



**Minutes of the
Commission on School Accreditation
Regularly Scheduled Teleconference Meeting
Central High School Building
4th Floor Board Room
359 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi
February 2, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

The regularly scheduled teleconference meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation (CSA or Commission) took place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017. The Commission members present in the 4th Floor Board Room of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi included: Sarah Foster, John Mistilis, Eddie Prather, and Heather Westerfield. Chuck Blackwell, Sean Brewer, Dr. Lee Childress, Roy Gill, Ann Jones, Michael Lindsey, Michael Miller, Anthony Montgomery and Rob Tyner, participated via teleconference. Kenny Bush and Dr. Valencia Martin did not attend.

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), Office of Accreditation staff members present included: Dr. Paula Vanderford, Interim Chief, Research and Development/Executive Secretary, Raina Lee, Special Assistant Attorney General, Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, Special Assistant Attorney General, Teresa Jones, and Ken Stamps. Other MDE staff present included: Jean Massey and Dana Bullard. Pamela Goodwin, Director of Accountability, Greenville School District participated via teleconference.

I. Announcement of Quorum and Call to Order

Dr. Childress, Chair of the CSA, opened the Commission meeting and conducted a roll-call of the Commission members.

The following Commission members attended the meeting:

Chuck Blackwell	Via teleconference, Hattiesburg, MS
Sean Brewer	Via teleconference, Madison, MS
Lee Childress	Via teleconference, Corinth, MS
Sarah Foster	Fourth Floor Board Room, Jackson, MS
Roy Gill	Via teleconference, Gulfport, MS
Ann Jones	Via teleconference, Jackson, MS
Michael Lindsey	Via teleconference, Gulfport, MS
Michael Miller	Via teleconference, Pearl, MS
John Mistilis	Fourth Floor Board Room, Jackson, MS
Anthony Montgomery	Via teleconference, Gulfport, MS
Eddie Prather	Fourth Floor Board Room, Jackson, MS
Rob Tyner	Via teleconference, Sumner, MS
Heather Westerfield	Fourth Floor Board Room, Jackson, MS

The following Commission members did not attend:

Kenny Bush
Valencia Martin

Dr. Childress announced that a quorum of the Commission existed at the locations stated for the purpose of conducting a meeting via teleconference.

Dr. Childress called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Childress asked the Commission members to review the agenda they received previously. On a motion by Anthony Montgomery, seconded by Sarah Foster, the Commission unanimously approved the agenda.

Members voting aye: Chuck Blackwell
Sean Brewer
Lee Childress
Sarah Foster
Roy Gill
Ann Jones
Michael Lindsey
Michael Miller
John Mistilis
Anthony Montgomery
Eddie Prather
Rob Tyner
Heather Westerfield

Members voting nay: None

Members abstaining: None

Members absent: Kenny Bush
Valencia Martin

III. Approval of the minutes of the October 18, 2016, Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation

Dr. Childress asked the Commission members to review the minutes from the October 18, 2016, regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation they received previously. On a motion by Roy Gill, seconded by John Mistilis, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the October 18, 2016, meeting of the Commission.

Members voting aye: Chuck Blackwell
Sean Brewer
Lee Childress
Sarah Foster
Roy Gill
Ann Jones
Michael Lindsey
John Mistilis
Michael Miller
Anthony Montgomery
Eddie Prather
Rob Tyner
Heather Westerfield

Members voting nay: None

Members abstaining: None

Members absent: Kenny Bush
Valencia Martin

IV. Discussion to establish State Board of Education Policy Chapter 28, Rule 28.6: *Essentials for College Math and Essentials for College Literacy Requirements*

The purpose of the *Essentials for College Math and Essentials for College Literacy Requirements* is to provide the Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) with the policies needed at the school level to teach either course and for students to earn the necessary scores for non-postsecondary remediation.

In an effort to better prepare high school students for the transition to postsecondary study, Mississippi, in conjunction with Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and seventeen (17) other states have developed two (2) courses that align with college and career readiness standards. Based on Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) Policy 608, students who complete one or both courses with an 80 or above will not be required to take the corresponding remedial courses for College Algebra or English Composition I at any of the eight (8) Mississippi public universities.

Chapter 28, Rule 28.6: *Essentials for College Math and Essentials for College Literacy Requirements* will provide the criteria for the two (2) courses. The two (2) courses will be piloted during the 2017-2018 school year. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, all LEAs must offer the *Essentials for College Math* and *Essentials for College Literacy* courses.

