In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(10) and § 25-41-5, a subcommittee of the members of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Commission) met at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, in Room 204 of the Woolfolk Building Annex located at 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS.

Members in Attendance: Cindy Melton, Doris Perkins, and Susan McClelland
Commission Counsel: Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:
Amy Daniel, Office Director, Office of Educator Misconduct (OEM)
Joseph A. Runnels, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to OEM

Educator in Attendance:
Patricia Wright, Respondent

I. Case of Patricia Wright, Educator License No.: 163268

Cindy Melton, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 8:41 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Doris Perkins moved to consider going into executive session. Susan McClelland seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session.

Once the parties cleared the room, Doris Perkins moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberations and findings concerning the License of Educator Patricia Wright. Susan McClelland seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session.

Susan McClelland made the motion to grant the request for reinstatement of Educator License No.: 163268 currently revoked and previously issued to Patricia Wright. Doris Perkins seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to reinstate Educator License No.: 163268.

On a motion by Doris Perkins, seconded by Susan McClelland, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.
II. Case of Tanya Castal, Educator License No.: 176072

Cindy Melton, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:39 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Doris Perkins moved to consider going into executive session. Susan McClelland seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session.

Once the parties cleared the room, Doris Perkins moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberations and findings concerning the License of Educator Tanya Castal. Susan McClelland seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session.

Susan McClelland made the motion that Educator License Application No. 176072 filed by Tanya Castal should not be approved for processing or reinstatement. The Petitioner may reapply after three (3) months from receipt of the decision of the Commission’s Hearing Subcommittee. As part of her license application, the Petitioner shall provide a written statement explaining the details of the pre-trial intervention program, as well as additional information that demonstrates ethically sound judgment befitting an educator. Doris Perkins seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted not to approve for processing or reinstatement Educator License Application No. 176072 filed by Tanya Castal.

On a motion by Doris Perkins, seconded by Susan McClelland, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

III. Adjournment

On a motion made by Doris Perkins and seconded by Susan McClelland the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 11:01 a.m.

Approved:

Cindy Melton, Subcommittee Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

Dr. Paula Vanderford, Executive Secretary
Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development