

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
May 16-17, 2013

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

24. Approval of Appointment to the Commission on School Accreditation

The Commission on School Accreditation is composed of fifteen (15) members, with three representatives from each of the five Congressional districts as established at the time the Commission was authorized under MS Code 37-17-3. The membership consists of two classroom teachers, two principals of schools, two school district superintendents, two local school board members, and seven individuals who are not actively engaged in the education profession. The length of a regular term is four years, and each member is eligible to serve for two full consecutive terms. The membership of the Commission shall be appointed by the State Board of Education upon recommendation of the State Superintendent of Education, and all appointments to the Commission shall comply with Section 37-17-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

The following Commission positions are vacant:

- Due to the resignation of Blake Wilson, Non-Educator, there is a vacancy to appoint a Non-Educator to the first regular term (2013-2017) in Congressional District 3.

Recommendation of the State Superintendent:

Congressional District 3	Kenny R. Bush Non-Educator First Regular Term 2013-2017
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- Due to the resignation of Jeannette Brown, Board Member, there is a vacancy to fulfill the unexpired term for Board Member (2012-2016) in Congressional District 2.

Recommendation of the State Superintendent:

Congressional District 2	Robert Tyner, Jr. Board Member Unexpired Term 2012-2016
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The following Commission positions are eligible for re-appointment:

- Due to the completion of an unexpired term, John Paul Mistilis, Teacher, is eligible for appointment to the first regular term (2013-2017) in Congressional District 1.

Recommendation of the State Superintendent:

Congressional District 1	John Paul Mistilis Teacher First Regular Term 2013-2017
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- Due to the completion of the first regular term, Dr. Lee Childress, Superintendent, is eligible for appointment to the second regular term (2013-2017) in Congressional District 1.

Congressional District 1	Dr. Lee Childress Superintendent Second Regular Term 2013-2017
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- Due to the completion of the first regular term, Chuck Blackwell, Non-Educator, is eligible for appointment to the second regular term (2013-2017) in Congressional District 4.

Congressional District 4	Chuck Blackwell Non-Educator Second Regular Term 2013-2017
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- Due to the completion of an unexpired term, Anthony Montgomery, Non-Educator, is eligible for appointment to the first regular term (2013-2017) in Congressional District 5.

Recommendation of the State Superintendent:

Congressional District 5	Anthony Montgomery Non-Educator First Regular Term 2013-2017
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- Due to the completion of an unexpired term, Henry Arledge, Superintendent, is eligible for appointment to the first regular term (2013-2017) in Congressional District 5.

Recommendation of the State Superintendent:

Congressional District 5	Henry Arledge Superintendent First Regular Term 2013-2017
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Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Biographical Information
for
Kenny R. Bush**

Business Background:

The Yates Companies, Inc./W. G. Yates & Sons Construction Company; Philadelphia, MS (2/92 to present) – Vice President of Human Resources and Risk Management and General Counsel. Responsible for all human resource and risk management functions, including, but not limited to, property and casualty insurance programs, safety and loss control, EEO/Affirmative Action, benefits, substance abuse program, writing policies, personnel, self-funded group health, etc. Also responsible for labor and employment legal matters and special projects. Served as company spokesperson to the media. (Yates has over 4,000 employees involved in general and electrical construction, and highway and heavy dirt work.)

Ivey's Inc./Ivey Mechanical Company; Kosciusko, MS (3/82-1/92) – Vice President for Administration and General Counsel. Same duties and responsibilities as present job plus governmental/community/legislative relations.

Magnolia Bible College; Kosciusko, MS (2/81-3/82) – Vice President for Administration and Development. Responsible for all phases of fund raising, recruiting, public relations, special events, business and financial affairs, etc.

Pepperdine University; Malibu, CA (6/79-2/81) – Asst. Legal Counsel. Responsible for legal matters of a multi-campus university. Also involved in community relations.

Education:

Freed-Hardeman University; Henderson, TN; B.S. in Business Administration, 1976.

University of Mississippi School of Law; Oxford, MS; J.D. (Law degree), 1979.

Past and Present Memberships:

Mississippi Board of Education, 1997-2006 (Appointed by Lt. Governor to the 9-member Board)

Southern Region Education Board, 1995-99 (Appointed by Governor to the 15 State Board)

American and Mississippi Bar Associations

Mississippi Economic Council (past chairman, Education Committee)

Kosciusko City Schools District Board of Trustees (1987-92; chairman 3 years)

Mississippi School Boards Association (Board of Directors 1990-1992)

Honors:

Selected by Risk and Insurance magazine as one of eight “Rising Stars” in the world in area of risk management; July/August, 1991 issue.

Selected to Leadership Mississippi by Mississippi Economic Council, 1984 (recognized as one of the top 30 young business leaders in the state.)

Selected by Mississippi Business Journal to “Top 40 Under 40” (one of top forty business leaders in the state under the age of forty).

Distinguished Service Award from National Association of State Boards of Education (2003)

Quoted on topics such as safety, drug testing, insurance, health care costs, etc. in construction, insurance, and business publications.

Conducted seminars for trade associations, educational institutions, contractors, etc. on topics such as “Ways to Reduce Workers’ Compensation Costs”, “Safety in the Construction Industry”, “Drug Testing in the Workplace”, “Time Management”, etc.

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EDUCATION

University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi
Bachelor of Public Administration, 1995

University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi
Juris Doctor, 1998

EMPLOYMENT

Lockett Tyner Law Firm, P.A.

Clarksdale, Mississippi, 1998 - Present

Practice areas include: Insurance Defense Litigation; Civil Litigation; Premises Liability; Medical Negligence; Nursing Home Negligence; Real Property - Residential, Commercial and Agricultural; Wills and Estates; Corporations.

**CIVIC
INVOLVEMENT**

- West Tallahatchie School District - Board Attorney (2007-Present)
- Clarksdale Municipal School District - (2008-2013); Reappointed 2013; Past Vice President, Current Secretary
- Coahoma County Chamber of Commerce - Past Board Member
- St. George's Episcopal Day School - Past Board Member
- St. George's Episcopal Church - Past Vestry Member
- Carnegie Public Library - Past Board of Trustees and Chairman
- Northwest Mississippi Community Foundation- Past Board Member and Chairman
- Greers Ferry Lake Yacht Club - Commodore (2011 and 2012) - Secretary (2012-Present)
- Mississippi Delta Arts Council - Past Board Member
- Clarksdale Community Theater - Past Board Member
- Emmett Till Memorial Commission - Board Attorney (2006-Present)
- Rotary Club of Clarksdale - Past President
- Rotary Club of Sumner - Past President

HONORS

- Rotary International - Paul Harris Fellow
- Martindale Hubble - AV Preeminent Rating - peer reviewed for highest level of professional excellence
- Mid South Super Lawyers - Rising Star

**SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIPS**

- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys
- Defense Research Institute

- Coahoma County Bar Association - Past President
- Mississippi Bar Association

**PERSONAL
INFORMATION**

Spouse: Anna

- Children: Anna Carson (14); Chloe (11)

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