

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

February 15, 2024

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2024, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5 for the purpose of conducting a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

The public accessed this meeting via livestream or in-person at the Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members physically present included: Mr. Glen V. East, Dr. Wendi Barrett, Mr. Bill Jacobs, and Mr. Mike Pruitt. Board members participating virtually: Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee (San Diego, California), Mr. Matt Miller (Hattiesburg, Mississippi), and Ms. Mary Werner (Saltville, Mississippi). Student Representatives present: Mr. Charlie Frugé and Ms. Kate Riddle. Dr. Raymond C. Morgigno, Interim State Superintendent, was also present.

- I. Mr. Glen V. East called the 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. Mr. Bill Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Glen V. East gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Mike Pruitt, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of January 18, 2024 Board meeting.
- IV. Mr. Matt Miller requested to move Tab K from the Consent Agenda to Tab 05 on the regular agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Bill Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Mike Pruitt, the Board unanimously adopted the Consent agenda as amended.

On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Mr. Mike Pruitt, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

- V. Recognition Ceremony

National Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Distinguished School

Category 1 – Exceptional student performance for two consecutive years
Prentiss County School District
New Site High School
Kenny Sparks, Principal

Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement

Rankin County School District
Cadet Lincoln Jones
Florence High School

Rankin County School District
Cadet Katelyn Hulsey
Northwest Rankin High School

Rankin County School District
Cadet Ethan Young
Brandon High School

Hattiesburg School District
Cadet Mohamed Akweiri
Hattiesburg High School

- V. Dr. Raymond C. Morgigno gave the following report as the Interim State Superintendent of Education:
- Dr. Morgigno stated he attended the Student Advisory Council meeting last week and they toured Nissan. Dr. Morgigno stated it was informative and interesting to see the different career opportunities available.
 - Dr. Morgigno stated he attended the Accountability Task Force meeting along with Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee and Dr. Lance Evans.
 - Dr. Morgigno stated he met with the Literacy Coaches last week.
 - Dr. Morgigno stated he and Senator Hobson did a joint session at the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Conference and gave an update on MDE and the Legislative session.
 - Dr. Morgigno stated he brought greetings at the Mississippi School Boards Association (MSBA) Conference.
 - Dr. Morgigno stated the Teacher Advisory Council met and one of their concerns is student attendance.
 - Dr. Morgigno stated the Principals Advisory Council met and Dr. Courtney Van Cleve shared some information on orientation for school leadership work that is going on.
 - Dr. Morgigno stated the Superintendents Advisory Council met and some shared best practices that they are doing. Dr. Morgigno stated that Ms. Holly Spivey gave a legislative update.
 - Dr. Morgigno stated he, Dr. Paula Vanderford, and Dr. Felicia Gavin gave an overview of MDE to the Senate Education Committee.
 - Dr. Morgigno stated he met with the Senate Budget Committee yesterday and will meet with the House Budget Committee later today.

- VI. Mr. Glen V. East, Chair of the State Board, gave the following report:

- Mr. East thanked Dr. Morgigno for his presentation at the MSBA Conference yesterday. Mr. East stated he attended and made several presentations as a school superintendent. Mr. East stated he listened to input from school boards across our state and to two outstanding keynote addresses.
- Mr. East stated he participated in the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Conference that was held at William Cary in Hattiesburg. Mr. East stated the powerful piece was teachers were asked how to hire teachers, how to keep teachers, and make sure they retire with us. Mr. East stated that information from the Conference will come later.

VII. Reports from Student Representatives

Ms. Kate Riddle stated that the Student Advisory Council got to tour Nissan. Ms. Riddle spoke on Advanced Placement courses. Ms. Riddle stated that Advanced Placement courses should be more weight than dual credit courses. Ms. Riddle stated that students deserved the recognition of taking the Advanced Placement courses.

Mr. Charlie Frugé agreed with Ms. Riddle that Advanced Placement Courses are hard and should count more than dual credit. Mr. Frugé spoke on Mississippi Civics Education. Mr. Frugé worked on a campaign where he and other seniors learned about civics firsthand.

VIII. Report on State Board of Education Subcommittee meetings

Mr. Matt Miller, Chair, Educator Quality Subcommittee, stated that the subcommittee met on Tuesday, February 13, and were given a preview of the educator workforce shortage that will be presented to the Board this morning. Mr. Miller stated they discussed a couple of consent items that you will hear later.

Ms. Mary Werner, Chair, Workforce/Career and Technical Education Subcommittee, stated they met this morning before the Board meeting to learn of the revisions to the Mississippi Perkins V State Plan that will be presented to the Board this morning. Ms. Werner stated there are two major points: to include a budget for FY2024 and State Determined Performance Levels for FY2024.

X. Discussion and/or Approval of Board Items

01. Action: Revise the Mississippi Perkins V State Plan to include a budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and State Determined Performance Levels (SDPLs) for FY 2024 [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Donna Boone)

On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Mr. Mike Pruitt, the Board unanimously approved item 01. (copy attached).

