



**Minutes of the
Commission on School Accreditation
Central High School Building
Fourth Floor, Board Room
359 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi
September 17, 2019
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 Tuesday, September 17, 2019. Commission members participated in person or via teleconference.

Attending in the Fourth Floor Board Room of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi:

Heather Westerfield, Chair
Kelle Barfield
Sarah Foster
Roy Gill
Dr. Valencia Martin
John Mistilis
Eddie Prather

Attending via teleconference:

Sean Brewer, Madison, MS
Brian Harvey, Oxford, MS
Anthony Montgomery, Gulfport, MS

The following members did not attend:

Kenny Bush
Michael Lindsey
Ingrid Williams
Brad Stevens

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

Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer
Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Secretary
Melissa Biggs, Office of Accreditation
Angela Kitchens, Office of Accreditation
Angelo Nuzzo, Office of Accreditation
Ken Stamps, Office of Accreditation

Also in attendance: Dr. Nathan Oakley, Chief Academic Officer, Alan Burrow, Pete Smith, Patrice Guilfoyle

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

I. Call to Order and Invocation

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

Ms. Westerfield announced that a quorum of the Commission existed.

Ms. Westerfield called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Eddie Prather led an invocation.

II. Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Sarah Foster, seconded by John Mistilis, the Commission unanimously approved the agenda.

III. Action: Approval of the minutes of the August 1, 2019 Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation

On a motion by Kelle Barfield, seconded by Roy Gill, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2019 meeting.

IV. Action: Approval of the minutes of the August 19, 2019 Special-Called Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation

On a motion by Sean Brewer, seconded by Eddie Prather, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019 special-called meeting.

V. Action: Approval of the minutes of the August 29, 2019 Special-Called Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation

On a motion by Sean Brewer, seconded by Sarah Foster, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2019 special-called meeting.

VI. Information: Report of the Internal Review of Preliminary Accountability Results in accordance with Accreditation Policy 3.1.3 of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2019

Alan Burrow, Executive Director of the Office of School and District Performance, and Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer, presented the results of the Internal Review Committee's review of appeals of the preliminary accountability results.

VII. Discussion: District/School Performance Reports and District/School Performance Classifications for School Year 2018-2019

Alan Burrow, Executive Director of the Office of School and District Performance, and Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer, presented the results of the 2018-2019 Mississippi Statewide Accountability System for schools and districts.

VIII. Action: Approval of District/School Performance Classifications for School Year 2019-2020 (based on School Year 2018-2019), with the stipulation that the information continue to be embargoed to the public until 2:00 p.m. on September 17, 2019

On a motion by Anthony Montgomery, seconded by Dr. Valencia Martin, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the District /School Performance Classifications for School Year 2019-2020 (based on school year 2018-2019) with the stipulation that the information continue to be embargoed to the public until 2:00 p.m. on September 17, 2019.

IX. Other Business

Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Secretary, reminded the Commission that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, October 3, 2019.

X. Adjournment

On a motion by Roy Gill, seconded by Eddie Prather, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

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Heather Westover
Chair of the Commission

Jo Ann Malone
Executive Secretary of the Commission