Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,
Certification, and Licensure and Development
Teleconference Meeting
Central High School
Jackson, MS
4th Floor Boardroom
January 10, 2020
10:00 a.m.

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-3-2(3) and 25-41-5, the members of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development (Commission) met at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 1, 2019 in the 4th Floor Board Room located at Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS.

Members Attending in the 4th Floor Boardroom located at MDE Central High School:

Kenny Goza
Dr. Bernel Kelly
Dr. Susan McClelland
Corey Welch

Rebecca Skinner-Gray
David Martin
Dr. Cindy Melton

William Hamilton
Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson
Etta Taplin

Members Attending via Teleconference:

Dr. Patrick Gray
Lisa Reeves-Guice

John Howard

Rilla Jones

Members Absent:

Mary Hill-Shular

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:

Dr. Debra Burson
Brian McGairty
Kristina Oxendine

Regina Chatman
Mary-Catherine McGregor
Debbie Stoulig

Krystal Cormack
Dr. Cory Murphy

Special Assistant Attorney General Attending:

Erin Meyer
I. Call to Order

Kenny Goza called the meeting to order on Friday, January 10, 2020 at 10:02 a.m. The meeting took place in the 4th floor Boardroom at the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

II. Establishment of a Quorum

Kenny Goza Present, Jackson, MS
Dr. Patrick Gray Present, via teleconference, Hattiesburg, MS
Rebecca Skinner-Gray Present, Jackson, MS
William Hamilton Present, Jackson, MS
Mary Hill-Shular Absent
John Howard Present, via teleconference, Clarksdale, MS
Rilla Jones Present, via teleconference, Tupelo, MS
Dr. Bernell Kelly Present, Jackson, MS
David Martin Present, Jackson, MS
Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson Present, Jackson, MS
Dr. Susan McClelland Present, Jackson, MS
Dr. Cindy Melton Present, Jackson, MS
Lisa Reeves-Guice Present, via teleconference, Biloxi, MS
Etta Taplin Present, Jackson, MS
Corey Welch Present, Jackson, MS

Kenny Goza announced that a quorum of the Commission existed.

III. Approval of the minutes of the November 1, 2019 Meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by Dr. Bernell Kelly, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Commission minutes for the November 1, 2019 meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza Dr. Patrick Gray Rebecca Skinner-Gray
William Hamilton John Howard Rilla Jones
Dr. Bernell Kelly David Martin Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson
Dr. Susan McClelland Dr. Cindy Melton Lisa Reeves-Guice
Etta Taplin Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None
Members voting nay: None
Members absent: Mary Hill-Shular

IV. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of November 13, 2019

On a motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by David Martin, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the subcommittee minutes for November 13, 2019.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza          Dr. Patrick Gray          Rebecca Skinner-Gray
William Hamilton    John Howard             Rilla Jones
Dr. Bernell Kelly   David Martin            Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson
Dr. Susan McClelland Dr. Cindy Melton       Lisa Reeves-Guice
Etta Taplin          Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None
Members absent: Mary Hill-Shular

V. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of December 11, 2019

On a motion by Corey Welch, seconded by William Hamilton, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the subcommittee minutes for December 11, 2019.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza          Dr. Patrick Gray          Rebecca Skinner-Gray
William Hamilton    John Howard             Rilla Jones
Dr. Bernell Kelly   David Martin            Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson
Dr. Susan McClelland Dr. Cindy Melton       Lisa Reeves-Guice
Etta Taplin          Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None
Members absent: Mary Hill-Shular

VI. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Dr. Cindy Melton, seconded by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda.
Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza  Dr. Patrick Gray  Rebecca Skinner-Gray
William Hamilton  John Howard  Rilla Jones
Dr. Bernell Kelly  David Martin  Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson
Dr. Susan McClelland  Dr. Cindy Melton  Lisa Reeves-Guice
Etta Taplin  Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Mary Hill-Shular

VII. Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Updates (Dr. Cory Murphy)

Dr. Cory Murphy wished the Commission members are Happy New Year and expressed his thanks to the Commission members for their commitment to advocating on behalf of education stakeholders across the state and for serving as a voice for the children of the state of Mississippi.

Dr. Murphy reported that MDE was notified in the last quarter of 2019 by the Mississippi Community College Foundation Board members voted to suspend the administration of two alternate route programs: MAPQT (Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers) and MAPQSL (Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality School Leadership). MDE is working with Dr. Nettles to assure that candidates who are currently enrolled in these program are not adversely affected.

