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
12:30 p.m.

November 2, 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 12:30 p.m. on Friday, November 2, 2018 in 4th Floor Board Room located at Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Kenny Goza, John Howard and Etta Taplin, and Bernell Kelly
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
Lakisha Walker, Special Projects Officer II
Whitney Young, Special Projects Officer II

Other Individuals Attending:
Charlene Weathersby, Educator

I. Case of Charlene Weathersby, Educator License 204772

Kenny Goza, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 12:24 p.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Etta Taplin, moved to consider going into executive session. John Howard 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, Charlene Weathersby. John Howard seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Erin Meyer, Kenny Goza, John Howard, Etta Taplin, and Bernell Kelly.

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

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1 Dr. Kelly appeared and observed the proceedings but did not participate in discussion or action items.
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.: 204772. However, as a condition of her reinstatement, the Petitioner’s license shall be on a probationary status for one year from the date of this hearing. Petitioner shall participate in a workshop/seminar/course equivalent to 3 CEUs related to ethics and security/confidentiality within one year of the date of this hearing. The Petitioner shall submit proof of her attendance and participation to the Office of Educator Misconduct. The failure of the Petitioner to comply with the aforementioned requirements within one year, or the commission of any additional violations of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics Standards of Conduct during this probationary time, shall automatically result in the immediate suspension of the Petitioner’s license. John Howard seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to grant the Petitioner’s request for reinstatement of Educator License No.: 204772 with the aforementioned conditions.

II. Adjournment

On a Motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by John Howard this hearing concluded and the Subcommittee adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Approved:

Kenny Gioza, 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