V. Approval to establish State Board of Education Policy Chapter 28, Rule 28.6: *Essentials for College Math and Essentials for College Literacy Requirements*

On a motion by Michael Lindsey, seconded by Ann Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the establishment of State Board of Education Policy Chapter 28, Rule 28.6: *Essentials for College Math and Essentials for College Literacy Requirements*

Members voting aye: Chuck Blackwell
Sean Brewer
Lee Childress
Sarah Foster
Roy Gill
Ann Jones
Michael Lindsey
Michael Miller
John Mistilis
Anthony Montgomery
Eddie Prather
Rob Tyner
Heather Westerfield

Members voting nay: None

Members abstaining: None

Members absent: Kenny Bush
Valencia Martin

VI. Approval to upgrade the accreditation status of the Claiborne County School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED

Dr. Vanderford presented the Accreditation Record Summary for the Claiborne County School District. The District has cleared all deficiencies that resulted in the assignment of the PROBATION status. The District is eligible for an upgrade in accreditation status from PROBATION to ACCREDITED.

On a motion by Sean Brewer, seconded by Eddie Prather, the Commission unanimously approved the upgrade of the accreditation status of the Claiborne County School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED.

Members voting aye: Chuck Blackwell
Sean Brewer
Lee Childress
Sarah Foster
Roy Gill
Ann Jones
Michael Lindsey

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John Mistilis
Michael Miller
Anthony Montgomery
Eddie Prather
Rob Tyner
Heather Westerfield

Members voting nay: None

Members abstaining: None

Members absent: Kenny Bush
Valencia Martin

VII. Approval to upgrade the accreditation status of the Scott County School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED

Dr. Vanderford presented the Accreditation Record Summary for the Scott County School District. The District has cleared all deficiencies that resulted in the assignment of the PROBATION status. The District is eligible for an upgrade in accreditation status from PROBATION to ACCREDITED.

On a motion by Sarah Foster, seconded by Roy Gill, the Commission unanimously approved the upgrade of the accreditation status of the Scott County School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED.

Members voting aye: Chuck Blackwell
Sean Brewer
Lee Childress
Sarah Foster
Roy Gill
Ann Jones
Michael Lindsey
John Mistilis
Michael Miller
Anthony Montgomery
Eddie Prather
Rob Tyner
Heather Westerfield

Members voting nay: None

Members abstaining: None

Members absent: Kenny Bush
Valencia Martin

VIII. Approval to upgrade the accreditation status of the Tunica County School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED

Dr. Vanderford presented the Accreditation Record Summary for the Tunica County School District. The District has cleared all deficiencies that resulted in the assignment of the PROBATION status. The District is eligible for an upgrade in accreditation status from PROBATION to ACCREDITED.

On a motion by Sean Brewer, seconded by Ann Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the upgrade of the accreditation status of the Tunica School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED.

Members voting aye: Chuck Blackwell
Sean Brewer
Lee Childress
Sarah Foster
Roy Gill
Ann Jones
Michael Lindsey
Michael Miller
John Mistilis
Anthony Montgomery
Eddie Prather
Rob Tyner
Heather Westerfield

Members voting nay: None

Members abstaining: None

Members absent: Kenny Bush
Valencia Martin

IX. Approval to upgrade the accreditation status of the Winona School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED

Dr. Vanderford presented the Accreditation Record Summary for the Winona School District. The District has cleared all deficiencies that resulted in the assignment of the PROBATION status. The District is eligible for an upgrade in accreditation status from PROBATION to ACCREDITED.

On a motion by Ann Jones, seconded by John Mistilis, the Commission unanimously approved the upgrade of the accreditation status of the Winona School District from PROBATION to ACCREDITED.

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Members voting aye: Chuck Blackwell
Sean Brewer
Lee Childress
Sarah Foster
Roy Gill
Ann Jones
Michael Lindsey
Michael Miller
John Mistilis
Anthony Montgomery
Eddie Prather
Rob Tyner
Heather Westerfield

Members voting nay: None

Members abstaining: None

Members absent: Kenny Bush
Valencia Martin

X. Other Business

Dr. Vanderford announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission is April 6, 2017. She also informed the Commission that Erin Meyer was on maternity leave until May 1, 2017, and Leah Kathryn Anzenberger had been assigned to advise the Commission during Erin's absence.

XI. Adjournment

On a motion by John Mistilis, seconded by Eddie Prather, the Commission unanimously adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Members voting aye: Chuck Blackwell
Sean Brewer
Lee Childress
Sarah Foster
Roy Gill
Ann Jones
Michael Lindsey
Michael Miller
John Mistilis
Anthony Montgomery
Eddie Prather
Rob Tyner
Heather Westerfield

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Members voting ay: None

Members abstaining: None

Members absent: Kenny Bush
 Valencia Martin

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

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Edward Lee Childers
Chair of the Commission

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Executive Secretary of the Commission