

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

April 21, 2022

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022, via video conference means pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5 for the purpose of conducting the Board meeting.

The Board made this meeting available to the public via live stream at the Central High School Building. Board members present in the 4th Floor Boardroom at the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi included: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Dr. Wendi Barrett (Biloxi, Mississippi), Dr. Angela Bass, Mr. Glen V. East (Rock Island, Tennessee), Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Bill Jacobs, Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, Mr. Matt Miller, and Ms. Mary Werner (Saltville, Mississippi). Student Representatives: Ms. Amy Zhang and Ms. Micah Hill. Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present at the 4th Floor Boardroom at the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

- I. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman called the Board meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., after determining that a quorum of the Board existed for the purpose of conducting a meeting through video conference means in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5.
- II. Dr. Karen J. Elam led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Dr. Angela Bass, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 17, 2022, Board meeting minutes.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. Recognition Ceremony

Perfect Advanced Placement (AP) Score

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Madison Central High School
Madison County School District

- VI. Dr. Carey M. Wright gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:
 - Dr. Wright stated that she held all the Regional Superintendents meetings across the state and that the Teacher Advisory Councils were paired up at the same locations.

- Dr. Wright stated that she attended the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Legislative Conference, and this is always a good Conference to hear some of the latest updates from the Federal government and the Chiefs had a meeting with one of the White House representatives who is overseeing all of the COVID work so that was really important to hear from her and hear what she thinks is coming up.
- Dr. Wright stated that a highlight was the day that MDE pulled all the coaches in, and every single Mississippi coach was in the same room whether they were a math coach, literacy coach, special education coach, school improvement coach, or digital learning coach they were all together. Dr. Wright stated the cool thing about this was each team did its own video to introduce themselves and such enthusiasm and it was the first time MDE had ever done this and to see the reaction of all these coaches in the room together and realize how much talent was sitting in that room helping teachers each day in their own respective areas. It was just a bright spot you could not have walked out of that meeting without a big smile on your face – it was terrific.
- Dr. Wright stated that she met with the Taiwanese delegation, and they were here to meet with the Legislature and the Governor, and they are looking to form a partnership between Mississippi and Taiwan in terms of teachers and professional development.
- Dr. Wright stated that she attended a bill signing with Governor Reeves regarding the teacher pay raise, which was big news and much appreciated. Dr. Wright stated that the teachers were excited when she talked to them about the bill, and they realized that all their efforts were being seen in such a positive light.
- Dr. Wright stated she attended the Administrator and Teacher of the Year Awards and that is always something very special to recognize those folks.
- Dr. Wright stated that internally MDE has a lot going on, and the Board had several documents at their desk. Dr. Wright stated that the Dyslexia Support Guide is new and is coming from the Special Education team along with other offices within MDE. Dr. Wright stated that this is a great Guide for teachers and parents giving a lot of information: where to find resources, how kids get identified, and how schools can be supportive. Dr. Wright stated the flyer provides what kind of professional development MDE has been offering and who has been attending. Dr. Wright stated that these sessions are very well attended, and this lets the Board know that even as MDE marches on, this is the quiet work that happens behind the scenes, but is helping MDE build the capacity of MS teachers and MS leaders around the state.
- Dr. Wright stated that the United States Department of Education (USDOE) came in and audited MDE's Career and Technical Education (CTE) and MDE's Adult Education that is part of the CTE and they are very targeted monitoring sessions where they come in and really crawl all over the Department and they have completed their Perkins V targeted monitoring

review. Dr. Wright is pleased to report that USDOE informed MDE during the exit conference that Mississippi will receive no findings related to the Perkins V local application in program finance and fiscal components. In fact, the monitoring team lead said the following: Mississippi and the MDE should be peacock proud of their local application packet, your application includes all the required components, strong post-secondary linkages, and engagement of external stakeholders is commendable. Mississippi thought beyond the required federal components and enhanced their application and budget sessions with state-specific requirements that encourage schools to design living Perkins V plans tailored to their specific needs so hats off to MDE and the CTE Office because this is a very rare thing to occur.