Dr. Murphy also noted that the MAPQT and the educator track of the MAPQSL program are State Board approved pathways. There is a Business track that is required by law in statute 37-3-2(7d) and one criterion for candidates is the completion of a training program, this need was previously met through the MAPQSL program. A subcommittee will be convened to address what pathway will be offered to to replace MAPQT/MAPQSL for this particular license.

Dr. Murphy also stated that it had been requested that upcoming events and conferences be shared with the Licensure Commission and had the following to report:

The Annual Mississippi Administrator and Teacher of the Year ceremony is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Jackson Convention Center.

The Third Annual Elevate Teachers Conference will be held in July 2020

Dr. Murphy also reported that ETS had previously notified states that they would be discontinuing the Praxis Elementary Education subject assessment that is used for non-traditional/alternate route candidates who are seeking certification in grades 4-6 through
the MAT program, however after receiving feedback from the states, ETS has decided to continue the use of the assessment and no changes will be need to be made at this time.

VIII. Discussion and/or Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7 – 4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to modify the licensure requirements for obtaining and maintaining the Special Non-Renewable License for Prospective Non-Traditional Teacher Preparation Program Completers, to ensure alignment to current Federal guidelines for employing Special Education Teachers who hold a temporary license as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). (Mrs. Krystal Cormack)

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by Dr. Cindy Melton, the Commission voted unanimously to approve beginning the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7 – 4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to modify the licensure requirements for obtaining and maintaining the Special Non-Renewable License for Prospective Non-Traditional Teacher Preparation Program Completers, to ensure alignment to current Federal guidelines for employing Special Education Teachers who hold a temporary license as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza   Dr. Patrick Gray   Rebecca Skinner-Gray
William Hamilton  John Howard     Rilla Jones
Dr. Bernell Kelly  David Martin   Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson
Dr. Susan McClelland  Dr. Cindy Melton Lisa Reeves-Guice
Etta Taplin     Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Mary Hill-Shular

IX. Discussion and/or Approval to revise two (2) Career Pathway licensure options, 972 Culinary Arts; 962 Sports Medicine; establish two (2) new Career Pathways in the endorsement areas of Fire Science; Business, Marketing, and Finance; and establish one (1) new endorsement in the area of Cyber Foundations. (Ms. Wendy Clemons)

On a motion by Dr. Bernell Kelly, seconded by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve revising two (2) Career Pathway licensure options, 972 Culinary Arts; 962 Sports Medicine; establish two (2) new Career Pathways in the endorsement areas of Fire Science; Business, Marketing, and Finance; and establish one (1) new endorsement in the area of Cyber Foundations.
Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza          Dr. Patrick Gray          Rebecca Skinner-Gray
William Hamilton    John Howard            Rilla Jones
Dr. Bernell Kelly   David Martin           Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson
Dr. Susan McClelland Dr. Cindy Melton       Lisa Reeves-Guice
Etta Taplin          Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Mary Hill-Shular

X. Discussion and/or approval of request to remove the requirement to complete the College Board® approved Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI) for the purpose of adding an AP endorsement to a valid standard five-year Mississippi teacher license to teach Advanced Placement courses. (Ms. Wendy Clemons)

On a motion by Dr. Cindy Melton, seconded by Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, the Commission voted unanimously to create a subcommittee to further discuss the issue of removing the requirement to complete the College Board® approved Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI) for the purpose of adding an AP endorsement to a valid standard five-year Mississippi teacher license to teach Advanced Placement courses.

Members voting aye:

Kenny Goza          Dr. Patrick Gray          Rebecca Skinner-Gray
William Hamilton    John Howard            Rilla Jones
Dr. Bernell Kelly   David Martin           Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson
Dr. Susan McClelland Dr. Cindy Melton       Lisa Reeves-Guice
Etta Taplin          Corey Welch

Members abstaining: None

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: Mary Hill-Shular

XI. Discussion and/or approval of ratifications of agreed orders and/or voluntary surrenders (Mr. Brian McGairty)

Mr. Brian McGairty announced that there were no agreed orders or voluntary surrenders to report to the Licensure Commission at this time.
XII. Other Business


Dr. Cory Murphy reported that the Licensure Commission Retreat in 2019 took place in July and was a full day retreat.

It was recommended that the date for the retreat be scheduled to coincide with a Licensure Commission meeting to make travel easier for those who are coming out of town.

Dates in May, July, and September were suggested, and it was decided that Dr. Murphy will send a poll to Commission members to allow people to vote on a number of options to select a date that works for the most people.

XIII. Adjournment

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by Dr. Cindy Melton, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Approved:

Kenny Goza, Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development