Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

June 19, 2024

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Special-Called Board meeting at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, in the 4th Floor Boardroom at Central High School, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. The meeting was available to the public in person. Board members present were: Dr. Wendi Barrett, Mr. Bill Jacobs, Mr. Matt Mayo, Mr. Matt Miller, Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, Mr. Mike Pruitt, Ms. Billye Jean Stroud, and Ms. Mary Werner. Board member absent: Mr. Glen V. East. Dr. Raymond C. Morgigno, Interim State Superintendent, was also present.

- I. Mr. Matt Miller, Acting Chair, called the Special-Called Board meeting to order at 12:00 noon.
- II. Mr. Bill Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee gave the Invocation.
- III. Mr. Miller stated that the agenda for the Special-Called Board meeting was sent and only business that can be transacted is that which has been specified in the call of this meeting, which is the review of the budget.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. Dr. Raymond C. Morgigno stated this meeting is to give the Board members a review of the draft proposed FY 2026 budget request for the Mississippi Department of Education.
 - Dr. Morgigno presented the Vision and Mission Statement for the Mississippi Board of Education.
 - Dr. Morgigno presented the Mississippi Board of Education Goals that drives the work at the Department. Dr. Morgigno stated that all the budgetary priorities have been aligned to the goals.
 - Dr. Morgigno stated that the proposed 2026 Legislative priorities are listed for the Board members to review. Dr. Morgigno stated that the priorities are not in any certain order. Dr. Morgigno stated that it is up to the Board how they want the Legislative priorities.
 - Dr. Morgigno stated that Dr. Felicia Gavin would present the 2026 Fiscal Priorities and Overview of Budget Requests to the Board. Dr. Gavin stated there are four major budget categories in the Department: General Education, Career and Technical Education, Mississippi Student Funding Formula (MSFF), and Chickasaw.

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The following Executive Leadership Team members presented the FY 2026 proposed budget requests: Dr. Donna H. Boone for the Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Paula Vanderford for the Chief Accountability Officer; Mr. John Kraman for the Chief Information Officer; Ms. Sonya Amis for the Office of Educational Accountability, and Dr. Gavin presented for the Office of General Counsel, Office of Chief Operations Officer, Office of Communications and Government Relations, and Office of State Superintendent.

Dr. Morgigno and staff answered questions asked by the Board members. Dr. Morgigno asked the Board members to review the budget and reach out to the Chiefs or to Dr. Gavin before they vote on the budget in July.

VI. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Matt Mayo, seconded by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

Approved:

Glen V. East, Chair

Mississippi Board of Education

Lance Evans

Executive Secretary

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