

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
October 15, 2020

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

B. Approval of Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science Advisory Board appointments

The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) advisory board is comprised of eleven (11) members. Membership includes a secondary school principal, a secondary school counselor, a district superintendent, a middle school/elementary representative, an officer of the Mississippi Association for Gifted Children, a non-public/parochial school representative, a MSMS parent of a junior, and four (4) laypersons in accordance with the MSMS Operating Procedures. Each member serves a term for three (3) years with the exception of the parent member who shall serve for the two (2) years that the child remains a student. With the exception of the parent member, members may be reappointed for a single second term. Appointments are made by the State Board of Education from recommendations by the State Superintendent of Education.

- Due to terms expiring, five (5) new members are being recommended.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

EXISTING MEMBERS

NAME	CATEGORY	LOCATION COUNTY/CITY	RACE	GENDER	TERM	TERM EXPIRATION
Dr. Cederick Ellis	Superintendent	Pike County/ McComb School Dist	Black	Male	First	December 2020
Stefanie Jones	Practicing Secondary School Principal	Lowndes County/ West Lowndes High	Black	Female	First	December 2020
Paul King	Layperson	Lauderdale County/ Meridian	White	Male	Second	December 2022
Dr. Debra Dace	Layperson	Sunflower County/ Indianola	Black	Female	Second	December 2022
Thalita Hosey	Middle/Elementary School	Jones County/ Laurel Middle School	Black	Female	Second	December 2022
Michael Cox	MS Association of Gifted Children	Humphreys County	White	Male	Second	December 2022

RECOMMEDATION TO APPOINT AS NEW MEMBERS

NAME	CATEGORY	LOCATION COUNTY/CITY	RACE	GENDER	TERM	TERM EXPIRATION
Ms. Claire Threatt	Practicing School Counselor	Choctaw County/ Philadelphia	White	Female	First	December 2022
Ms. Elsie Lockett	Parent	Monroe County/ Aberdeen	Black	Female	First	June 2021
Dr. Hunter Taylor	Layperson	Lafayette County/ Oxford	White	Male	First	December 2022
Dr. Christopher Finn	Layperson/Alumni	Coahoma County/ Clarksdale	White	Male	First	December 2022
Mr. T. Mac Howard	Private School	Leflore County/ Greenwood	White	Male	First	December 2022

MSMS Advisory Board Member Locations by County

Mr. Michael Cox - Humphreys County
 Dr. Debra Dace - Sunflower County
 Dr. Cederick Ellis - Pike County
 Dr. Chris Finn - Coahoma County
 Ms. Stefanie Jones - Lowndes County
 Ms. Thalita Hosey - Jones County
 Mr. Paul King - Lauderdale County
 Ms. Elsie Lockett - Monroe County
 Dr. Hunter Taylor - Lafayette County
 Ms. Claire Threatt - Choctaw County
 Mr. T. Mac Howard - Leflore County


Race/Gender Breakdown:


Black - 5

White - 6

Female - 5

Male - 6

 = current members

 = recommended members

