

#### Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development Teleconference Meeting May 1, 2020 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, May 1, 2020 via teleconference.

#### Members Attending via Teleconference:

Kenny Goza	William Hamilton	Mary-Hill Shular	
John Howard	Dr. Bernell Kelly	Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson	
Dr. Susan McClelland	Dr. Cindy Melton	Lisa Reeves-Guice	
Rebecca Skinner-Gray	Etta Taplin	Corey Welch	
Members Absent:			
Dr. Patrick Gray	Rilla Jones	David Martin	
Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending via Teleconference:			
Dr. Debra Burson Mary-Catherine McGregor	Wendy Clemons Dr. Cory Murphy	Brian McGairty	

#### Special Assistant Attorney General Attending via Teleconference:

Joseph Runnels

#### I. Call to Order

Kenny Goza called the meeting to order on Friday, May 1, 2020 at 10:08 a.m. The meeting took via teleconference.

#### II. Establishment of a Quorum

Kenny Goza	Present, via teleconference, Wesson, MS
Dr. Patrick Gray	Absent
William Hamilton	Present, via teleconference, Oxford, MS
Mary Hill-Shular	Present, via teleconference, Bailey, MS
John Howard	Present, via teleconference, Clarksdale, MS
Rilla Jones	Absent
Dr. Bernell Kelly	Present, via teleconference, Gulfport, MS

David Martin	Absent
Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson	Present, via teleconference, Terry, MS
Dr. Susan McClelland	Present, via teleconference, Oxford, MS
Dr. Cindy Melton	Present, via teleconference, Jackson, MS
Lisa Reeves-Guice	Present, via teleconference, Biloxi, MS
Rebecca Skinner-Gray	Present, via teleconference, Iuka, MS
Etta Taplin	Present, via teleconference, Ruth, MS
Corey Welch	Present, via teleconference, Frisco, TX

Kenny Goza announced that a quorum of the Commission existed.

### III. Approval of the minutes of the March 6, 2020 Meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Commission minutes for the March 6, 2020 meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza	William Hamilton
John Howard	Dr. Bernell Kelly
Dr. Susan McClelland	Dr. Cindy Melton
Rebecca Skinner-Gray	Etta Taplin

Mary Hill-Shular Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Lisa Reeves-Guice Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

#### IV. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of March 4, 2020

On a motion by Dr. Cindy Melton, seconded by Dr. Bernell Kelly, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the subcommittee minutes for March 4, 2020.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza	William Hamilton
John Howard	Dr. Bernell Kelly
Dr. Susan McClelland	Dr. Cindy Melton
Rebecca Skinner-Gray	Etta Taplin

Mary Hill-Shular Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Lisa Reeves-Guice Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

#### V. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of April 1, 2020

On a motion by Dr. Cindy Melton, seconded by Lisa Reeves-Guice, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the subcommittee minutes for January 10, 2020.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza	William Hamilton
John Howard	Dr. Bernell Kelly
Dr. Susan McClelland	Dr. Cindy Melton
Rebecca Skinner-Gray	Etta Taplin

Mary Hill-Shular Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Lisa Reeves-Guice Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

#### VI. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by John Howard the Commission voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza	William Hamilton
John Howard	Dr. Bernell Kelly
Dr. Susan McClelland	Dr. Cindy Melton
Rebecca Skinner-Gray	Etta Taplin

Mary Hill-Shular Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Lisa Reeves-Guice Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

#### VII. Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Updates (Dr. Cory Murphy)

Dr. Murphy reported temporary changes that were approved by the State Board of Education. There are five rule or policy suspensions enacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic related to licensure, three of which are related to testing, one related to license renewal, and the other related to student teaching.

Dr. Murphy stated that, due to test centers across the nation being closed, the Board voted to suspend testing through December 31, 2021. This will apply to the testing required for gaining entry into a Teacher Preparation education program (for traditional route applicants and non-traditional route applicants) and will include the Praxis Core (reading, writing, and mathematics assessment), the ACT or SAT. This applies also to licensure assessments for all license types (for traditional route applicants and non-traditional route applicants) as well as for testing requirements to obtain a full license through the reciprocity process.

