

Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,
Certification and Licensure and Development
4th Floor Board Room, Central High School
359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201
February 11, 2021

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-3-2(10) and 25-41-5, a subcommittee of the members of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (“Commission”) met at 9:00 a.m. on February 11, 2021, in Senator Grey Farris Board Room on the 4th Floor, Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Debra Mays-Jackson¹, Etta Taplin, and Kim Hubbard
Commission Counsel: Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General

OEM Counsel: David Minton, Special Assistant Attorney General

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:
Brian McGairty, Director for Office of Educator Misconduct (OEM)
Kristina Oxendine, Administrative Assistant Office of Educator Misconduct

Matters before the Subcommittee:

I. Educator License No. 202487, Leonardo Thompson.

Dr. Debra Mays Jackson, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:07 a.m.

Following OEM’s presentation of a joint motion for a continuance of this matter until February 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee grant the requested motion. Kim Hubbard seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously granted the request for continuance.

This matter concluded at 9:09 a.m.

II. Agreed Orders

Dr. Debra Mays Jackson, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:11 am.

Brian McGairty, Director of the Office of Educator Misconduct, presented seven proposed Agreed Orders for ratification by the Commission Hearing Subcommittee:

1. Kelly Nichols, Educator License No. 246941(Standard 10)
2. Walker Isbell, Educator License No. 297110 (Standard 10)

¹ Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson left the Commission Hearing Subcommittee at 12:03 p.m.

3. Leslie Faulkenberry, Educator License No. 223786 (Standard 10)
4. Hailey Ainsworth, Educator License No. id 230663(Standard 10)
5. Allison Bohon, Educator License, No. 231308 (Standard 10)
6. Zabriella Williams, Educator License No. 265192 (Standard 10)
7. Zelatra Williams, Educator License No. 230250 (Standard 10)

Following the presentation by OEM, Kim Hubbard moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the proposed Agreed Orders. Etta Taplin seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept and ratify the above listed matters.

This matter concluded at 9:22 a.m.

III. **Case of Simon Lott, Educator License No. 222164**

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:23 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. Kim Hubbard seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Kim Hubbard moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Etta Taplin seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Debra Mays-Jackson, Etta Taplin, Kim Hubbard, and Erin Meyer.

During Executive Session, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took the following action:

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee deny the processing and issuance of Mississippi Educator License No. 222164 at this time. Kim Hubbard seconded this motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously denied the processing and issuance of Mississippi Educator License No. 222164.

On a motion by Kim Hubbard, seconded by Etta Taplin, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

In open session, counsel read the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee to the participants.

The presiding officer pronounced the conclusion of the hearing at 10:40 a.m.

IV. Case of Debra Smith, Educator License No. 324576

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 10:48 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. Kim Hubbard seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Kim Hubbard moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Etta Taplin seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Debra Mays-Jackson, Etta Taplin, Kim Hubbard, and Erin Meyer.

During Executive Session, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took the following action:

Kim Hubbard moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee approve the processing and issuance of Educator License No. 326471. Etta Taplin seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to approve the processing and issuance of Educator License No. 326471.

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by Kim Hubbard, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

In open session, counsel read the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee to the participants.

The presiding officer pronounced the conclusion of the hearing at 12:02 p.m.

V. Case of Damon Felder, Educator License No. 197772

Etta Taplin, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 12:57 p.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Kim Hubbard moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. Etta Taplin seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Kim Hubbard moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Etta Taplin seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee

unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Etta Taplin, Kim Hubbard, and Erin Meyer.

During Executive Session, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took the following action:

Kim Hubbard moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee grant the Petitioner's request for reinstatement of Educator License No. 197772. Etta Taplin seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to grant the Petitioner's request for reinstatement.

On a motion by Kim Hubbard, seconded by Etta Taplin, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

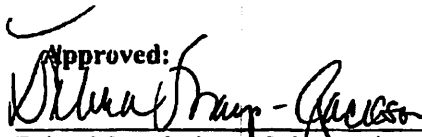
In open session, counsel read the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee to the participants.

The presiding officer pronounced the conclusion of the hearing at 1:59 p.m.


VI. Adjournment.

On a motion by Kim Hubbard seconded by Etta Taplin, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 2:00 p.m.

Approved:

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Debra Mays-Jackson, Subcommittee Chair
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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