Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development
Teleconference Meeting
January 8, 2021
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, January 8, 2021 via teleconference.

Members Attending via Teleconference:

James Creel          William Hamilton          John Howard
Kim Hubbard          Rilla Jones             Dr. Bernel Kelly
David Martin         Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson    Dr. Susan McClelland
Lisa Reeves-Guice    Rebecca Skinner-Gray    Etta Taplin

Members Absent:

Mary Hill-Taylor

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending via Teleconference:

Dr. Aimee Brown      Dr. Debra Burson      Wendy Clemons
Erica Coleman        Tonya Gipson         Brian McGairty
Mary-Catherine McGregor Dr. Cory Murphy     Debra Stoulig
Dr. Paula Vanderford Dr. Courtney Van Cleve

Special Assistant Attorney General Attending via Teleconference:

Erin Meyer

I. Call to Order

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson called the meeting to order on Friday, January 8, 2021 at 10:01 a.m. The meeting took via teleconference.

II. Establishment of a Quorum
James Creel Present, via teleconference, Brookhaven, MS
William Hamilton Present, via teleconference, Oxford, MS
Mary Hill-Taylor Absent
John Howard Present, via teleconference, Clarksdale, MS
Kim Hubbard Present, via teleconference, Brandon, MS
Rilla Jones Present, via teleconference, Tupelo, MS
Dr. Bernell Kelly Present, via teleconference, Gulfport, MS
David Martin Present, via teleconference, Brookhaven, MS
Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Present, via teleconference, Jackson, MS
Dr. Susan McClelland Present, via teleconference, Oxford, MS
Lisa Reeves-Guice Present, via teleconference, Biloxi, MS
Rebecca Skinner-Gray Present, via teleconference, Iuka, MS
Etta Taplin Present, via teleconference, Ruth, MS

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson announced that a quorum of the Commission existed.

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

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by David Martin, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Commission minutes for the November 6, 2020 meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development.

Members voting aye:

James Creel William Hamilton John Howard
Kim Hubbard Rilla Jones Dr. Bernell Kelly
David Martin Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Dr. Susan McClelland
Lisa Reeves-Guice Rebecca Skinner-Gray Etta Taplin

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Mary Hill-Taylor

IV. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of November 6, 2020

On a motion by Lisa Reeves-Guice, seconded by Rebecca Skinner-Gray, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the hearing subcommittee minutes of November 6, 2020.

Members voting aye:
James Creel        William Hamilton        John Howard
Kim Hubbard        Rilla Jones           Dr. Bernel Kelly
David Martin       Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Dr. Susan McClelland
Lisa Reeves-Guice  Rebecca Skinner-Gray Etta Taplin

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Mary Hill-Taylor

V. Approval of hearing subcommittee minutes of November 17, 2020

On a motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by Etta Taplin, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the hearing subcommittee minutes of November 17, 2020.

Members voting aye:

James Creel        William Hamilton        John Howard
Kim Hubbard        Rilla Jones           Dr. Bernel Kelly
David Martin       Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Dr. Susan McClelland
Lisa Reeves-Guice  Rebecca Skinner-Gray Etta Taplin

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Mary Hill-Taylor

VI. Approval of hearing subcommittee minutes of December 2, 2020

On a motion by Dr. Bernel Kelly, seconded by William Hamilton, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the hearing subcommittee minutes of December 2, 2020.

Members voting aye:

James Creel        William Hamilton        John Howard
Kim Hubbard        Rilla Jones           Dr. Bernel Kelly
David Martin       Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Dr. Susan McClelland
Lisa Reeves-Guice  Rebecca Skinner-Gray Etta Taplin

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None
Members absent: Mary Hill-Taylor

VII. Approval of hearing subcommittee minutes of December 9, 2020

On a motion by David Martin, seconded by Dr. Susan McClelland, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the hearing subcommittee minutes of December 9, 2020.

