OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS Summary of State Board of Education Items April 17-18, 2014

OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

- 31. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: to Approve Praxis
 II Tests and Recommended Passing Scores as Recommended by the Commission
 on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and
 Development
 - A. <u>Praxis II Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment</u> (5017) to Replace 0011/5011
 - B. Praxis II Elementary Education: Content Knowledge (5018)
 - C. Praxis II Middle School Science (5440)

Background Information:

Educational Testing Service (ETS) has concluded several multistate standardsetting studies of Praxis II tests accepted by the Mississippi Department of Education. As a result of the studies, the current test will be discontinued by ETS and replaced with the newly regenerated tests beginning in September of 2014.

On March 7, 2014, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education Certification and Licensure and Development approved the recommendation of ETS to accept the Praxis II tests and recommended passing scores.

All Praxis scores submitted to the State Board of Education for approval reflect passing scores recommended by the multistate standard-setting panel.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached