

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 14-15, 2012

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

35. Approval of the action of the Commission on School Accreditation regarding the withdrawal of accreditation of the Jackson Public School District and the established timeline in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.2.2 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*

The Commission on School Accreditation convened for a hearing on Thursday, April 26, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. and Monday, May 21, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the hearing was to allow the Jackson Public School District to present evidence or other reasons why its accreditation status should not be withdrawn based on the failure of the District to meet certain accreditation standard(s).

The Commission on School Accreditation rendered a decision at the conclusion of the hearing on May 21, 2012.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

**RE: JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
SHOW CAUSE HEARING**

NOTICE OF COMMISSION ACTION

On April 26, 2012, and May 21, 2012, a quorum of the members of the Commission on School Accreditation ("the Commission") conducted a hearing in the Board Room of the Central High School Building located at 359 N. West Street, Jackson, Mississippi, to allow the Jackson Public School District to present evidence or other reasons why its accreditation should not be WITHDRAWN.

The hearing was held pursuant to Section 37-17-6(11)(a) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, as amended, and Accreditation Policy 2.8 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*, and pursuant to any and all applicable Mississippi laws and Commission Rules of Procedure. The Commission has jurisdiction of the parties and of the subject matter for the purpose of such hearing.

The Commission received evidence and sworn testimony on behalf of the Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Accreditation and Office of Special Education and the Jackson Public School District. After careful consideration of the evidence admitted into the record and sworn testimony, the Commission made the following decision supported by the evidence and sworn testimony:

It is the decision of the Commission on School Accreditation to allow the Jackson Public School District until November 1, 2012, to come in full compliance with Process Standard 23.3. During that time, the Jackson Public School District will submit monthly progress reports to the Commission. After November 1, 2012, if the Jackson Public School District is not in full compliance, the accreditation of the Jackson Public School District will be WITHDRAWN. Full compliance, for these purposes, means the files of the four remaining students that are at issue; plus, an additional random sampling of similarly-situated students.

In accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.2.2 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*, the timeline established by the Commission on School Accreditation is contingent on approval by the State Board of Education.

SO ORDERED, THIS THE 31th DAY OF MAY, 2012.

COMMISSION ON SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

BY: 
Susan Burchfield, Chair