

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

June 23, 2022

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Special-Called meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2022 for the purpose of hearing presentations from four vendors on the services that would be provided by each company for the search of a State Superintendent of Education. The location of the meeting was the 4th Floor Boardroom at the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Dr. Wendi Barrett, Dr. Angela Bass (joined the meeting at 10:21 a.m.), Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Glen V. East, Mr. Bill Jacobs, Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee (Biloxi, Mississippi), Mr. Matt Miller, and Ms. Mary Werner.

- I. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman called the Special-Called Board meeting to order at 10:05 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. Ms. Aultman stated that this is a Special-Called meeting of the Board of Education being held today and 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 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. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, 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. Ms. Mary Werner seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 8 to 0. 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), (k), and (l) to discuss discrete personnel matters related to the State Superintendent search process for the Department of Education, and discussions regarding material or data exempt from the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983. Dr. Karen J. Elam seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 8 to 0. Ms. Baylea Blough 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), (k), and (l) discussed discrete personnel matters related to the State Superintendent search process for the Department of Education, and discussed material or data exempt from the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

Ms. Aultman gave the Board the following instructions before the presentations:

- All four vendors that responded to MDE's RFP were invited to present here today.
- Each search firm will be given 15 minutes to give their full presentations.
- After each presentation, the Board will have 20 minutes to ask questions.
- The initial RFP and each of the four responses should be available electronically on your iPads.
- Please be reminded that this information is strictly confidential.

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. Aultman reported the action taken during the Executive Session.

The Board will meet virtually on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the contract for the firm chosen to search for the State Superintendent of Education.

- V. On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Dr. Angela Bass, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Approved:


Rosemary G. Aultman, Vice-Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Kim S. Benton
Interim Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education