

Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,
Certification and Licensure and Development
Room 102, Central High School
359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201
March 25, 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 March 25, 2021, in Room 102, Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Etta Taplin, Rebecca Gray, and Dr. Bernell Kelly
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)
Tilla Tate, Investigator OEM
Kristina Oxendine, Administrative Assistant OEM

Matters before the Subcommittee:

I. Case of Charles Lee, Educator License No. 198706

Etta Taplin, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:05 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Bernell Kelly moved that the subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. Rebecca Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Rebecca Gray moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Dr. Bernell Kelly seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Etta Taplin, Rebecca Gray, Bernell Kelly, and Erin Meyer.

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

Rebecca Gray moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee grant the Petitioner’s request for processing of Educator License No. 198706. Bernell Kelly

seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the processing of Educator License No. 198706.

On a motion by Rebecca Gray, seconded by Bernell Kelly, 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 9:55 a.m.

II. **Case of Robert Morton, Educator License No. 319123**

Etta Taplin, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 10:14 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Rebecca Gray moved that the subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. Bernell Kelly seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Bernell Kelly moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Rebecca Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Etta Taplin, Rebecca Gray, Bernell Kelly, and Erin Meyer.

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

Bernell Kelly moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee deny the processing and issuance of Mississippi Educator License No. 319123 for Robert Morton. The Commission further orders that the Respondent may not petition for a license before the expiration of one (1) year from the date of this hearing, or March 25, 2022. Rebecca Gray seconded the motion and the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee unanimously denied the processing and issuance of Educator License No. **319123**.

On a motion by Bernell Kelly, seconded by Rebecca Gray, 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 11:12 a.m.

III. Case of Nanette Sanderson, Educator License No. 172419

Etta Taplin, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 11:22 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Rebecca Gray moved that the subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. Bernell Kelly seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Bernell Kelly moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Rebecca Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Etta Taplin, Rebecca Gray, Bernell Kelly, and Erin Meyer.

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

Bernell Kelly moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee suspend License No. 172419 held by Nanette Sanderson for the 2021-2022 school year (specifically, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022), based on the violation of Miss Code Ann. §§ 37-3-2(12)(a), and 37-9-57, and Standard 10 of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics Standards of Conduct. Upon the submission of a licensure reinstatement application, this license shall be reinstated at the end of the suspension period, after June 30, 2022, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(14)(a) without the necessity of a hearing. Rebecca Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to suspend License No. 172419 for the 2021-2022 school year.

On a motion by Bernell Kelly, seconded by Rebecca Gray, 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 1:30 p.m.

IV. Case of Veda Johny, Educator License No. 236458

Etta Taplin, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 1:33 p.m.

Counsel for OEM made an ore tenus motion to dismiss this cause. On a motion by Bernell Kelly seconded by Rebecca Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously granted the OEM's request to dismiss this cause.

The presiding officer pronounced the conclusion of the hearing at 1:35 p.m.

V. **Adjournment.**

On a motion by Bernell Kelly seconded by Rebecca Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 1:35 p.m.

Approved:



Etta Taplin, Subcommittee Chair
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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