# Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

500 Greymont Avenue, Suite F Jackson, MS 39201 9:00 a.m. June 8, 2016

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 Wednesday, June 8, 2016, in the Conference Room located at 500 Greymont Avenue, Suite F, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Pamela Manners, Doris Perkins, Cylesha Hopkins Commission Counsel: Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General

### Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:

Michael C. Martin, Director of Office of Educator Misconduct (OEM)
James Thompson, Investigator for OEM
Joseph A. Runnels, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to OEM
John Cartwright, Staff Officer III for OEM
Chad Callender, Contract Worker for OEM

#### Other Individuals in Attendance:

Case of Educator License No.: 199538

Larry Wilson, Respondent Preston Rideout, Esq., Counsel for Respondent

#### I. Case of Lenell Brown, Educator License No.: 170414

Pamela Manners, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 10:41 a.m.

Michael C. Martin presented the Commission Hearing Subcommittee with an executed Voluntary Surrender from the Educator, Lenell Brown, in which the educator admits to violating Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(h), and requested the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the Voluntary Surrender.

On a Motion by Doris Perkins, seconded by Cylesha Hopkins, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept and ratify the Voluntary Surrender by Educator, Lenell Brown.

On a motion by Doris Perkins, seconded by Cylesha Hopkins, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn this matter at 10:45 a.m.

# II. Case of Larry Wilson, Educator License No.: 199538

Pamela Manners, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 10:57 a.m.

The Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act prohibits educational agencies from disclosing student's personally identifiable information without parental permission. Based on argument from counsel for both parties regarding a classroom video, the Commission considered going into executive session to prevent the release of student information.

Doris Perkins moved to consider going into executive session. Cylesha Hopkins seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session. Doris Perkins moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session to prevent the release of student information. Cylesha Hopkins seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session at 11:19 a.m. The following individuals remained in the room: Pamela Manners, Doris Perkins, Cylesha Hopkins, Erin Meyer, Joseph Runnels, John Cartwright, James Thompson, Michael C. Martin, Preston Rideout, Larry Wilson, Curtis Ross, witnesses from the Claiborne County School District, including Dr. Earl Watkins, Trena Warren, and Dr. Bridgette Muhammad, and the Court Reporter.

On a motion by Doris Perkins, seconded by Cylesha Hopkins, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session to hear the remainder of the testimony at 11:36 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Doris Perkins moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee consider going into executive session, which Cylesha Hopkins seconded. The Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session. Doris Perkins moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the License of the Respondent, Larry Wilson. Cylesha Hopkins seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session.

Pamela Manners moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee place Educator License No.: 199538 on probation based on clear and convincing evidence that the Respondent violated Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(h) and Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(13)(a). Specifically, the Respondent, at his own expense, shall complete a minimum of one (1) seminar or course work in classroom management, a minimum of one (1) seminar or course work in anger management, and a minimum of one (1) seminar or course work in ethics in education. The Respondent shall submit proof of his attendance and successful completion of the required coursework by May 31, 2017. Additionally, the Respondent shall provide a notarized copy of the summative M-STAR evaluation for the 2016-2017 school year, by May 31, 2017. The failure of the Respondent to complete the required course within the time provided, shall automatically result in the

immediate suspension of the Respondent's License No.: 199538 for a period of one (1) year. Cylesha Hopkins seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to place Larry Wilson, Educator License No.: 199538, on probation.

On a motion by Doris Perkins, seconded by Pamela Manners, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 2:22 p.m.

On a motion by Doris Perkins, seconded by Cylesha Hopkins the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn the hearing at 2:34 p.m.

# III. Case of Jennifer Anderson, Educator License No.: 192154

Pamela Manners, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 2:35 p.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Doris Perkins moved to consider going into executive session. Cylesha Hopkins seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session.

Doris Perkins moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the License of Educator Jennifer Anderson. Cylesha Hopkins seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session.

Pamela Manners moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee revoke the Respondent's License No.: 192154 for a period of five (5) years, based on the violation of Miss Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(h) and Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(13)(a). Additionally the Respondent, at her own expense, shall be required to complete a minimum of one (1) seminar of coursework in ethics in education prior to petition for her license to be reinstated. Doris Perkins seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to revoke the Respondent's educator license for a period of five (5) years.

On a motion by Pamela Manners, seconded by Doris Perkins, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 3:25 p.m.

#### IV. Adjournment

On a motion made by Doris Perkins and seconded by Cylesha Hopkins, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

Pamela Manners, Subcommittee Chair Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development Dr. Paula Vanderford, Executive Secretary Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development