02. Information: Educator Workforce Development Update [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)

Dr. Paula Vanderford and Dr. Courtney Van Cleve presented the Educator Workforce Development Update.

03. Action: Approval of the MDE Contract [Goals 4 and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

- 03.A. Action: Renew contract with Michael D. Kent for Fiscal Year 2025 to perform the administrative duties for the Office of Academic Education, work with school districts to consolidate, work with districts in Districts of Transformation, work as liaison with superintendent of the Mississippi Achievement School District, mentor existing and potential future school district superintendents and principals in Mississippi, and special assignments [Goals 4 and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Donna Boone)

On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, the Board unanimously approved item 03.A. (copy attached).

04. Information: Update on the January 25, 2024 Accountability Task Force meeting [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)

Dr. Paula Vanderford and Mr. Alan Burrow presented an update on the January 25, 2024 Accountability Task Force meeting.

05. Action: Establish iteach Mississippi as an approved Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) to offer a nontraditional pathway to teacher licensure and to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7 – 4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12, to include requirements for teacher licensure specific to prospective iteach Mississippi program completers [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)

On a motion by Mr. Matt Miller, seconded by Ms. Mary Werner, the Board unanimously approved item 05. (copy attached).

06. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi School of the Arts (Donna Boone)
- B. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Donna Boone)

- C. Approval of methodology to award discretionary grants to Early Learning Collaboratives and State Invested Pre-K programs for the purpose of providing reimbursement for approved curriculum teacher guides and trade books to support Mississippi Beginnings: Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum (Donna Boone)

- D. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise selected Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education (Donna Boone)
 - 01. Agriculture Power and Machinery
 - 02. Construction Core
 - 03. Cosmetology
 - 04. Electrical
 - 05. Healthcare and Clinical Services
 - 06. Health Science Core
 - 07. Heating, Ventilation, Air, Cooling, and Refrigeration (HVACR)
 - 08. Instrumentation
 - 09. Metal Fabrication
 - 10. Precision Machining
 - 11. Sports Medicine and Therapeutic Services

- E. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish selected Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education (Donna Boone)
 - 1. Emergency Medical Services
 - 2. Energy Technology II
 - 3. Multimedia Core
 - 4. Multimedia—Advanced Broadcast and Production
 - 5. Multimedia—Broadcast Foundations
 - 6. Multimedia—Digital Design
 - 7. Multimedia—Digital Video Production
 - 8. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

- F. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: Chapter 28, Rule 28.5 – Credit Recovery Policy (Donna Boone)

- G. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-24: *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2023*, Appendices A-6 – A-12, B-2, G, glossary and to establish Appendix A-13 and Miss. Admin. Code 7-163: *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2023*,

Appendices A-6 – A-12, B-2, G, glossary, and establish Appendix A-13 (Donna Boone)

- H. Approval of formula grants to school districts for the purpose of providing reimbursement for the Textbook Inventory Management System (TIMS) (Donna Boone)
- I. Approval of textbook titles as recommended by the 2023 State Textbook Rating Committee for adoption in the areas of Business Technology Academic (9-12), Career Technology Education (9-12), Computer Science (K-6), Cursive Handwriting (2-5), Math (Pre-K), and World Language (7-12) - Fiscal Year 2025 (Donna Boone)
- J. Approval to revise Miss. Code 7-4: Part 4: *Licensure Guidelines K-12* to outline provisions for the teaching commitment within the Resident Teacher License
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act Process without public comments) (Paula Vanderford)
- K. [PULLED]
- L. Approval of Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) for Districts assigned a PROBATION or WITHDRAWN status in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1 (Paula Vanderford)
- M. Approval of the methodology to modify the W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant award for Delta State University (DSU) to allow additional high-need districts within the region to participate in the Mississippi Teacher Residency (MTR) (Paula Vanderford)
- N. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: Chapter 1 – Accountability, Rule 1.3 – Bureaus of Internal Audit and Program Evaluation
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Sonya Amis)
- O. Approval of methodology to award grant dollars to school districts in support of the implementation of dyslexia programs (Donna Boone)
- P. Approval of certified personnel for the Mississippi School of the Arts, Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (Donna Boone)
- Q. Information: Annual School Board Meeting Attendance Report in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-6-13 (Paula Vanderford)

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

XI. No Executive Session.

XII. State Board of Education

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

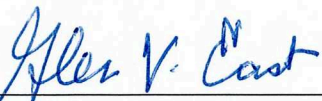
XIII. Other Business

Mr. Glen V. East stated the March Board meeting will be held on March 7, 2024, in Jackson, MS at the Central High School Building in the 4th Floor Boardroom starting at 10:00 a.m.

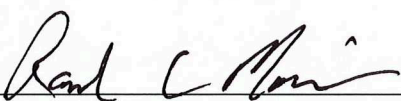
XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Bill Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Mary Werner, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Approved:



Glen V. East, Board Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Raymond C. Morgigno
Interim Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education