# Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development Room 102, Central High School 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201

#### August 21, 2019

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 9:12 a.m. on August 21st, 2019, in Room 102, First Floor of Central High School Building, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Commission Counsel:

Mrs. Etta Taplin, Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, Dr. Patrick Gray Mr. David C. Minton, Special Assistant Attorney General

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

Mr. Brian McGairty, Director for Office of Educator Misconduct (OEM)
Mrs. Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to OEM
Ms. Kristina Oxendine, Office of Educator Misconduct (OEM)

#### Matters before the Subcommittee:

#### I. Approval of Agreed Orders

Etta Taplin, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Brian McGairty, Director of the Office of Educator Misconduct, presented four (4) proposed Agreed Orders for ratification by the Commission Hearing Subcommittee:

- 1. Emily Benge, Educator License No. 133857
- 2. Shannon Allen, Educator License No. 245499
- 3. Burnell Ramsey, Educator License No. 189492
- 4. Lindsey Daniels, Educator License No. 25499

Following the presentation by OEM, Debra Mays-Jackson moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the proposed Agreed Orders. Patrick Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept and ratify the above listed matters.

Following the ratification of the Agreed Order, Debra Mays-Jackson moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee conclude the matter. Patrick Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to conclude the matter. The hearing on Agreed Orders concluded at 9:20 a.m.

## II. Hearing on Respondent Ruby Williams, Educator License Application No. 218991

Etta Taplin, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:25 a.m.

Respondent appeared on her own behalf and was not represented by counsel.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Patrick Gray moved to go into closed session to consider going into executive session. Debra Mays-Jackson seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to move into closed session.

Patrick Gray moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the application of the above identified Respondent. Debra Mays-Jackson seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room during executive session: Etta Taplin, Debra Mays-Jackson, Patrick Gray, and David C. Minton (Special Assistant Attorney General).

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

Following deliberations, Debra Mays-Jackson moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee grant the petition to process Educator License Application No. 218991 submitted by Ruby Williams. Patrick Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the motion.

On a motion by Patrick Gray and seconded by Debra Mays-Jackson, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

The decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee was read into the record by counsel David C. Minton (Special Assistant Attorney General).

The presiding officer pronounced the conclusion of the matter.

#### III. Hearing on Petitioner Darcel Gardner, Educator License No. 237722

Etta Taplin, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, announced that by order and agreement this hearing was continued to December 11, 2019.

#### IV. Hearing on Petitioner Tonya Rawson, Educator License No. 195387

Etta Taplin, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 10:35 a.m.

Petitioner appeared and was represented by Attorney Stephen Gowan.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Patrick Gray moved to go into closed session to consider going into executive session. Debra Mays-Jackson seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to move into closed session.

Debra Mays-Jackson moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the reinstatement of license of the above identified Educator. Patrick Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Etta Taplin, Debra Mays-Jackson, Patrick Gray, and David C. Minton (Special Assistant Attorney General).

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

Following deliberations, Debra Mays-Jackson moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee deny the petition to reinstate License No. 195387 issued to Tonya Rawson. Patrick Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the motion.

On a motion by Debra Mays-Jackson and seconded by Patrick Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

The decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee was read into the record by counsel David C. Minton (Special Assistant Attorney General).

The presiding officer pronounced the conclusion of the matter.

On a motion by Patrick Gray, seconded by Debra Mays-Jackson, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee voted to adjourn for the day at 12:09 p.m.

Approved:

Etta Taplin, Subcommittee Chair

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