- VII. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair of the State Board, gave the following report:
- Ms. Aultman stated that she had conversations and meetings with Dr. Wright throughout the month about various topics.
 - Ms. Aultman stated a request from the National School Boards Association for a representative to serve on an early literacy workshop committee to begin looking at early literacy and developing programs to be used across the nation for literacy and she has asked Dr. Angelo Bass to serve, and her name and information has been sent to the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Ms. Aultman stated that her skill set fits right into that and we are excited that they have asked for a representative from Mississippi primarily because of the strides we have made in early literacy in the state, so they wanted a representative from Mississippi, so I think that speaks well to the success that we have had in the state.

VIII. Report of Student Representatives

Ms. Amy Zhang gave her final report as the Senior Student Representative. Ms. Zhang stated that serving as the Student Representative has been an incredibly fulfilling journey over the past two years. Ms. Zhang stated that she was fortunate enough to join the Board when the Student Representative position and Dr. Wright's Student Advisory Council had already been established, and to be guided by the experience of two Student Representatives before her. Ms. Zhang stated that while serving, she learned how important civic engagement is, especially for young people. Ms. Zhang stated that she had learned how the goal of leadership is service to one's community, the importance of keeping up with the news because of how education is impacted by current events.

Ms. Zhang believes that organizing the Student Advisory Council has been the most important and rewarding duty of the Student Representative position although her experience with the Council has been virtual so far. Ms. Zhang stated that she had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet hundreds of amazing students who are passionate about improving education. Ms. Zhang

stated that the Council's final presentations last year made all the organizing, rescheduled Zoom calls, planning, and researching worth it, and she saw how the Council emboldened students after they saw how MDE considered their opinions on virtual learning or ACT prep or tutoring when making policy decisions.

Ms. Zhang stated that in the future, she knows that the Council will continue to flourish, and she has no doubt that Ms. Micah Hill will continue to guide it well, as well as serve as the bridge between students and the Board as an outstanding leader. She would also like to stress the importance of supporting STEM instruction; specifically, MSMS has been vital in her development both as a student and as a person, and to thank the Board for supporting and funding MSMS. Ms. Zhang stated the Student Advisory Council will elaborate more on these topics next week, but she asks that the Board stay invested in ensuring that all students receive proper mental health support, an accurate and intersectional history curriculum, life skills to help them after graduation, and ample testing prep to help them achieve their goals in college.

Ms. Zhang stated that lastly, she would like to thank the Board for giving students a voice in their education, and as she steps down with relief knowing it will continue listening to students. Ms. Zhang thanked Dr. Wright for listening to the Student Advisory Council, to Ms. Aultman for being one of her first interviewers and introductions to the Board, and to Ms. Donna Hales for ensuring her reports went smoothly at every meeting. Ms. Zhang thanked all Board members and MDE staff for helping her get integrated in her role, and whose dedication to policy has inspired her to study public policy in college. Ms. Zhang thanked all for listening to her and the students of Mississippi.

Ms. Micah Hill stated that this was a really good run through of what the student representatives means to both of us because of being able to talk to students and the Board giving us a voice so she is also very appreciative of that so thank you.

Ms. Aultman stated that Ms. Zhang is moving on to college in a few months and this is her last Board meeting as the Senior Student Representative. Ms. Aultman read a Resolution signed by all members of the Board recognizing Ms. Zhang for her two years as a Student Representative (copy attached).

IX. Report on State Board of Education Subcommittee meetings

Dr. Karen J. Elam, Chair of the Educator Quality Subcommittee, met yesterday with Dr. Angela Bass and Dr. Wendi Barrett along with Dr. Cory Murphy and Dr. Courtney Van Cleve to review the two items on the Consent Agenda that relate to educator quality that being the revised versions of certain practice subject

matter assessments and a cleanup of various policies that relate to educational policies, and we had an excellent discussion.