Dr. Murphy reported that, due to not being able to guarantee that all educators have equitable access to Professional Learning opportunities at this time, the Board voted to extend all licenses that will expire on 06/30/2020 for one year. Educators can apply for an extension until

06/30/2021. For Local District Requested Licenses (which include special non-renewable licenses, emergency certificates for educators teaching out of field, expert citizen licenses, and the provisional Career and Technical Education (CTE) license) the request for an extension has to be initiated by the District.

Dr. Murphy stated that Licensure has a policy that prospective educators must complete 12 weeks (60 days) of full-time student teaching, which was interrupted by the closure of schools in the Spring 2020 semester. The Board has voted to allow licensure of those students who were unable to complete their student teaching in a traditional face-to-face setting upon recommendation.

VIII. Discussion and/or Approval to revise Career Pathway licensure option 971 Teacher Academy; to revise Career and Technical Education supplemental licensure options, 309 Special Populations; and 917 Career Pathway Experience; to establish one new Career Pathway in the endorsement area of Shipbuilding; and to establish one new Computer endorsement in the area of Exploring Computer Science. (Ms. Wendy Clemons)

On a motion by William Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revision of Career Pathway licensure option 971 Teacher Academy; the revision of Career and Technical Education supplemental licensure options, 309 Special Populations; and 917 Career Pathway Experience; establishing one new Career Pathway in the endorsement area of Shipbuilding; and establishing one new Computer endorsement in the area of Exploring Computer Science.

Members voting aye:

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

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

## IX. Discussion and/or approval of Blue Mountain College's request to implement an eighteen-hour Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) leading to a supplemental teaching endorsement in ESL (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by Dr. Susan McClelland, seconded by Mary Hill-Shular, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Blue Mountain College's request to implement an eighteen-hour Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) leading to a supplemental teaching endorsement in ESL.

Members voting aye:

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

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

X. Discussion and/or approval of Delta State University's request to modify its existing Master of Education in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) by decreasing the program hours required from thirty-three (33) course credit hours to thirty (30) course credit hours. Modify program delivery to online. (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by William Hamilton, seconded by John Howard, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Delta State University's request to modify its existing Master of Education in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) by decreasing the program hours required from thirty-three (33) course credit hours to thirty (30) course credit hours; and Modify program delivery to online.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza	William Hamilton
John Howard	Dr. Bernell Kelly
Dr. Susan McClelland	Dr. Cindy Melton
Rebecca Skinner-Gray	Etta Taplin

Mary Hill-Shular Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Lisa Reeves-Guice Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

# XI. Discussion and/or approval of Delta State University's request to modify and remove courses its existing Math Education program by adding three (3) new courses and deleting First Aid and CPR (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by William Hamilton, seconded by John Howard, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Delta State University's request to modify and remove courses its existing Math Education program by adding three (3) new courses and deleting First Aid and CPR.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza	William Hamilton	Mary Hill-Shular
John Howard	Dr. Bernell Kelly	Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson

Dr. Susan McClelland Rebecca Skinner-Gray Dr. Cindy Melton Etta Taplin Lisa Reeves-Guice Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

#### XII. Discussion and/or approval of Jackson State University's request to modify its existing Elementary Education Program K-6 and K-3 by making curriculum changes (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by Dr. Bernell Kelly, seconded by Dr. Susan McClelland, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Jackson State University's request to modify its existing Elementary Education Program K-6 and K-3 by making curriculum changes.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza
John Howard
Dr. Susan McClelland
Rebecca Skinner-Gray

William Hamilton Dr. Bernell Kelly Dr. Cindy Melton Etta Taplin Mary Hill-Shular Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Lisa Reeves-Guice Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

# XIII. Discussion and/or approval of Mississippi State University's request to modify its existing approved supplemental endorsement for Emotional/Behavioral Disorders by reducing the number of required hours (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by Lisa Reeves-Guice, seconded by Dr. Bernell Kelly, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Mississippi State University's request to modify its existing approved supplemental endorsement for Emotional/Behavioral Disorders by reducing the number of required hours.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza
John Howard
Dr. Susan McClelland
Rebecca Skinner-Gray

