

**Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,
Certification and Licensure and Development
4th Floor Board Room, Central High School
359 N. West Street
Jackson, MS 39201
9:30 a.m.
October 13, 2016**

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 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2016, in the 4th Floor Board Room at Central High School located at 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Susan McClelland, Patrick Gray, and Cyleshia Hopkins
Commission Counsel: Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:

James Thompson, Office of Educator Misconduct Investigator/Interim Director
Chad Callender, Office of Educator Misconduct Investigator
Joseph A. Runnels, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to OEM
Raina Anderson Lee, Special Assistant Attorney, Counsel to OEM

Other Individuals Attending:

Randy Stokes, Educator/Respondent
Raymond Fraser, Counsel for the Respondent

I. Case of Sarah Brooks Cauthen, Educator License No.: 184928

Susan McClelland, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:31 a.m.

James Thompson presented the Commission Hearing Subcommittee with an executed Voluntary Surrender from the educator, Sarah Brooks Cauthen, in which the educator admits to violating Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(a) by abandoning her position as a teacher with the Coahoma County School District, and Mr. Thompson requested the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the Voluntary Surrender.

On a Motion by Patrick Gray, seconded by Cylesha Hopkins, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept and ratify the Voluntary Surrender by educator, Sarah Brooks Cauthen.

This matter adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

II. Case of Randy Stokes, Educator License No.: 182024

Susan McClelland, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing subcommittee, called this hearing to order at 9:52 a.m.

Special Assistant Attorney General, Raina Anderson Lee, presented the Commission Hearing Subcommittee with a Voluntary Surrender from the educator, Randy Stokes, in which the educator admits to violating Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(h) having engaged in unethical conduct relating to an educator/student relationship as identified by the State Board of Education in its rules, and Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(13)(a) having been terminated by the Leflore County School District, and requested the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the Voluntary Surrender.

On a motion by Patrick Gray, seconded by Cylesha Hopkins, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept the Voluntary Surrender of educator Randy Stokes.

In the presence of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, a Notary Public, Joycelyn Spann, witnessed the educator, Randy Stokes, executed the Voluntary Surrender and properly notarized the Voluntary Surrender.


On a motion by Patrick Gray, seconded by Cylesha Hopkins, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to ratify the Voluntary Surrender of educator Randy Stokes.


This hearing adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

III. Adjournment

The cases concluded at 9:56 a.m.

Approved:


Susan McClelland, Ph.D., Subcommittee Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator
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Paula A. Vanderford, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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