

Mississippi Board of Education  
September 24, 2020  
10:00 a.m.  
Boardroom  
Central High School Building  
Mississippi Department of Education (MDE)  
359 North West Street  
Jackson, Mississippi

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Invocation
- III. Approval of minutes of August 27, 2020 Board Meeting and minutes of the August 27, 2020 Student Representative Final Interviews
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Report of State Superintendent of Education
- VI. Report of Chair
- VII. Report of Student Representatives
- VIII. Report on State Board of Education Subcommittee (SBE) Meetings
- IX. Discussion and/or Approval of Board Items (All action items require vote)
  01. Action: Approval by the SBE to suspend strict compliance with Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 28.6, State Board Policy Chapter 28, Rule 28.6 for the 2020 – 2021 school year following Governor Tate Reeves’ Proclamation of a State of Emergency as a result of the impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus) on school districts during the Spring of 2020 in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 33-15-31, 33-15-11(b)(9), and 33-15- 11(c)(1) [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)
  02. Action: Approval of the MDE grant awards [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)
    - 02.A. Action: Award competitive grants for the Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

- 02.B. Action: Award competitive grants for the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)
- 02.C. Action: Approval of the authority for the MDE to approve the grants and distribution of funds from House Bill 1788 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)
- 03. Consent Agenda (All consent items are action items which require vote, unless otherwise noted.)
  - A. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi School of the Arts (Nathan Oakley)
  - B. Approval of school districts with need for administrators to participate in the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program (Paula Vanderford)
  - C. Approval to revise to Miss. Adm. Code 7-3: 76.4. State Board Policy Chapter 76, Rules 76.4 – Housing Teacher Program (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Felicia Gavin)
  - D. Approval to revise Miss. Admin Code 7-3: 56.1, State Board Policy Chapter 56, Rule 56.1 – Distance Learning, Blended Learning, and Online Courses (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Nathan Oakley)
  - E. Approval of the appointments to the Commission on School Accreditation (Paula Vanderford)
  - F. Approval of the methodology for the distribution of \$4 million of ESSER Funds to support Distance Learning (John Kraman)
  - G. Approval of the methodology for the distribution of \$50 million in House Bill 1788 (John Kraman)
  - H. Approval of Equity in Distance Learning Act (EDLA) applications and plans for special state schools (Nathan Oakley)
  - I. Approval of Technology Equipment Purchase through Equitable Distance Learning Act (EDLA) grant funds for devices to serve all students and teachers of the Mississippi School of the Arts (Nathan Oakley)

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J. Approval to appoint a teacher representative to the State and School Employees' Health Advisory Council (Carey Wright)

X. Consideration of Executive Session

XI. State Board of Education

1. Report on meetings attended

2. Approval of attendance at meetings

XII. Other Business

XIII. Adjournment

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