Dr. Angela Bass, Chair of the School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee, stated that the subcommittee has met three times recently. Dr. Bass stated in the meeting this morning, the subcommittee discussed one Board item and it is the approval to revise the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards* and we will discuss that during the Board meeting later, and we approved an internal audit plan. Dr. Bass stated that the subcommittee met on April 7th and 8th to conduct the interviews of the 12 semifinalists for the junior student representative to the State Board of Education. Dr. Bass stated that they met some amazing students from across the state and the subcommittee is bringing four finalists to the Board to be interviewed. Dr. Bass stated that all 12 of the semifinalists will be put on Dr. Wright's Student Advisory Council. Dr. Bass announced the four finalists: Mr. Charlie Fruge, Oxford High School, Oxford School District; Ms. Kathryn Newman, Ethel Attendance Center, Attala County School District; Mr. Zachary Rifkin, Oak Grove High School, Lamar County School District; and Mr. John Robert Walker, Starkville High School, Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District. Dr. Bass stated the Board will interview these students and will choose one student representative and one alternate. Dr. Bass thanked Ms. Sonya Amis and Ms. Donna Hales for making the process go smoothly and efficiently and she thanked Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee and Mr. Bill Jacobs for being on the interview team.

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair, Legislative Subcommittee, stated that she and Dr. Karen J. Elam met this morning with Mr. Pete Smith just as a wrap up from the Legislative session. Ms. Aultman stated that the biggest educational bill that came out of the session is the teacher pay raise and the recruitment and retention of teachers and they feel this is going to be a real shot in the arm for people who are currently teaching but for young people who are considering going into the teaching profession the fact that the Legislature has made this commitment for teachers and for assistant teachers for all those people who are involved in the day-to-day operations for our students. Ms. Aultman stated there was also money put aside for school districts to use for buildings or repairs and a district can apply and receive up to \$1 million interest-free to pay back over a 10-year period so that will be helpful to some districts. Ms. Aultman stated there is some money for early collaboratives and the board knows how critical we think they are to a child beginning school successfully. Ms. Aultman stated that these are the three big things that they discussed and the impact they will have on the future of education and to the state. Ms. Aultman stated they are grateful to the Legislature for realizing the importance of these and for spending time with Mr. Smith and other members of MDE to make sure they had all the information they needed.

X. Discussion and/or Approval of Board Items

01. Action: Revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-24: *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2021* specifically the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System, Section 10, *Banking Scores: End-of-course, subject area assessments taken before 10th grade*, Section 11, *Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools (CSI)*, Section 12, *Targeted Support and Improvement Schools (TSI)*, and Section 13, *Additional Targeted Support and Improvement Schools (ATSI)* [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 01.A. Action: Withdrawal of Miss. Admin. Code 7-24: *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2021* specifically the March 17, 2022, approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System for school year 2021-2022 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments)

On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board unanimously approved item 01.A. (copy attached).

- 01.B. Action: Approval of a temporary rule and to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-24: *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2021* specifically the business rules of the *Mississippi Statewide Accountability System, Section 10, Banking Scores: End-of-course, subject area assessments taken before 10th grade, Section 11, Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools (CSI), Section 12, Targeted Support and Improvement Schools (TSI), and Section 13, Additional Targeted Support and Improvement Schools (ATSI)* [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Mr. Glen V. East, the Board unanimously approved item 01.B. (copy attached).

02. Information: Report on Early Learning Collaboratives (Kim Benton)

Dr. Kim Benton and Dr. Jill Dent reported on the Early Learning Collaboratives.

03. Action: Approval of MDE Contracts [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

- 03.A. Action: Renew contract with FY21 Compliance and Monitoring Specialists for Fiscal Year 2023 for the Office of Federal Programs (OFF) [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kim Benton)
- 03.B. Action: Renew contract with FY22 Compliance and Monitoring Specialists for Fiscal Year 2023 for the Office of Federal Programs (OFF) [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kim Benton)
- 03.C. Action: Renew contracts with CTE contract workers for Fiscal Year 2023 [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kim Benton)
- 03.D. Action: Renew contract with Research and Curriculum Unit, Mississippi State University for Fiscal Year 2023 for the operation of the Mississippi Career and Planning and Assessment System, Third Edition (MS-CPAS3) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kim Benton)
- 03.E. Action: Modify contract with North Mississippi Education Consortium to coordinate and facilitate regional training sessions and procure related services for Mississippi Department of Education for 2022-2025 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kim Benton)
- 03.F. Action: Renew contracts with full-line food distributors to supply and deliver food products to participating organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (All Regions in the State) [Goal 1 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Dr. Angela Bass, the Board unanimously approved items 03.A., 03.B., 03.C., 03.D., 03.E., and 03.F. (copy attached).

