

**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
June 3, 2020**

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 9:30 a.m. on June 3, 2020, in Senator Grey Farris Board Room on the 4th Floor, Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Kenny Goza and Dr. Cindy Melton
Commission Counsel: Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General¹
Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, Special Assistant Attorney General²
OEM Counsel: Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, Special Assistant Attorney General³
David Minton, Special Assistant Attorney General⁴

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

Matters before the Subcommittee:

I. Approval of Agreed Orders

Kenny Goza, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:32 a.m.

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

1. Eugene Williams, Educator License No. 261486
2. Gwendolyn D. Tavira, Educator License No. 296921

Following the presentation by OEM, Cindy Melton moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the proposed Agreed Orders. Kenny Goza seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept and ratify the above listed matters.

¹ Served as Counsel to the Commission in the matters of Gardner and Wheat

² Served as Counsel to the Commission in the matter of Woolfolk

³ Served as OEM Counsel in the matters of Gardner and Wheat

⁴ Served as OEM Counsel in the matter of Woolfolk

The hearing on Agreed Orders concluded at 9:38 a.m.

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

Kenny Goza, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 9:39 a.m.

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

Cindy Melton moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Kenny Goza seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Kenny Goza, Dr. Cindy Melton, and Erin Meyer.

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

Cindy Melton moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee approve the reinstatement of Educator License No. 237722 issued to Darcel Gardner (Brandon) Kenny Goza seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the motion.

On a motion by Cindy and seconded by Kenny Goza, 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 10:43 a.m.

III. Case of Kristen Wheat, Educator License No. 163848

Kenny Goza, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 10:54 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Cindy Melton moved that the subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. Kenny Goza seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Cindy Melton moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Kenny Goza seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Kenny Goza, Dr. Cindy Melton, and Erin Meyer.

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

Cindy Melton moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee approve the reinstatement of Educator License No. 163848 issued to Kristen Wheat. Kenny Goza seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the motion.

On a motion by Cindy Melton and seconded by Kenny Goza, 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 12:00 p.m.

The presiding officer called a recess of the Hearing Subcommittee until 12:30 p.m.

IV. Case of Anthony Woolfolk, Educator License No. 167863

Kenny Goza, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 12:30 p.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Cindy Melton moved that the subcommittee go into closed session to make a determination of the necessity to go into executive session. Kenny Goza seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Cindy Melton moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Kenny Goza seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Kenny Goza, Dr. Cindy Melton, and Leah Kathryn Anzenberger.

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

Cindy Melton moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee immediately place on probation for three (3) years, License No. 167863 and as part as conditions of his probation, that any further violation(s) of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct and/or state or federal law during the probation period shall result in immediate revoke the Petitioner's License No. 167863 for a period of three (3) years. Kenny Goza seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to immediately place License No. 167863 on probation for three (3) years with the conditions of his probation.

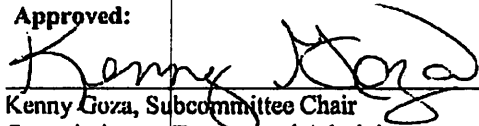
On a motion by Cindy Melton and seconded by Kenny Goza the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

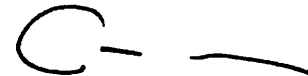
In open session, counsel read the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee to the participants.

The presiding officer pronounced the conclusion of the hearing and adjourned the Commission Hearing Subcommittee at 2:05 p.m.

Approved:

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Kenny Goza, Subcommittee Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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