# Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development South Pointe Business Park 500 Clinton Center Drive, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Multi-purpose Room Clinton, MS 9:00 a.m. July 6, 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, July 6, 2016, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Multi-purpose Room of the South Pointe Business Park located at 500 Clinton Center Drive, Clinton, MS.

**Members in Attendance:** Susan McClelland, Patrick Gray, and Doris Perkins **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, Office of Educator Misconduct Investigator Chad Callender, Office of Educator Misconduct Investigator Angelo Nuzzo, Branch Director II Joseph A. Runnels, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to OEM

## Other Individuals in Attendance:

Sedrick Johnson, Educator Forest B. King, Educator

#### I. Case of Sedrick Johnson, Educator License No.: 248465

Susan McClelland, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:26 a.m.

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

Once the parties cleared the room, Doris Perkins moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the License of Educator Sedrick Johnson. Patrick Gray seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session.

Susan McClelland moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee suspend for one (1) school year, specifically the 2016-2017 school year, License No. **248465** held

by Sedrick Johnson based on the violation of Miss Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(a) and Miss. Code Ann. § 37-9-57. Upon the submission of a licensure reinstatement application, this license shall be reinstated at the end of the suspension period in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(14)(a) without the necessity of a hearing. Doris Perkins seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to suspend for one (1) year, specifically, the 2016-2017 school year, License No. 248465.

On a motion by Patrick Gray, seconded by Doris Perkins, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

This hearing concluded at 11:14 a.m.

#### II. Case of Forest King, Educator License No.: 196015

Susan McClelland, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 11:25 a.m.

Respondent, Forest King, appeared before the Commission and requested a continuance.

Patrick Gray moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee consider going into executive session. Doris Perkins seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session. Patrick Gray moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session to deliberate on whether to grant or deny the continuance. Doris Perkins seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session.

While in executive session, Doris Perkins moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee deny the Respondent's request for continuance. Patrick Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to deny the request for continuance.

On a Motion by Doris Perkins, seconded by Patrick Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

The Respondent and Office of Educator Misconduct read into the record proposed stipulated facts. After hearing the proposed stipulated evidence, Susan McClelland moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept the agreed upon stipulations. Doris Perkins seconded the Motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept the proposed stipulated facts.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony stipulated and heard, Doris Perkins moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the License of Educator Forest King. Patrick Gray seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session for deliberations and findings.

Patrick Gray moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee place the Respondent, Forest B. King, educator license No.: 196015 on probation for the 2016-2017 school year, having violated Standards 1.2.e, Standard 4.2.b., Standard 6.2.a., and Standard 6.2.b., of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics Standards of Conduct, which constitutes a violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(h). Additionally, that during his year of probation, the Respondent, at his own expense, shall attend counseling by a licensed psychologist a minimum of once per month, as well as regularly attend Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings and obtain a sponsor. The Respondent shall submit proof of his ongoing attendance and participation in counseling and AA meetings by December 31, 2016, and again by June 30, 2017. Additionally, the Respondent shall submit job performance evaluations from his current administrators by December 31, 2016, and again by June 30, 2017. Failure to meet the aforementioned requirements will result in an automatic two-year suspension of his educator license. Doris Perkins seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to place the Respondent on probation for the 2016-2017 school year.

On a motion by Doris Perkins, seconded by Patrick Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

## III. Adjournment

The hearing adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Approved:

Susan McClelland, Subcommittee Chair Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

Dr. Paula Vanderford, Executive Scretary Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development