- 04. Action: Approval of MDE Grant Awards [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)
 - 04.A. Action: Award competitive grant to Holmes County School District for the State Systemic Improvement Plan Literacy Coordinator (K-8) Educator-in-Residence [Goals 1 and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kim Benton)
 - 04.B. Action: Renew Combined Services Grant with Mississippi State University Research and Curriculum Unit [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kim Benton)
 - 04.C. Action: Award competitive grants to Early Learning Collaborative Councils to support pre-kindergarten programs [Goal 3 – MBE

Strategic Plan] (Kim Benton)

- 04.D. Action: Modify competitive grants for the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kim Benton)

On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Mr. Glen V. East, the Board unanimously approved items 04.A., 04.B., 04.C., and 04.D. (copy attached). Dr. Angela Bass recused herself from voting and discussion.

05. Consent Agenda (All consent items are action items which require vote, unless otherwise noted.)

- A. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi School of the Arts (Kim Benton)
- B. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Kim Benton)
- C. Approval to revise selected Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Kim Benton)

- 01. Collision Repair Technician—Paint
- 02. Computer Science and Engineering
- 03. Agricultural Leadership
- 04. Educator Preparation
- 05. Engineering
- 06. Information Technology
- 07. Law and Public Safety
- 08. Lodging, Hospitality, and Tourism

- D. Approval to establish selected Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Kim Benton)

- 01. Collision Repair Technician—Non-Structural
- 02. Agricultural Communications
- 03. Food Science
- 04. Poultry Science
- 05. Veterinary Science
- 06. Law Enforcement

- E. Approval to revise three Mississippi Secondary Academic Business courses
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Kim Benton)
 - 01. Academic Business—Business Essentials
 - 02. Academic Business—Business Law
 - 03. Academic Business—Personal Finance

- F. Approval to establish the Mississippi Secondary Academic Business course E-Commerce
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Kim Benton)

- G. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24: *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2021* (Appendix A-9: Distinguished Academic Endorsement) and Miss. Admin. Code 7-163: *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2021* (Appendix A-9: Distinguished Academic Endorsement)
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Kim Benton)

- H. Approval to establish a qualifying score for the newly revised versions of certain Praxis Subject Assessments: Biology (Test Code 5236); Chemistry (Test Code 5246); Physics (Test Code 5266); School Counselor (Test Code 5422); School Librarian (Test Code 5312); and School Psychologist (Test Code 5403) as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development and approval to establish a qualifying score for Praxis Subject Assessment: Gifted Education (Test Code 5358) and add Gifted K-12 (Endorsement Code 207) to the list of approved supplemental endorsements that may be added to a valid three (3) year or valid five (5) year license by obtaining a passing score on the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessment (Paula Vanderford)

- I. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-24: *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2021* specifically the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System, Section 25, *College- and Career-Readiness*, Section 9, *Acceleration*, Section 7, *Lowest Performing Students*, and Section 3, *N-Count Minimums*
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Paula Vanderford)

- J. Approval to revise Mississippi State Board of Education Policies in accordance with Miss. Code. Ann. § 25-43-3.114 which requires an

agency to review all of its rules at least every five years to determine whether any rule should be repealed, amended, or a new rule adopted (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Paula Vanderford)

01. Approval to revise State Board Policy Chapter 51 *Mississippi Recovery School District*

K. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To repeal, amend, or establish Mississippi State Board of Education Policies in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-43-3.114 (Paula Vanderford)

01. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To repeal Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: Chapter 2, Rule 2.2: *Conservatorship*

02. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To amend Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: Chapter 6, Rule 6.1: *Administrative Process and Performance Review*

03. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: Chapter 6, Rule 6.2: *National Accreditation for Mississippi Educator Preparation Providers*

04. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To amend Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: Chapter 9, Rule 9.3: *Designated School-Wide/District-Wide Virtual Learning Days*

05. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To repeal Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: Chapter 14, Rule 14.1: *Administrator Preparation*

06. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To repeal Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: Chapter 14, Rule 14.20: *National Accreditation for Mississippi Educator Preparation Providers*

L. Approval of the 2021 Annual Educator Preparation Provider Teacher Preparation Performance Report (Paula Vanderford)

M. Approval of a new school site for the Stone County School District (Paula Vanderford)

N. Approval of Statewide Purchasing Program's FY22 Financial Statement and FY23 fee structure (Felicia Gavin)

On a motion by Dr. Angela Bass, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board unanimously approved items A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J., K., L., M., and N. (copy attached).

