

**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
September 30, 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 September 30, 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. Susan McClelland, Lisa Guice, 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. Approval of Agreed Orders

Dr. Susan McClelland, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:35 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. Kenecia Harris, Educator License No. 313095 (Std. 10)
2. McKinley Scott, Educator License No. 199156 (Std. 4)
3. Charles McCullough, Educator License No. 307572 (Std. 10)

Following the presentation by OEM, Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the proposed Agreed Orders. Lisa Guice seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept and ratify the above listed matters.

Etta Taplin moved for the conclusion of this hearing. Lisa Guice seconded the motion, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee voted unanimously and the hearing on Agreed Orders concluded at 9:39 a.m.

II. Case of Jessica Newsome, Educator License No. 322236

Dr. Susan McClelland, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 9:41 a.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. Lisa Guice 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. Lisa Guice seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Dr. Susan McClelland, Lisa Guice, 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 Respondent's request for to authorize the processing and issuance of Mississippi Educator License No. 322236 to Jessica Newsome noting that with the issuance of her certification, Jessica Newsome shall be held to higher expectations, being bound by the Educator Code of Ethics Standards of Conduct. Lisa Guice seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the motion.

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is the unanimous decision of the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee

On a motion by Etta Taplin and seconded by Lisa Guice 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 10:46 a.m.

III. Case of Rosamund McDavis, Educator License No. 323545

Dr. Susan McClelland, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 11:12 a.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. Lisa Guice 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. Lisa Guice seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Dr. Susan McClland, Lisa Guice, Etta Taplin, and Erin Meyer.

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

Lisa Guice moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee approve the processing and issuance of Educator License No. 323545. Etta Taplin seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to

On a motion by Etta Taplin and seconded by Lisa Guice 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 11:40 a.m.

IV. Case of Randy Stokes, Educator License No. 182024

Dr. Susan McClelland, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 1:41 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. Lisa Guice 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. Lisa Guice seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Dr. Susan McClland, Lisa Guice, Etta Taplin, and Erin Meyer.

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

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee immediately place Petitioner's Educator License No. 182024 on probation for three (3) years with the following conditions: during his probationary period, the Petitioner, at his own expense, shall engage in counseling sessions with a licensed counselor and submit quarterly progress reports (March 30, June 30, September 30, and December 31) from

said counselor to the OEM. Failure to submit quarterly reports by the deadline shall result in immediate revocation of the Petitioner's License No. 182024 without the necessity of a hearing for a period of three (3) years. Any reported violation(s)/allegation(s)/infraction(s) of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics Standards of Conduct and/or state or federal law during the probationary period shall result in immediate revocation of the Petitioner's License No. 182024 without the necessity of a hearing for a period of three (3) years. Additionally, during his probationary period, the Petitioner shall disclose the terms of his probation with any school district, including, but not limited to, the superintendent of the district and principal of the school, he is employed with. Lisa Guice seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to immediately place the Petitioner on probation with the terms so mentioned.

On a motion by Etta Taplin and seconded by Lisa Guice 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 3:27 p.m.

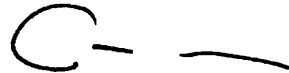
V. Adjournment.

On a motion by Etta Taplin seconded by Lisa Guice the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 3:28 p.m.

Approved:

Susan S. McClelland

**Susan McClelland, Subcommittee Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator
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**Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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