William Hamilton Dr. Bernell Kelly Dr. Cindy Melton Etta Taplin Mary Hill-Shular Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Lisa Reeves-Guice Corey Welch Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

#### XIV. Discussion and/or approval of Mississippi State University's request to modify its existing MATS (Master of Arts in Teaching) program by deleting content hours as an admission requirement and replacing EPY 8473 Middle Level Assessment and Evaluation with EDS 6403 Evaluation of Learning in Secondary Schools (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by Lisa Reeves-Guice, seconded by Dr. Bernell Kelly, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Mississippi State University's request to modify its existing MATS (Master of Arts in Teaching) program by deleting content hours as an admission requirement and replacing EPY 8473 Middle Level Assessment and Evaluation with EDS 6403 Evaluation of Learning in Secondary Schools.

Members voting aye:

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

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

## XV. Discussion and/or approval of Mississippi State University's College of Human Sciences request to implement a new program by adding a Master of Science Degree in Early Intervention (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by John Howard, seconded by Etta Taplin, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Mississippi State University's College of Human Sciences request to implement a new program by adding a Master of Science Degree in Early Intervention.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza John Howard Dr. Susan McClelland Rebecca Skinner-Gray William Hamilton Dr. Bernell Kelly Dr. Cindy Melton Etta Taplin Mary Hill-Shular Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Lisa Reeves-Guice Corey Welch Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

# XVI. Discussion and/or approval of the University of Mississippi's request to implement a new program by adding a Bachelor of Arts in Education Degree in Health and Physical Education (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by Corey Welch, seconded by Rebecca Skinner-Gray, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the University of Mississippi's request to implement a new program by adding a Bachelor of Arts in Education Degree in Health and Physical Education.

Members voting aye:

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

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

# XVII. Discussion and/or approval of University of Mississippi's request to implement a new program by adding a Bachelor of Arts in Education Degree in Early Childhood leading to license (153) with a supplemental endorsement in early childhood education (B-K) license (211) (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by Corey Welch, seconded by Rebecca Skinner-Gray, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the University of Mississippi's request to implement a new program by adding a Bachelor of Arts in Education Degree in Early Childhood leading to license (153) with a supplemental endorsement in early childhood education (B-K) license (211).

Members voting aye:

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

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

#### XVIII. Discussion and/or approval of University of Southern Mississippi's request to modify its existing Kinesiology program (Physical Education Licensure) by removing KIN 471 Physiological Principles of Resistance Training, remove KIN 306 Sport Pedagogy, add KIN 430L Quantitative Biomechanics Lab, and reduce degree plan overall hours (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by William Hamilton, seconded by John Howard, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the University of Southern Mississippi's request to modify its existing Kinesiology program (Physical Education Licensure) by removing KIN 471 Physiological Principles of Resistance Training, remove KIN 306 Sport Pedagogy, add KIN 430L Quantitative Biomechanics Lab, and reduce degree plan overall hours.

Members voting aye:

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

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

## XIX. Discussion and/or approval of William Carey University's request to add a Pre-K-K twelve (12) hour endorsement to Elementary Education K-6 and Pre-K teacher assistants for Early Childhood certification (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, seconded by Lisa Reeves-Guice, the Commission voted unanimously to approve William Carey University's request to add a Pre-K-K twelve (12) hour endorsement to Elementary Education K-6 and Pre-K teacher assistants for Early Childhood certification.

Members voting aye:

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

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

# XX. Discussion and/or approval of William Carey University's request to modify its existing Doctor of Education program by adding an optional concentration area for candidates seeking initial administrator certification (Dr. Debra Burson

On a motion by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, seconded by Lisa Reeves-Guice, the Commission voted unanimously to approve William Carey University's request to modify its existing Doctor of Education program by adding an optional concentration area for candidates seeking initial administrator certification.

