

**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**

December 11, 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 9:00 a.m. on December 11th, 2019, in Room 102, Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Etta Taplin, Corey Welch, and William Hamilton
Commission Counsel: Joseph A. Runnels, Jr., Special Assistant Attorney General
OEM Counsel: Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, Special Assistant Attorney General

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:
Brian McGairty, Director for Office of Educator Misconduct (OEM)
Whitney Young, Office of Teaching and Leading
Kristina Oxendine, Office of Educator Misconduct

Matters before the Subcommittee:

I. Approval of Agreed Orders

Etta Taplin, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

1. Andrew Mora, Educator License No. 312859
2. Damon P. Felder, Educator License No. 197772

Following the presentation by OEM, Corey Welch moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the proposed Agreed Orders. William Hamilton 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 9:07 a.m.

II. Case of Darcel Gardner (Brandon), Educator License No. 237722

Etta Taplin, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at approximately 9:07 a.m.

Special Assistant Attorney General Anzenberger announced to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee that the Petitioner, Darcel Gardner, had contacted the Office of Educator Misconduct earlier in the morning and informed Brian McGarity that road conditions were preventing her from traveling to Jackson for the hearing. Due to inclement weather, the Petitioner was requesting a continuance of the hearing to some later date. The Office of Educator Misconduct did not object to the granting of another continuance. Corey Welch moved that the subcommittee continue the Darcel Gardner hearing and reset it for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on February 5th, 2020. William Hamilton seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee voted unanimously to continue the hearing as moved.

The Darcel Gardner matter was concluded at approximately 9:15 a.m. and the presiding officer announced a brief recess until 9:45 a.m.

III. Case of Crystal Michelle Reed, Educator License 224944

Etta Taplin, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:56 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Corey Welch moved that the subcommittee go into closed session to make a determination of the necessity to go into executive session. William Hamilton seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Corey Welch moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. William Hamilton seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Etta Taplin, Corey Welch, William Hamilton, and Joseph Runnels.

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

Corey Welch moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee conditionally approve the reinstatement of License No. 224944 issued to Crystal Michelle Reed with the prerequisite that the Petitioner, at her own expense, complete a 3 hour course on classroom management and provide proof thereof to the Office of Educator

Misconduct. William Hamilton seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the motion.

On a motion by William Hamilton and seconded by Corey Welch, 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 11:25 a.m.

The Commission Hearing Subcommittee recessed until 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

III. Case of Curtis B. Curry, Educator License No. 97883

Etta Taplin, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 12:34 p.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, William Hamilton moved that the subcommittee go into closed session to make a determination of the necessity to go into executive session. Corey Welch seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

William Hamilton moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Corey Welch seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Etta Taplin, Corey Welch, William Hamilton, and Joseph Runnels.

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

William Hamilton moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee approve the reinstatement of Educator License No. 97883 issued to Curtis B. Curry and require the Petitioner to, at his own expense, complete 3 CEUs related to educator ethics and 3 CEUs related to classroom management within twelve months of the reinstatement of Petitioner's license. Petitioner is required to submit proof of completion to the Office of Educator Misconduct. Further, failure to complete the required coursework as required shall result in the automatic suspension of Educator License No. 97883 until satisfaction of the foregoing requirement. Corey Welch seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the motion.

On a motion by William Hamilton and seconded by Corey Welch, 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 2:09 p.m.

On a motion by Corey Welch, seconded by William Hamilton, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 2:09 p.m.

Approved:



Etta Taplin, Subcommittee Chair
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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