

Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development Teleconference Meeting March 5, 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, March 5, 2021 via teleconference.

Members Attending via Teleconference:

James Creel

William Hamilton

Mary Hill-Taylor

Kim Hubbard

Rilla Jones

Dr. Bernell Kelly

David Martin

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson

Dr. Susan McClelland

Lisa Reeves-Guice

Etta Taplin

Members Absent:

John Howard

Rebecca Skinner-Gray

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

Dr. Debra Burson

Erica Coleman

Brian McGairty

Mary-Catherine McGregor

Dr. Cindy Melton

Dr. Cory Murphy

Dr. Paula Vanderford

Special Assistant Attorney General Attending via Teleconference:

Erin Meyer

I. Call to Order

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson called the meeting to order on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 10:02 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

Present, via teleconference, Collinsville, MS

John Howard

Absent

Kim Hubbard Present, via teleconference, Jackson, 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 Absent

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 January 8, 2021 Meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by Dr. Bernell Kelly, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Commission minutes for the January 8, 2021 meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development.

Members voting aye:

James CreelWilliam HamiltonMary Hill-TaylorKim HubbardRilla JonesDr. Bernell KellyDavid MartinDr. Debra Mays-JacksonDr. Susan McClelland

Lisa Reeves-Guice Etta Taplin

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: John Howard Rebecca Skinner-Gray

IV. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of February 11, 2021

On a motion by Etta Taplin seconded by Kim Hubbard, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the hearing subcommittee minutes of February 11, 2021.

Members voting aye:

James CreelWilliam HamiltonMary Hill-TaylorKim HubbardRilla JonesDr. Bernell KellyDavid MartinDr. Debra Mays-JacksonDr. Susan McClelland

Lisa Reeves-Guice

Etta Taplin

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent:

John Howard

Rebecca Skinner-Gray

V. Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Mary Hill-Taylor, seconded Lisa Reeves-Guice, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda.

Members voting aye:

James Creel

William Hamilton

Mary Hill-Taylor

Kim Hubbard

Rilla Jones

Dr. Bernell Kelly

David Martin

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson

Dr. Susan McClelland

Lisa Reeves-Guice

Etta Taplin

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent:

John Howard

Rebecca Skinner-Gray

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

Dr. Cory Murphy reported that the State Board of Education approved a one-year licensure extension for all educator, administrator, and instructional support licenses that were scheduled to expire on 06/30/2021.

Dr. Cory Murphy informed the Commission members that he would be reaching out to find volunteers to serve on an Ad Hoc subcommittee to set scores and adopt assessments that ETS has revised and renewed. The tests that will be reviewed in the subcommittee meeting are: Audiology, Mathematics (secondary), Mathematics (middle school) and Science (middle school).

VII. Mississippi Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE) Updates (Dr. Cindy Melton)

Dr. Cindy Melton began by introducing MACTE for new Commission members, explaining that it is a statewide organization consisting of a Dean and a representative from each College and University in Mississippi with an Educator Preparation Program.

Dr. Cindy Melton reported that in December 2020, the Deans met with Senator Blunt and a working group who are interested in providing some funding and scholarships. MACTE previously had a number of scholarships for those who were interested in going into teaching directly from college into a classroom in Mississippi, specifically the William Winter Scholarship and Critical Needs Scholarships. There has been no funding for those scholarships for the past several years.

Dr. Cindy Melton reported that in January 2021, MACTE came together to write a position statement to encourage the continued funding of the NSPARC Statewide Impact Report Cards. NSPRAC (National Strategic Planning and Analysis Research Center) has provided through Mississippi Life Tracks the Statewide Impact Report Card to all of our universities for the past few years. The report card contains data and information that is required for submission for state and national accreditation reports.

Dr. Cindy Melton reported that in February 2021, MACTE had a joint meeting with MDE and IHL to discuss the concerns from some universities related to changes in the Process and Performance Review.

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

There were no agreed orders or voluntary surrenders to review.

IX. Other Business

The Virtual Retreat for the Licensure Commission will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 from 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

On a motion by James Creel, seconded by Kim Hubbard, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the date for the Virtual Retreat.

Members voting aye:

James Creel
Kim Hubbard
David Martin

William Hamilton Rilla Jones

Etta Taplin

Mary Hill-Taylor
Dr. Bernell Kelly

Lisa Reeves-Guice

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson

Dr. Susan McClelland

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent:

John Howard

Rebecca Skinner-Gray

X. Adjournment

On a motion by David Martin, seconded by James Creel, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:24 AM.

Members voting aye:

James Creel

William Hamilton

Mary Hill-Taylor

Kim Hubbard

Rilla Jones

Dr. Bernell Kelly

David Martin

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson

Dr. Susan McClelland

Lisa Reeves-Guice

Etta Taplin

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent:

John Howard

Rebecca Skinner-Gray

Approved:

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson (Cha)r

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