Members voting aye:

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

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

XXI. Discussion and/or approval of William Carey University's request to modify the Athletic Administration (IAA) Master of Education program by making course revisions, adding two (2) courses, RSH 702 APA Style for Professional Writing and Educational Unit Self Study, and replacing one (1) course EDL 701 Advance Educational Leadership Model with EDL 697 Instructional Leadership for a total of thirty-nine (39) semester hours leading to an Athletic Administration Specialist degree. (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, seconded by Lisa Reeves-Guice, the Commission voted unanimously to approve William Carey University's request to modify the Athletic Administration (IAA) Master of Education program by making course revisions, adding two (2) courses, RSH 702 APA Style for Professional Writing and Educational Unit Self Study, and replacing one (1) course EDL 701 Advance Educational Leadership Model with EDL 697 Instructional Leadership for a total of thirty-nine (39) semester hours leading to an Athletic Administration Specialist degree.

Members voting aye:

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

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

#### XXII. Discussion and/or approval of William Carey University's request to modify its existing Specialist in Instructional Leadership Program by seeking a supplemental endorsement for teacher leaders, instructional coaches, and/or lead teachers (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, seconded by Lisa Reeves-Guice, the Commission voted unanimously to approve William Carey University's request to modify its existing Specialist in Instructional Leadership Program by seeking a supplemental endorsement for teacher leaders, instructional coaches, and/or lead teachers.

Members voting aye:

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

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

## XXIII. Discussion and/or approval of William Carey University's request to implement an initial licensure program for a Specialist Degree in Dyslexia Therapy (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, seconded by Lisa Reeves-Guice, the Commission voted unanimously to approve William Carey University's request to implement an initial licensure program for a Specialist Degree in Dyslexia Therapy.

Members voting aye:

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

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

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

Mr. Brian McGairty announced that there were three requests for continuance for the Commission's consideration.

The first request is **pertaining to educator, Darcel Gardner educator license #237722.** Ms. Gardner was originally scheduled for a reinstatement hearing on August 21, 2019, which was continued to December 11, 2019, at Ms. Gardner's request; however, on the day of the December 11<sup>th</sup> hearing, the subcommittee granted a continuance for this matter to February 5, 2020, due to the inclement weather. On February 5, 2020, the Office of Educator Misconduct requested a continuance due to illness of the prosecutor, and the case was continued to April 1, 2020. On April 1, 2020, the matter was presented to the subcommittee and continued to May 1, 2020, due to COVID-19 and the temporary closure of MDE. As there are still concerns related to COVID-19, the Office of Educator Misconduct is requesting this matter be rescheduled to June 3, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

The second request is pertaining to educator, Kristen Wheat, **educator License No. 163848.** Ms. Wheat was originally scheduled for a reinstatement hearing on April 1, 2020, but was continued to May 1, 2020, due to COVID-19 and the temporary closure of MDE. As there are still concerns related to COVID-19, the Office of Educator Misconduct is requesting this matter be rescheduled to June 3, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.

The third request is pertaining to educator, **Shanta Scurlark-Haywood, educator License No. 187154.** The hearing had previously been continued from February 12, 2020, to April 8, 2020, at the request of the Respondent and was continued from April 8, 2020, to May 20, 2020, due to COVID-19 and the temporary closure of MDE As there are still concerns related to COVID-19, the Office of Educator Misconduct is requesting this matter be rescheduled to June 16, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

On a motion by Mary Hill-Shular, seconded by Dr. Cindy Melton, the Commission voted unanimously to grant the requests for continuance presented by Educator Misconduct.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza	
John Howard	
Dr. Susan McClelland	
Rebecca Skinner-Gray	

William Hamilton Dr. Bernell Kelly Dr. Cindy Melton Etta Taplin Mary Hill-Shular Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Lisa Reeves-Guice Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Dr. Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, David Martin

#### XXV. Other Business

There was not additional business to be discussed.

#### XXVI. Adjournment

On a motion by William Hamilton, seconded by John Howard, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Members voting aye:

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

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

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

#### **Approved:**

Kenny Goza, Chaik 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