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

XI. Consideration of Executive Session

Mr. Matt Miller 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 on a vote of 8 to 0. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman asked Dr. Carey M. Wright, Ms. Baylea Blough, Ms. Erin Meyer, and the Executive Leadership Team to remain in the Executive Session.

Mr. Matt Miller, 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 approval of appointments to certain positions and/or approval of the salaries of certain positions within the Department of Education, Mississippi School of the Arts, Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and to discuss Investigative proceedings by a public body regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(d) and Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, litigation, or issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(b). Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee seconded the motion, which passed on a motion of 8 to 0. 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 in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(a) and (k) discussed discrete personnel matters related to the approval of appointments to certain positions and/or approval of the salaries of certain positions within the Department of Education, Mississippi School of the Arts, Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and discussed Investigative proceedings by a public body regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(d) and Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, litigation, or issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(b).

On a motion by Mr. Matt Miller, seconded by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, the Board voted 8 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

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

01. On a motion by Mr. Glen V. East, seconded by Dr. Angela Bass, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Erin Meyer as Deputy State Superintendent to serve as General Counsel at a salary of \$140,000.00.
02. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Dr. Angela Bass, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Dr. Cory M. Murphy as Associate State Superintendent for the Office of Teaching and Leading at a salary of \$122,455.26.
03. On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Dr. Jo Ann Malone as Associate State Superintendent for the Office of Accreditation at a salary of \$122,455.26.
04. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Dr. Donald B. Cook, Jr. to serve as Executive Director for the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science at a salary of \$115,000.00.
05. On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Dr. Angela Bass, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Joshua Huwe, Information Technology Manager II to serve as the Product Architect Director within the Office of Technology and Strategic Services at a salary of \$103,142.31.
06. On a motion by Dr. Angela Bass, seconded by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the salary adjustment for Dr. Jill Dent, Education Program Administrator, Office of Early Childhood at a salary of \$91,516.71.
07. On a motion by Mr. Matt Miller, seconded by Dr. Angela Bass, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resignations for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (see attached list).
08. On a motion by Mr. Glen V. East, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended teacher and administrator contracts for the Mississippi School of the Arts, Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (see attached list).
09. On a motion by Mr. Matt Miller, and seconded by Mr. Glen V. East, the Board voted unanimously to AFFIRM the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee from October 28, 2021, for Lisa Langley, Educator License # 187307. The Board affirmed the suspension of Lisa Langley for five (5) years, ordered Ms. Langley to participate in a minimum of two (2) three-hour courses,

one dealing with teacher ethics and professionalism and a second course on special education law, and ordered that Ms. Langley shall submit to a mental health evaluation from a licensed professional that evaluates her fitness to perform her duties under her educator's license, all in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-3-2(10) and 37-3-2(13)(a). The decision of the State Board of Education is final.

Ms. Aultman stated that the Board received and accepted the resignation of Dr. Carey M. Wright who will retire from the Department of Education on June 30, 2022. Ms. Aultman stated that this is with regret and with gratitude for all the work that Dr. Wright has done to move Mississippi forward.

XII. State Board of Education

1. No report on meetings attended.
2. No request to attend a meeting.

XIII. Other Business

01. Action: Approval to change the regularly scheduled State Board of Education Meeting from Thursday, May 19, 2022, to Thursday, May 26, 2022

On a motion by Mr. Matt Miller, seconded by Ms. Mary Werner, the Board unanimously approved to change the regularly scheduled State Board of Education meeting from Thursday, May 19, 2022, to Thursday, May 26, 2022.

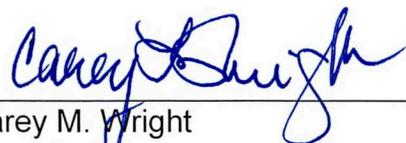
Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman stated that the May Board meeting will be held on May 26, 2022, at the Central High School Building starting at 10:00 a.m.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Mr. Glen V. East the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Approved:


Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education


Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education