

**Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,  
Certification and Licensure and Development  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room, Central High School  
359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201**

**April 1, 2020**

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-3-2(10) and 25-41-5(2), a subcommittee of the members of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (“Commission”) met telephonically at 9:00 a.m. on April 1, 2020, in 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room, Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

**Members in Attendance:** Dr. Cindy Melton, Jackson, MS  
David Martin, Brookhaven, MS  
Lisa Guice, Biloxi, MS

**Commission Counsel:** Joseph A. Runnels, Jr., Special Assistant Attorney General

**OEM Counsel:** Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, Special Assistant Attorney General

**Mississippi Department of Education Personnel Attending:**  
Brian McGairty, Director for Office of Educator Misconduct  
Tilla Tate, License Investigator, Office of Educator Misconduct  
Kristina Oxendine, Administrative Assistant, Office of Educator Misconduct

**Matters before the Subcommittee:**

**I. Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Cindy Melton, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:04 a.m. Dr. Melton called the roll and established that a quorum of the subcommittee was in attendance. David Martin moved to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded by Lisa Guice, and passed unanimously.

**II. Approval of Agreed Orders**

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

1. Willie James Reece, Jr., license # 264112
2. Karen Cook, license #175598
3. Crystal Weathers, license #216389

4. Christopher Thames, license #247012
5. Patrick Kuykendall, license #298035

Following the presentation by OEM, David Martin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the proposed Agreed Orders. Lisa Guice seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept and ratify the above listed matters as presented.

**III. Case of Darcel Gardner (Brandon), Educator License No. 237722**

Brian McGairty, Director of the Office of Educator Misconduct, announced to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee that due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the declaration by the Governor of a State of Emergency, the Office of Educator Misconduct was requesting a continuance of the above referenced matter until May 1st, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. and that the Educator has been notified and had no objection to the requested continuance. David Martin moved to continue and reset the Darcel Gardner hearing for 11:00 a.m. on May 1, 2020. Lisa Guice seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

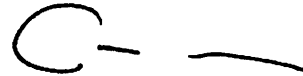
**IV. Adjournment**

On a motion by David Martin, seconded by Lisa Guice, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 9:17 a.m.

**Approved:**



**Dr. Cindy Melton, Subcommittee Chair  
Commission on Teacher and Administrator  
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Development**



**Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary  
Commission on Teacher and Administrator  
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