Hamilton III Present, Jackson, MS

Kenny Goza announced that a quorum of the Commission existed.

III. Approval of the minutes of the May 3, 2019, Meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development

On a motion by Bernell Kelly, seconded by Mary Hill Shular, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Commission minutes for the May 3, 2019 meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administration Education, Certification and Licensure and Development.

Members voting ave:

Kenny Goza Mary Hill-Shular Rilla Jones
John Howard William Hamilton III Patrick Gray

Bernell Kelly Corey Welch Lisa Reeves-Guice Rebecca Skinner-Gray Cindy Melton Susan McClelland

Member abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent:

Debra Mays-Jackson

David Martin Etta Taplin

IV. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of December 10, 2018 and January 4, 2019

On a motion by John Howard, seconded by Kenny Goza, the Commission voted unanimously voted to approve the Subcommittee minutes for December 10, 2018 and January 4, 2019

Members voting ave:

Kenny Goza

Mary Hill-Shular

Rilla Jones

John Howard

William Hamilton III

Patrick Gray

Bernell Kelly

Corey Welch

Lisa Reeves-Guice

Rebecca Skinner-Gray

Cindy Melton

Susan McClelland

Member abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent:

Debra Mays-Jackson

David Martin Etta Taplin

V. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of March 27, 2019

On a motion by Corey Welch, seconded by Mary Hill Shular, the Commission voted unanimously voted to approve the Subcommittee minutes for March 27, 2019.

Members voting ave:

Kenny Goza

Mary Hill-Shular

Rilla Jones

John Howard

William Hamilton III

Patrick Gray Lisa Reeves-Guice

Bernell Kelly Rebecca Skinner-Gray Corey Welch Cindy Melton

Susan McClelland

Member abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent:

Debra Mays-Jackson David Martin Etta Taplin

VI. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of May 15, 2019

On a motion by John Howard, seconded by Bernell Kelly, the Commission voted unanimously voted to approve the Subcommittee minutes for May 15, 2019.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza

Mary Hill-Shular William Hamilton III Rilla Jones Patrick Grav

John Howard Bernell Kelly

Corey Welch

Lisa Reeves-Guice

Rebecca Skinner-Gray

Cindy Melton

Susan McClelland

Member abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent:

Debra Mays-Jackson David Martin

Etta Taplin

VII. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of June 5, 2019

On a motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by Lisa Reeves-Guice, the Commission voted unanimously voted to approve the Subcommittee minutes for June 5, 2019.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza

Mary Hill-Shular

Rilla Jones

John Howard Bernell Kelly William Hamilton III Corey Welch Patrick Gray Lisa Reeves-Guice

Rebecca Skinner-Gray

Cindy Melton

Susan McClelland

Member abstaining None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent:

Debra Mays-Jackson

David Martin

Etta Taplin

VIII. Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Mary Hill-Shular, seconded by Bernell Kelly, The Commission voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza
John Howard

Mary Hill-Shular William Hamilton III Rilla Jones Patrick Gray

Bernell Kelly Rebecca Skinner-Grav Corey Welch
Cindy Melton

Lisa Reeves-Guice Susan McClelland

Member abstaining: None

Members voting rlay: None

Members absent:
Debra Mays-Jackson
David Martin
Etta Taplin

IX. MDE Updates

Dr. Murphy thanked the Commission members who attended the Licensure Retreat on July 11, 2019.

Dr. Murphy stated that he is open to feedback from the members on how to improve the next Licensure Retreat.

He also stated that the Elevate Teachers Conference took place on July 9-10, which was a success. The purpose was to celebrate and empower teachers who are already in the teaching profession. There were 800+ people in attendance and a lot of feedback was received.

Dr. Bernell Kelly requested that Commission members receive information on upcoming conferences.

X. Discussion and/or approval of ratifications of agreed orders and/or voluntary surrenders (Brian McGairty)

Brian McGairty from the Office of Educator Misconduct requested that the Commission accept and ratify the two (2) agreed orders presented:

The Respondent, Jaclyn Moore, (License #211689) has executed an Agreed Order admitting she violated Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(e) and Standard 9 of the MS Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct. Additionally, Ms. Moore admits that she was terminated by the district for violating

Standard 1.2.b and Standard 9 of the Standards of Conduct and such actions constitute grounds for suspension/revocation of her license pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(13)(a). Upon ratification of this Agreed Order, Ms. Moore's license shall be relinquished, suspended or otherwise surrendered for a minimum of six (6) months from the date of ratification. Ms. Moore shall not apply for reinstatement before the expiration of six (6) months. And prior to petitioning for reinstatement, Ms. Moore shall, at her own expense, complete a minimum 3-hour ethics course. After the expiration of six (6) months from the date of ratification, Ms. Moore may petition for reinstatement of her educator license pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 37-3-2(14)(a) and the Rules of Procedure Governing Disciplinary Proceedings of the Commission and shall provide proof of successful completion of the required course as part of her reinstatement application. The Commission, in its discretion, may reinstate Ms. Moore's educator license only by a majority vote of all members of the Commission present at the meeting called for that purpose upon Ms. Moore's satisfactory showing of evidence of rehabilitation.

The Respondent, Kimberly Richardson, (License # 175864) has executed an Agreed Order admitting she violated Miss. Code Ann 37-3-2(13)(a) and Standard 10 of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct. Additionally, Ms. Richardson was terminated by the Hinds County School District on or about January 9, 2019, based upon the educator's violation of Standard 10 abandonment of employment/neglect of duty. Upon ratification of this agreed order, the Respondent shall immediately be deemed to have surrendered Educator License No. 175864 to teach in the State of Mississippi and all privileges belonging to said license for one (1) calendar year from the date of ratification by the Commission of Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development.

This surrender shall remain in effect for one (1) calendar year and Respondent shall not apply for reinstatement prior to this date. Thereafter, the Respondent may petition for reinstatement of Respondent's educator license and the Office of Educator Misconduct is authorized to reinstate the Respondent's license without further order or action of the Commission.

On a motion by John Howard, seconded by Bernell Kelly the Commission voted unanimously to approve ratifications of agreed orders and/or voluntary surrenders.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza Mary Hill-Shular
John Howard William Hamilton III
Bernell Kelly Corey Welch

Corey Welch Lisa Reeves-Guice Cindy Melton Susan McClelland

Rilla Jones

Patrick Gray

Member abstaining: None

Rebecca Skinner-Gray

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Debra Mays-Jackson David Martin Etta Taplin

XI. Other Business

Kenny acknowledged that Dr. Cindy Melton joined the meeting.

Mr. McGairty stated that the Educator Misconduct hearings are scheduled and covered until the end of September.

XII. Adjournment

On a motion by William Hamilton, seconded by Mary Hill-Shular the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the Commission meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza

John Howard

Bernell Kelly Rebecca Skinner-Gray Mary Hill-Shular

William Hamilton III Corey Welch

Cindy Melton

Rilla Jones

Patrick Gray Lisa Reeves-Guice Susan McClelland

Member abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Debra Mays-Jackson David Martin Etta Taplin

Approved:

Kenny Goza, Chair

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Development

Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development