

Minutes of the
Commission on School Accreditation
Teleconference Meeting
359 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi
April 1, 2021
10:00 a.m.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation (CSA or Commission) took place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021 via teleconference.

## Attending via teleconference:

Roy Gill, Chair – Gulfport, MS
Kelle Barfield – Vicksburg, MS
Lori Brechtel – Brandon, MS
Brian Harvey – Oxford, MS
Candace James – Brandon, MS
Pamela Manners – Biloxi, MS
Dr. Valencia Martin – Greenwood, MS
Aisha Maxwell – Olive Branch, MS
Anthony Montgomery – Gulfport, MS
Brett Robinson – Clinton, MS
Jan Vaughn - Greenville, MS
Ingrid Williams – Clinton, MS

Members absent: Jefferson Hughes John Mistilis Brad Stevens

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), Office of Accreditation staff members/representatives present included:

Dr. Paula A. Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Secretary Wendy Clemons, Office of Secondary Education Melissa Biggs, Office of Accreditation Angela Kitchens, Office of Accreditation

Heather Morrison, Institutions of Higher Learning, was also in attendance.

Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General, served as legal counsel to the Commission.

### I. Call to Order

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Roy Gill, Chair of the CSA, opened the Commission meeting and conducted a roll-call of the Commission members.

Mr. Gill announced that a quorum of the Commission existed.

Mr. Gill called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

## II. Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Pamela Manners, seconded by Candace James, the Commission unanimously approved the agenda.

III. Action: Approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2020 Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation

On a motion by Kelle Barfield seconded by Dr. Valencia Martin, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting.

IV. Discussion: Consideration of request to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2020, specifically the graduation requirements outlined in Process Standard 14, and Appendices A, B, and C.

Wendy Clemons presented the proposed changes to the Commission members.

V. Action: Approval to submit request to the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2020, specifically the graduation requirements outlined in Process Standard 14, and Appendices A, B, and C.

On a motion by Candace James, seconded by Anthony Montgomery, the Commission voted unanimously to submit a request to the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*, 2020, specifically the graduation requirements outlined in Process Standard 14, and Appendices A, B, and C.

#### VI. Other Business

Roy Gill reminded the Commission that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, June 3, 2021.

## VII. Adjournment

On a motion by Brian Harvey, seconded by Pamela Manners, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

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APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

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(Day)

(Year)

Chair of the Commission

Executive Secretary of the Commission