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, March 6, 2020 in the 4th Floor Board Room located at Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS.

Members Attending in the 4th Floor Boardroom located at MDE Central High School:

Kenny Goza     David Martin     Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson
Lisa Reeves-Guice   Corey Welch

Members Attending via Teleconference:

William Hamilton    Mary-Hill Shular     John Howard
Rilla Jones     Dr. Bernell Kelly     Dr. Susan McClelland
Dr. Cindy Melton     Etta Taplin

Members Absent:

Dr. Patrick Gray     Rebecca Skinner-Gray

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:

Dr. Debra Burson     Regina Chatman     Wendy Clemons
Krystal Cormack     Brian McGairty     Mary-Catherine McGregor
Dr. Cory Murphy     Kristina Oxendine     Debbie Stoulig

Special Assistant Attorney General Attending:

Joseph Runnels

I.   Call to Order
Kenny Goza called the meeting to order on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.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

Kenny Goza Present, Jackson, MS  
Dr. Patrick Gray Absent  
Rebecca Skinner-Gray Absent  
William Hamilton Present, via teleconference, Oxford, MS  
Mary Hill-Shular Present, via teleconference, Meridian, MS  
John Howard Present, via teleconference, Clarksdale, MS  
Rilla Jones Present, via teleconference, Tupelo, MS  
Dr. Bernell Kelly Present, via teleconference, Gulfport, MS  
David Martin Present, Jackson, MS  
Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Present, Jackson, MS  
Dr. Susan McClelland Present, via teleconference, Oxford, MS  
Dr. Cindy Melton Present, via teleconference, Clinton, MS  
Lisa Reeves-Guice Present, Jackson, MS  
Etta Taplin Present, via teleconference, Ruth, MS  
Corey Welch Present, Jackson, MS

Kenny Goza announced that a quorum of the Commission existed.

III. Approval of the minutes of the January 10, 2020 Meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development

On a motion by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, seconded by David Martin, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Commission minutes for the January 10, 2020 meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza William Hamilton Mary Hill-Shular  
John Howard Rilla Jones Dr. Bernell Kelly  
David Martin Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Dr. Susan McClelland  
Dr. Cindy Melton Lisa Reeves-Guice Etta Taplin  
Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rebecca Skinner-Gray

IV. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of January 8, 2020

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by William Hamilton, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the subcommittee minutes for January 8, 2020, 2019.
Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza    William Hamilton    Mary Hill-Shular
John Howard    Rilla Jones        Dr. Bernell Kelly
David Martin   Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson    Dr. Susan McClelland
Dr. Cindy Melton    Lisa Reeves-Guice    Etta Taplin
Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rebecca Skinner-Gray

V.  Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of January 10, 2020

On a motion by Dr. Susan McClelland, seconded by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the subcommittee minutes for January 10, 2020.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza    William Hamilton    Mary Hill-Shular
John Howard    Rilla Jones        Dr. Bernell Kelly
David Martin   Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson    Dr. Susan McClelland
Dr. Cindy Melton    Lisa Reeves-Guice    Etta Taplin
Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rebecca Skinner-Gray

VI.  Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by David Martin, seconded by Rilla Jones the Commission voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza    William Hamilton    Mary Hill-Shular
John Howard    Rilla Jones        Dr. Bernell Kelly
David Martin   Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson    Dr. Susan McClelland
Dr. Cindy Melton    Lisa Reeves-Guice    Etta Taplin
Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rebecca Skinner-Gray
VII. Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Updates (Dr. Debra Burson and Dr. Cory Murphy)

Dr. Burson reported that on 02/13/2020 MDE engaged with SREB (the Southern Region Education Board), which consists of 16 Southern States and was formed with the purpose to advance the knowledge and improve the social and economic levels of the Southern Region.

In 2016-2017 SREB convened a group of policy makers from State education agencies, Educator Preparation Programs, and local education agencies to delve into all aspects of educator preparation which resulted in the 2018 teacher prep report “State Policies to Improve Teacher Preparation”. This report identified four areas needing improvement:

High Quality Clinical Experiences;
Data Systems and Accountability;
Partnerships; and
Revised Licensure Guidelines

Based on this report, our governor convened a roundtable to be facilitated by SREB over the next yea consisting of people from across the state including superintendents, teachers, college and university presidents and deans, MDE staff, IHL and community college staff, non-profit agencies and other state agencies. The roundtable has been charged with:

Increasing the effectiveness and quantity of teachers in MS, specifically looking at increasing the number of diverse teachers; and

Analyzing how MS attracts, prepares, licenses, hires, supports, and retains teachers.

Dr. Murphy announced that Mr. Brian McGairty has been appointed as the new director of Safe and Orderly Schools and thanked him for his service thus far and his continued support in the future.

VIII. Discussion and/or Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7 – 4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to modify the licensure requirements for obtaining and maintaining an Advanced Placement (AP) supplemental endorsement that is added to a valid standard five-year Mississippi teacher license to teach Advanced Placement courses.
(Ms. Wendy Clemons)

On a motion by David Martin, seconded by Dr. Cindy Melton, the Commission voted unanimously to approve beginning the Administrative Procedures Act Process to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7 – 4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to modify the licensure requirements for obtaining and maintaining an Advanced Placement (AP) supplemental endorsement that is added to a valid standard five-year Mississippi teacher license to teach Advanced Placement courses.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza          William Hamilton         Mary Hill-Shular
John Howard         Rilla Jones               Dr. Bernell Kelly
David Martin        Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson     Dr. Susan McClelland
Dr. Cindy Melton               Lisa Reeves-Guice               Etta Taplin
Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None
Members voting nay: None
Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rebecca Skinner-Gray

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

Mr. Brian McGairty announced that there were no agreed orders or voluntary surrenders to report to the Licensure Commission at this time.

X. Other Business

1. 2020 Licensure Commission Retreat: scheduled for September 10, 2020, selected by majority

    Kenny Goza announced that the details on the location of the Licensure Commission Retreat will be sent to Commission members at a future date

XIII. Adjournment

On a motion by David Martin, seconded by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Members voting aye:
Kenny Goza               William Hamilton               Mary Hill-Shular
John Howard             Rilla Jones               Dr. Bernell Kelly
David Martin            Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson     Dr. Susan McClelland
Dr. Cindy Melton        Lisa Reeves-Guice               Etta Taplin
Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None
Members voting nay: None
Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rebecca Skinner-Gray

Approved:

Kenny Goza, Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

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