

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
November 6, 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 11:00 a.m. on November 6, 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. Debra Mays-Jackson, Lisa Guice, and Rebecca 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. Case of Thelissa Evans Educator License No. 239379

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 12:04 p.m.

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

Rebecca Gray 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. Debra Mays-Jackson, Lisa Guice, and Rebecca Gray, and Erin Meyer.

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

On a motion by Rebecca Gray, seconded by Lisa Guice, the Commission’s Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to suspend License No. 239379 held by Thelissa Evans 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.

On a motion by Lisa Guice, seconded by Rebecca Gray, 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 1:26 p.m.

II. Case of LaHope Woullard, Educator License No. 271522

Dr. Debra Mays Jackson, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 1:35 p.m.

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

Rebecca Gray 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. Debra Mays-Jackson, Lisa Guice, Rebecca Gray, and Erin Meyer.

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

Debra Mays-Jackson moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee approve the processing and issuance of Educator License No. 271522. Rebecca Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to

On a motion by Lisa Guice, seconded by Rebecca Gray the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

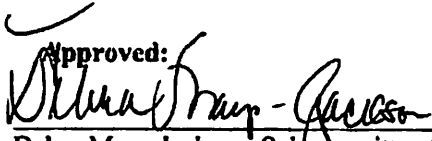
In open session, counsel read the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee to the participants.

The presiding officer pronounced the conclusion of the hearing at 2:14 p.m.

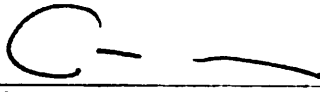
V. Adjournment.

On a motion by Lisa Guice, seconded by Rebecca Gray the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 2:15 p.m.

Approved:


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