# 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 1:00 p.m. July 10, 2017

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(10) and Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5, a subcommittee of the members of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development ("Commission") met at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2017, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room located at Central High School 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Kenny Goza, Susan McClelland, and Patrick Gray Commission Counsel: Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General

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

James Thompson, Office of Educator Misconduct Director Joseph A. Runnels, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to OEM Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to MDE

### Other Individuals Attending:

Annie Orum, Educator/Respondent

### I. Voluntary Surrenders/Agreed Orders

Kenny Goza, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 1:02 p.m.

- A. James Thompson presented the Commission Hearing Subcommittee with an executed Agreed Order from the educator, Cinnamon M. Walters Mclemore (License No. 166030), in which the educator admits to violating Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(a) and §37-9-57. Mr. Thompson requested the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the Agreed Order, which will suspend Ms. Mclemore's license through December 31, 2017.
- B. James Thompson presented the Commission Hearing Subcommittee with an executed Agreed Order from the educator, Kwinsi Bridges (License No. 174353), in which the educator acknowledges that on one occasion during the 2013-2014 school year his conduct may have constituted a violation of Standard 4.2.f of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics. Mr. Thompson requested the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the Agreed Order, which will place Mr. Bridges on probation through June 30, 2018.
- C. James Thompson presented the Commission Hearing Subcommittee with an executed Agreed Order from the educator, Tanya Hawthorne (License No. 188921), in which

the educator admits to violating Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(h). Mr. Thompson requested the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the Agreed Order, which will suspend Ms. Hawthorne's license for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of ratification.

- D. James Thompson presented the Commission Hearing Subcommittee with an executed Agreed Order from the educator, Tonya M. Rawson (License No. 195387), in which the educator admits to violating Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2 (12)(h). Mr. Thompson requested the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the Agreed Order, which will suspend Ms. Rawson's license for a period of two (2) years from the date of ratification.
- E. James Thompson presented the Commission Hearing Subcommittee with an executed Agreed Order from the educator, Katie Everett Dyess (License No. 295918), in which the educator admits to violating Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(a) and §37-9-57. Mr. Thompson requested the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the Agreed Order, which will suspend Ms. Dyess' license through December 31, 2017.
- F. James Thompson presented the Commission Hearing Subcommittee with an executed Agreed Order from the educator, Wayne Gremillion (License No. 191830), in which the educator admits to violating Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(a) and §37-9-57. Mr. Thompson requested the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the Agreed Order, which will suspend Mr. Gremillion's license through December 31, 2017.

On a motion by Susan McClelland, seconded by Patrick Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept and ratify the six agreed orders presented by the Office of Educator Misconduct.

# II. Case of Annie Orum, Educator License No.: 180981

Kenny Goza, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 1:11 p.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 Joseph Runnels, counsel for the Office of Educator Misconduct, the Commission considered going into executive session to prevent the release of student information.

Patrick Gray moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee consider going into executive session. Susan McClelland seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session. On a Motion by Susan McClelland, seconded by Patrick Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted go into executive session for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law by Ms. Orum specifically to protect the confidential nature of students' personally identifiable information and/or education

records in accordance with state and federal law. The following individuals remained in the room: Kenny Goza, Susan McClelland, Patrick Gray, Erin Meyer, Joseph Runnels, Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, James Thompson, Billy Burnham, Ed Mosley, Annie Orum and the Court Reporter.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Patrick Gray moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee change its purpose of remaining in executive session to a purpose of deliberation and findings concerning the License of Educator Annie Orum. Susan McClelland seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to change the purpose of executive session. The individuals remaining in executive session included the following: Kenny Goza, Susan McClelland, Patrick Gray, Erin Meyer, and Leah Kathryn Anzenberger.

On a motion by Patrick Gray, seconded by Susan McClelland the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 3:04 p.m.

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

Susan McClelland moved to immediately suspend for ten (10 years License No. 180981 held by Annie Orum, based on violations of the Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(h) and Standard 4 of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics Standards of Conduct. Patrick Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to immediately suspend for ten (10) years, License No. 180981 held by Annie Orum.

### III. Adjournment

On a Motion by Susan McClelland, seconded by Patrick Gray, the hearing adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Approved:

Kenny Goza, Subcommittee Chair

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