

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item
Consent Agenda
June 15, 2023

DIVISION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION

- K. Approval of Blue Mountain Christian University's request to establish two new licensure-track educator preparation programs in the areas of Vocal Music Education and Instrumental Music Education

Background Information: In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2 there is established within the MDE the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the commission to make recommendations to the Mississippi Board of Education regarding standards for the certification and licensure and continuing professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

On May 5, 2023, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development (Licensure Commission) granted approval of a request received from the Division of Educator Preparation that would allow Blue Mountain Christian University to amend and establish certain licensure-track programs as follows:

- Modify existing Vocal Bachelor of Science (BS) Education degree plan to a Bachelor of Music Education (BME) emphasizing choral music that meets the accreditation standards of the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) (licensure code 166)
- Add a new degree plan for Piano Bachelor of Music Education (BME) that will lead to instrumental licensure or vocal licensure (licensure codes 165 and 166)

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None