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 10, 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 10:00 a.m. on June 10, 2020, in Senator Grey Farris Board Room on the 4th Floor, Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance:  Rilla Jones, Mary Hill Shular, and William Hamilton
Commission Counsel:    Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General
OEM Counsel:            Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, Special Assistant Attorney General
                        David Minton, Special Assistant Attorney General

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:
Brian McGairy, 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 Orders

Rilla Jones, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:56 a.m.

Tilla Tate, License Investigator for the Office of Educator Misconduct, presented an Order for Continuance in the matter of Shanta Scurlark-Haywood, Educator License No. 187154 currently scheduled for June 16, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. and requesting to be reset for August 12, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

Mary Hill Shular moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the proposed Agreed Orders. William Hamilton seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to continue the hearing in the matter of Shanta Scurlark-Haywood, Educator License No. 187154 until August 12, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

Tilla Tate, License Investigator for the Office of Educator Misconduct, presented three proposed Agreed Orders for ratification by the Commission Hearing Subcommittee:

1. Emily Hubbard, Educator License No. 261486
2. Christi Terrell, Educator License No. 186690 (4.2 violation)
3. Varsha Dandekar, Educator License No. 174639

Following the presentation by OEM, Mary Hill Shular moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the proposed Agreed Orders. William Hamilton seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept and ratify the above listed matters.

The hearing on Orders concluded at 10:02 a.m.

II. Case of Justin Johnson, Educator License No. 318031

Rilla Jones, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, William Hamilton moved that the subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. Mary Hill Shular seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Mary Hill Shular moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. William Hamilton seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Rilla Jones, Mary Hill Shular, William Hamilton, and Erin Meyer.

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

Mary Hill Shular moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee approved the processing of Educator License No. 318031. William Hamilton seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the motion.

On a motion by William Hamilton and seconded by Mary Hill Shular, 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 10:46 a.m.

On a motion by Mary Hill Shular, seconded by William Hamilton, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee adjourned for the day at 10:47 a.m.

Approved:
Rilla Jones, Subcommittee Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development