Members voting aye:

James Creel       William Hamilton       John Howard
Kim Hubbard       Rilla Jones           Dr. Bernell Kelly
David Martin      Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Dr. Susan McClelland
Lisa Reeves-Guice Rebecca Skinner-Gray Etta Taplin

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Mary Hill-Taylor

VIII. Adoption of Agenda

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

Members voting aye:

James Creel       William Hamilton       John Howard
Kim Hubbard       Rilla Jones           Dr. Bernell Kelly
David Martin      Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Dr. Susan McClelland
Lisa Reeves-Guice Rebecca Skinner-Gray Etta Taplin

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Mary Hill-Taylor

IX. Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Updates (Dr. Cory Murphy)
Dr. Cory Murphy welcomed the newest members of the Licensure Commission: Kim Hubbard, serving in the position of teacher from District 2 and James Creel, serving in the position of layperson from District 3. He also welcomed back the re-appointed members of the Licensure Commission, Rebecca Skinner-Gray, John Howard, and Mary Hill-Taylor. He reported that there are two additional positions that are needing to be filled and announced that there would be a virtual orientation once those appointments were made.

X. Discussion and/or approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process to establish the 2021 Mississippi Educator Preparation Provider Process and Performance Guidelines (Dr. Debra Burson)

On a motion by John Howard, seconded by Dr. Susan McClelland, the Commission voted unanimously to approve beginning the Administrative Procedures Act Process to establish the 2021 Mississippi Educator Preparation Provider Process and Performance Guidelines.

Members voting aye:

James Creel  William Hamilton  John Howard
Kim Hubbard  Rilla Jones  Dr. Bernell Kelly
David Martin  Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson  Dr. Susan McClelland
Lisa Reeves-Guice  Rebecca Skinner-Gray  Etta Taplin

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Mary Hill-Taylor

XI. Discussion and/or approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise licensure guidelines for certain Career and Technical Education Career Pathways; to revise Career and Technical Education 309 Special Populations supplemental endorsement licensure guidelines; to establish one new Career Pathway in the endorsement area of Advanced Manufacturing (Ms. Wendy Clemons)

On a motion by David Martin, seconded by Etta Taplin, the Commission voted unanimously to approve beginning the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise licensure guidelines for certain Career and Technical Education Career Pathways; to revise Career and Technical Education 309 Special Populations supplemental endorsement licensure guidelines; to establish one new Career Pathway in the endorsement area of Advanced Manufacturing.

Members voting aye:
Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Mary Hill-Taylor

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

Thomas Ward, educator license #192846, has executed an Agreed Order acknowledging that he violated 37-3-2 (12)(f) and 13(a) and Standard 1, 3, and 4 of the MS Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct, on or about November 20, 2020, while holding a position as an educator with the Hinds County School District and that such action constitutes grounds for suspension of a teacher or administrator license pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(f). The Agreed Order is in effect for one calendar year from the date of ratification by the Commission of Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development after which time he 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. The Office of Educator Misconduct is authorized to reinstate her license without further action of the Commission.

On a motion by David Martin, seconded by Rilla Jones, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the agreed order and/or voluntary surrender.

Members voting aye:

James Creel      William Hamilton      John Howard
Kim Hubbard      Rilla Jones          Dr. Bernell Kelly
David Martin     Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Dr. Susan McClelland
Lisa Reeves-Guice Rebecca Skinner-Gray Etta Taplin

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None
Members absent: Mary Hill-Taylor

XIII. Other Business

There was no additional business to be discussed.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by John Howard, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:42 AM.

Members voting aye:

James Creel  
Kim Hubbard  
David Martin  
Lisa Reeves-Guice  
William Hamilton  
Rilla Jones  
Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson  
Rebecca Skinner-Gray  
John Howard  
Dr. Bernel Kelly  
Dr. Susan McClelland  
Etta Taplin

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Mary Hill-Taylor

Approved:

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, 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