

**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
August 26, 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 9:30 a.m. on August 26, 2020, in Senator Grey Farris Board Room on the 4th Floor, Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Dr. Cindy Melton and Dr. Patrick Gray
Commission Counsel: Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General

OEM Counsel: David Minton, Special Assistant Attorney General

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

Dr. Cindy Melton, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

1. Shanta Scurlark-Haywood, Educator License No. 187154 (Std. 4)
2. Marvin Nance, Educator License No. 203220 (Std. 4)

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

The hearing on Agreed Orders concluded at 9:37 a.m.

II. Case of Timothy Matlock, Educator License No. 163534

Dr. Cindy Melton, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 9:37 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Dr. Patrick Gray moved that the subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. Dr. Cindy Melton seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Dr. Patrick Gray moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Dr. Cindy Melton seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Dr. Cindy Melton, Dr. Patrick Gray and Erin Meyer.

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

Dr. Patrick Gray moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee approve the Petitioner's request for processing and reinstatement of Educator License No. 163534 issued to Timothy Matlock. Dr. Cindy Melton seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the motion.

On a motion by Dr. Patrick Gray and seconded by Dr. Cindy Melton, 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 10:32 a.m.

III. Case of Stephanie Cochran, Educator License No. 155384

Dr. Cindy Melton, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 11:02 a.m.

On a motion by Dr. Patrick Gray, seconded by Dr. Cindy Melton, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept the stipulation of the parties as to certain undisputed facts.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Dr. Patrick Gray moved that the subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. Cindy Melton seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Dr. Patrick Gray moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Dr. Cindy Melton seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing

Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Dr. Cindy Melton, Dr. Patrick Gray, and Erin Meyer.

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

Dr. Patrick Gray moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee suspend for a period of one (1) year, as of the date of this hearing, License No 155384. During the time of the suspension, the Respondent shall be required to submit to drug testing every 30 days and provide proof of clean drops to the Office of Educator Misconduct. The Respondent's license shall be automatically reinstated, without the necessity of a hearing, if all drug tests for the one (1) year period are clean. The license shall be reinstated on a probationary status for three (3) years. Any violation(s) of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct and/or state or federal law during the probationary period shall result in immediate revocation of License No. 155384 for a period of two (2) years. If the Respondent fails to provide clean drug tests during her one (1) year period of suspension, the Respondent shall be required to comply with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(14)(a) when applying for reinstatement. Dr. Cindy Melton seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to suspend license no. 155384 under the aforementioned terms.

On a motion by Dr. Patrick Gray and seconded by Dr. Cindy Melton 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.

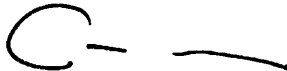
The presiding officer pronounced the conclusion of the hearing at 12:26 p.m.

IV. Adjournment.

On a motion by Dr. Patrick Gray seconded by Dr. Cindy Melton the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 12:27 p.m.

Approved:


Cindy Melton, Subcommittee Chair
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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