

**Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification
And Licensure and Development
Central High Building
Fourth Floor Conference Room
10:00 a.m.
May 1, 2015**

Members Attending:

Shannon Doughty	Kelly Fuller	Kenny Goza
Robin Herrington	Rilla Jones	Pamela Manners
Debra Mays-Jackson	Susan McClelland	Marilyn McMillan
Cindy Melton	Liz Michael	Brian Pearse (arrived at 10:06 a.m.)
Doris Perkins		

Member(s) Absent:

Cylesha Hopkins

MDE Personnel:

Cerissa Neal	Todd Ivey	Pat Ross
Scott Clements	Amy Daniel	
Beebe Garrard, Special Assistant Attorney General		

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Cindy Melton.

II. Establishment of a Quorum

Cerissa Neal announced that a quorum of the Commission was present.

III. Approval of Minutes from November 7, 2014; January 29, 2015; March 16, 2015; and April 13, 2015, Commission Meetings

On a motion by Liz Michael, seconded by Doris Perkins, the minutes of the November 7, 2014, Commission meeting were approved. The votes were as follows:

Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	Melton – Yes
Michael – Yes	Perkins - Yes			

On a motion by Kenny Goza, seconded by Doris Perkins, the minutes of the January 29, 2015, Commission meeting were approved. The votes were as follows:

Goza – Yes	Melton – Yes	Michael – Yes	Perkins - Yes	
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On a motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by Debra Mays-Jackson, the minutes of the March 16, 2015, Commission meeting were unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Goza – Yes	Jones - Yes	Manners – Yes	Melton – Yes	Perkins - Yes
Michael – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes		

On a motion by Doris Perkins, seconded by Kenny Goza, the minutes of the April 13, 2015, Commission meeting were unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes	Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes
McClelland-Yes	Melton – Yes	Perkins - Yes		

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Pamela Manners made the following motion: adopt the agenda for the May 1, 2015, Certification Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Kelly Fuller and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes	McMillan – Yes	Melton – Yes
Michael – Yes	Perkins - Yes			

Note: Brian Pearse joined the meeting at 10:06 a.m. and begin voting with item one of Information/Action Items.

V. MDE Update

1. The Office of Educator Quality (OEQ) hosted a job fair April 11, 2015. About 500 teachers/prospective teachers attended. Also attending were Institutions of Higher Learning to promote educator preparation programs and districts to recruit and/or hire. Harry Wong, noted educational author, spoke at the fair.
2. OEQ will hold a Stakeholder Engagement Meeting May 4, 2015. State Educational Agencies (SEA) are required to submit a State Plan to ensure Equitable Access to Excellent Educators that describes the steps that the SEA will take to ensure that children from poor and minority backgrounds are not taught at higher rates than other children by inexperienced, unqualified, or emergency certified educators teaching outside their areas of certification.

VI. Information/Action Items:

1. Discussion and/or Approval of New Endorsement Code 500 to Recognize Educators with National Board Certification

Cerissa Neal discussed the item. Liz Michael made the following motion: Approve a new endorsement code (#500) to recognize educators with National Board Certification. The motion was seconded by Marilyn McMillan and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes	McMillan – Yes	Melton – Yes
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

2. Discussion and/or Approval of Meeting Dates for 2015-2016

Cerissa Neal and Cindy Melton discussed the item. Brian Pearse made the following motion: Approve meeting dates for 2015-2016 as follows:

July 10, 2015
 September 4, 2015
 November 6, 2015
 January 8, 2016
 March 4, 2016
 May 6, 2016

The motion was seconded by Doris Perkins and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes	McMillan – Yes	Melton – Yes
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

3. Discussion and/or Approval of Annual Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Reports for MS Institutes of Higher Learning:
 - A. Mississippi Valley State University
 - B. Alcorn State University
 - C. Delta State University
 - D. Blue Mountain College
 - E. Rust College
 - F. Millsaps College
 - G. Tougaloo College
 - H. Mississippi College
 - I. Belhaven University

