

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

November 21, 2022

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Special-Called Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 21, 2022 for the purpose of conducting finalist interviews for the State Superintendent. The location of the meeting was the offices of Butler Snow at 1020 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, MS 39157. Board members present included: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Mr. Glen V. East, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Bill Jacobs, Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, Mr. Matt Miller, Dr. Wendi Barrett, and Ms. Mary Werner (traveling – south of Birmingham, Alabama on I-65).

- I. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman called the Special-Called Board meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., after determining that a quorum of the Board existed for the purpose of conducting a meeting.
- II. Ms. Aultman stated that this is a Special-Called meeting of the Board of Education being held today pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5. Ms. Aultman stated that the notice was posted in accordance with state law and included the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting and identified the location of the meeting available to the public. Ms. Aultman stated that each Board member received a copy of the agenda. Ms. Aultman stated that this is a Special-Called Board meeting and therefore the only business that can be transacted is that which has been specified in the call of this meeting.
- III. On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- IV. Consideration of Executive Session

Mr. Glen V. East moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman asked for the room to be cleared.

Mr. Glen V. East then moved that the Board go into Executive Session in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(a) and (k) to discuss discrete personnel matters related to the State Superintendent search process for the Department of Education. Mr. Matt Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ms. Erin Meyer informed the public of the Board's vote to go into Executive Session for the above stated reasons.



**Minutes of the Executive Session**

During the Executive Session, the Board conducted finalist interviews regarding the State Superintendent search and had discussions related to this process.

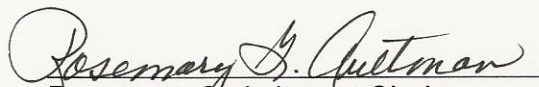
The Board recessed for lunch at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 1:16 p.m.

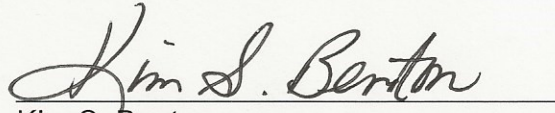
On a motion by Mr. Glen V. East, seconded by Mr. Matt Miller, the Board unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session.

The public came back into the Board meeting and Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman reported the action taken during the Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Matt Miller, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved to hire Dr. Robert Taylor to serve as the State Superintendent of Education at an annual salary of \$300,000.00 with a tentative start date between mid-January or by the first of February 2023.

- V. On a motion by Mr. Glen V. East, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

  
Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

  
Kim S. Benton  
Interim Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education