

**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
9:00 a.m.**

October 18, 2018

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 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2018 in 4th Floor Board Room located at Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Rilla Jones, Susan McClelland, and Etta Taplin
Commission Counsel: Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:
Michael C. Martin, Interim Director OEM
Joseph A. Runnels, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to OEM

Mississippi Department Licensure Staff Attending
LaKisha Walker, Special Projects Officer II
Whitney Young, Special Projects Officer II

Other Individuals Attending:
James Wilkins, Educator
Natalie Blackmon, Educator
Roberta Johnson, Educator
Chad Hunt, Educator

I. Case of James Wilkins, Educator License 316487

Rilla Jones, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:05 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Etta Taplin 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.

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the License of Educator, James Wilkins. Susan McClelland seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Erin Meyer, Etta Taplin, Susan McClelland, and Rilla Jones.

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

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

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee approve for processing the application for licensure submitted by James Wilkins, Educator License No.: 316487. Susan McClelland seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to approve for processing the application for licensure submitted by James Wilkins.

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by Susan McClelland, this hearing adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

II. Case of Natalie Blackmon, Educator License 190367

Rilla Jones, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 10:08 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Etta Taplin, 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.

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of Educator, Natalie Blackmon. Susan McClelland seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Erin Meyer, Rilla Jones, Susan McClelland, and Etta Taplin.

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

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

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee grant the Petitioner's request for reinstatement of Educator License No.: 190367. Susan McClelland seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to grant the Petitioner's request for reinstatement of Educator License No.: 190367

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by Susan McClelland, this hearing concluded at 11:45 a.m.

III. Case of Roberta Johnson, Educator License 191462

Rilla Jones, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 11:01 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Etta Taplin, 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.

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of Educator, Robert Johnson. Susan McClelland seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Erin Meyer, Rilla Jones, Susan McClelland, and Etta Taplin.

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

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

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee grant the Petitioner's request for reinstatement of Educator License No.: 191462. Rilla Jones seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to grant the Petitioner's request for reinstatement of Educator License No.: 191462.

On a Motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by Susan McClelland, this hearing concluded at 11:59 a.m.

IV. Case of Chad Hunt, Educator License 224250

Rilla Jones, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 1:06 p.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Etta Taplin, 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.

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of Educator, Natalie Blackmon. Susan McClelland seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Erin Meyer, Rilla Jones, Susan McClelland, and Etta Taplin.

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

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


Rilla Jones moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee grant the Petitioner's request for reinstatement of Educator License No.: 224250. As a condition of his reinstatement, the Petitioner shall participate in a workshop/seminar/course related to law and ethics within one year of the date of this hearing. The Petitioner shall submit proof of his attendance and participation to the Office of Educator Misconduct. The failure of the Petitioner to comply with the aforementioned requirements within one year shall automatically result in the immediate suspension of the Petitioner's license. Susan McClelland seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to grant the Petitioner's request for reinstatement of Educator License No.: 224250 with conditions.

This hearing adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

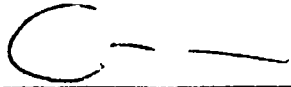
V. Adjournment

The Subcommittee adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Approved:



Rilla Jones, Subcommittee Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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