In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(10) and Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5, a subcommittee of the members of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development ("Commission") met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2017, in the 4th Floor Board Room located at Central High School 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Pamela Manners, Rilla Jones, and Patrick Gray
Commission Counsel: Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:
James Thompson, Office of Educator Misconduct Director & Investigator
Joseph A. Runnels, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to OEM
Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, Special Assistant Attorney General

Other Individuals Attending:
Brittany Boisseau, Educator/Petitioner
Elliot Anderson, Educator/Petitioner

I. Case of Amber Turnage, Educator License No.: 193349

Pamela Manners, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:10 a.m.

James Thompson presented the Commission Hearing Subcommittee with an executed Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender from the educator, Amber Turnage, in which the educator admits to violating Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(h) while employed in the Jackson Public School District by engaging in a physical and/or romantic relationship with a student, all in violation of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics Standards of Conduct. Mr. Thompson requested the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the Agreed Order in which Ms. Turnage agrees to permanently surrender her educator license and agrees to not petition for reinstatement.

On a motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by Patrick Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept and ratify the Agreed Order of Voluntary Surrender executed by educator, Amber Turnage.

On a motion by Patrick Gray, seconded by Rilla Jones the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn this matter at 9:14 a.m.

II. Case of Brittany Boisseau, Educator License No.: 252691
Pamela Manners, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:15 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Rilla Jones moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee consider going into executive session. Patrick Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session. On a Motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by Patrick Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the License of Educator Brittany Boisseau. The following individuals remained in the room: Pamela Manners, Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, and Erin Meyer.

On a motion by Patrick Gray, seconded by Rilla Jones, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 9:48 a.m.

During Executive Session the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took the following action:

The Commission Hearing Subcommittee found that the evidence is clear and convincing that the Petitioner has furnished satisfactory evidence of good character, good mental, emotional and physical health and has established the Petitioner’s rehabilitation and fitness to perform the duties authorized by her educator license. On a Motion by Patrick Gray, seconded by Rilla Jones, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to grant the Petitioner’s request for reinstatement of Educator License No. 252691 currently suspended and previously issued to Brittany Boisseau.

On a Motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by Patrick Gray the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn this matter at 9:50 a.m.

III. Case of Elliot Anderson, Educator License No.: 162256

Pamela Manners, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 10:25 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Patrick Gray moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee consider going into executive session. Rilla Jones seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session. On a Motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by Patrick Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the License of Educator Elliot Anderson. The following individuals remained in the room: Pamela Manners, Patrick Gray, Rilla Jones, and Erin Meyer.
On a motion by Patrick Gray, seconded by Rilla Jones the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 11:48 a.m.

During Executive Session the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took the following action:

On a motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by Patrick Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to deny Educator License Reinstatement Application No. 162256 filed by Elliot Anderson. The Commission Hearing Subcommittee further ordered that Mr. Anderson may not reapply for reinstatement until after December 31, 2017. Prior to petitioning the Commission for reinstatement, Mr. Anderson, at his own expense, shall complete a minimum of one stand-alone seminar or course work related to ethics in education, and shall complete a stand-alone minimum of one seminar or course work related to electronic etiquette in the school setting. As part of his reinstatement application, Mr. Anderson shall provide proof of his attendance and successful completion of the required courses of study. The Commission, in its discretion, may reinstate the Mr. Anderson’s educator licensure only by a majority vote of all members of the Commission present at the meeting called for that purpose upon Mr. Anderson’s satisfactory showing of evidence of rehabilitation including a demonstration of ethically sound judgment befitting of an educator.

On a motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by Patrick Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn this matter at 11:50 a.m.

IV. Adjournment

The hearings adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Approved:

Pamela Manners, Subcommittee Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

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