December 5, 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 December 5, 2018 in the 4th Floor Board Room, located at Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

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

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:
Michael C. Martin, Interim Director for Office of Educator Misconduct (OEM)
Joseph A. Runnels, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to OEM
Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, Special Assistant Attorney General
LaKisha Walker, Office of Teaching and Leading
Whitney Young, Office of Teaching and Leading

Other Individuals Attending:
Genetra Robinson, Educator
Joel Dillard, Counsel for Genetra Robinson
Whitney Taylor, Educator

I. Case of Genetra Robinson, Educator License 201126

Cindy Melton, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:14 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Rilla Jones, moved to consider going into executive session. Etta Taplin seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session.

Rilla Jones moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of Educator, Genetra Robinson. Etta Taplin seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Erin Meyer, Cindy Melton, Etta Taplin, and Rilla Jones.
On a motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by Etta Taplin, 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 Educator's request for reinstatement of her educator license No. 201126 currently suspended and previously issued. Consistent with the prior order of the State Board of Education entered February 22, 2017, and the prior order of the Commission heard on March 3, 2017 and entered on April 4, 2017, the Educator will remain on probation for a period of three (3) years. Any confirmed violation during the three (3) year probation shall result in the immediate suspension of the Educator's license for the remainder of the probationary period. Etta Taplin seconded the motion and requirements, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to grant the Petitioner's request for reinstatement.

On a Motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by Etta Taplin, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously 10:26 a.m.

II. Case of Whitney Taylor, Educator License No. 231419

Cindy Melton, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 11:08 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Rilla Jones, moved to consider going into executive session. Etta Taplin seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session.

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

On a motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by Etta Taplin, 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. 231419 currently suspended and previously issued to Whitney Taylor. Etta Taplin seconded the motion the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to grant the Petitioner's request for reinstatement.
III. Adjournment

On a Motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by Etta Taplin the Commission Hearing Subcommittee concluded and adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Approved:

Cindy Melton  Subcommittee 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