

Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,  
Certification and Licensure and Development  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room, Central High School  
359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201  
September 11, 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 11:30 a.m. on September 11, 2020, in Senator Grey Farris Board Room on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson and Etta Taplin  
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. Case of Carlo McClelland, Educator License No. 194217**

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 12:27 p.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Etta Taplin moved that the subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Dr. 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: Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, Etta Taplin, and Erin Meyer.

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

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee approve the request for processing and reinstatement of Educator License No. 194217 issued to Carlo McClelland. Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the motion.

On a motion by Etta Taplin and seconded by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, 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 1:14 p.m.

## **II. Case of Cody Roberts, Educator License No. 257496**

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 1:31 p.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Etta Taplin moved that the subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Dr. 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: Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, Etta Taplin, and Erin Meyer.

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

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee suspend License No. 257496 held by Cody Roberts for the 2020-2021 school year, based on the violation of Miss Code Ann. §§ 37-3-2(12)(a) and 37-9-57, and Standard 10 of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics Standards of Conduct. Upon the submission of a licensure reinstatement application, this license shall be reinstated at the end of the suspension period, after June 30, 2021, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(14)(a) without the necessity of a hearing. Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to suspend license no. 257496 under the aforementioned terms.

On a motion by Etta Taplin and seconded by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

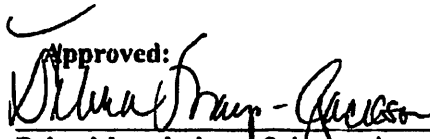
In open session, counsel read the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee to the participants.

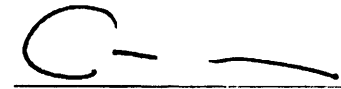
The presiding officer pronounced the conclusion of the hearing at 2:56 p.m.

**IV. Adjournment.**

On a motion by Etta Taplin seconded by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 2:56 p.m.

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Debra Mays-Jackson, Subcommittee Chair  
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary  
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