- J. Jackson State University
- K. University of Southern Mississippi
- L. William Carey University
- M. University of Mississippi
- N. Mississippi State University
- O. Mississippi University for Women

Cerissa Neal discussed the item. Susan McClelland made the following motion: Approve the 2014 EPP reports for Alcorn State University; Delta State University; Blue Mountain College; Rust College; Millsaps College; Tougaloo College; Belhaven University; Jackson State University; University of Southern Mississippi; William Carey University; University of Mississippi; Mississippi State University; and Mississippi University for Women. The motion was seconded by Pamela Manners and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes	McMillan – Yes	Melton - Yes
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

Rilla Jones made the following motion: Approve the 2014 EPP report for Mississippi College. The motion was seconded by Liz Michael and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes	McMillan – Yes	
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

Note: Cindy Melton recused herself from the discussion and vote for the item on the table above.

Doris Perkins made the following motion: Place Mississippi Valley State University on probationary status with targeted assistance from an assigned individual with a first report to the Commission in January 2016. Program completers should contact MDE for recommendations for certification. The motion was seconded by Robin Herrington and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes	McMillan – Yes	Melton - Yes
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

4. Discussion and/or Approval for Alternate Route Elementary Education Applicants to Pass Foundations of Reading Test with a Passing Scale Score of 229 for Endorsement Code 117 Effective 7/1/16

Cerissa Neal and David Hand, Dean at Belhaven University, discussed the item. The item will be

brought back to the next Commission meeting for further discussion/approval.

5. Discussion and/or Approval of New 1700 Certification (Licensure) Board Policy Entitled “Teacher Preparation” to Require a Minimum ACT Score of 21 (With No Score Lower Than 18 in any Subcategory) or a Minimum SAT Score of 990 for Elementary Education Traditional Route and Alternate Route Certification Effective 9/1/15, in Accordance with Standard Two of the Process Standards from the Annual Process and Performance Reviews of Mississippi Educator Programs

Cerissa Neal discussed the item. Kenny Goza made the following motion: Approve a new 1700 Certification (Licensure) board policy entitled “Teacher Preparation” to require a minimum ACT score of 21 (with no score lower than 18 in any subcategory) or a minimum SAT score of 990 for Elementary Education traditional route and alternate route certification effective 9/1/15, in accordance with Standard Two of the Process Standards from the Annual Process and Performance Reviews of Mississippi Educator Programs. The motion was seconded by Kelly Fuller and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes	McMillan – Yes	Melton – Yes
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

6. Discussion and/or Approval From Blue Mountain College to Implement a 21 Hour Supplemental Endorsement in the Area of Reading (K-12) for Teachers Who Currently Hold a Class AA Level License
*(Fall, 2015)

Janetta Waddell discussed the item. Susan McClelland made the following motion: Approve a 21 hour supplemental endorsement in the area of Reading (K-12) from Blue Mountain College for teachers who currently hold a Class AA level license. The motion was seconded by Liz Michael and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes	McMillan – Yes	Melton – Yes
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

7. Discussion and/or Approval of Request From The University of Mississippi to Create and Offer a New Endorsement Option in Wellness and Physical Activity for Students in the B.A.E. in Elementary Education
*(Fall, 2015)

Alicia Stapp discussed the item. Liz Michael made the following motion: Approve request from The University of Mississippi to create and offer a new endorsement option in Wellness and Physical Activity for students in the B.A.E. in Elementary Education. The motion was seconded by Robin Herrington and approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes		McMillan – Yes	Melton – Yes
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

Note: Susan McClelland recused herself from information/action items seven and eight.

8. Discussion and/or Approval of Request From The University of Mississippi to Offer The Master Of Education Degree (M.Ed.) in Early Childhood Education as an Online Degree Program
*(Summer, 2015)

Burhanettin Keskin discussed the item. Pamela Manners made the following motion: Approve of request From The University of Mississippi to offer The Master Of Education Degree (M.Ed.) in Early Childhood Education as an online degree program. The motion was seconded by Shannon Doughty and approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes		McMillan – Yes	Melton – Yes
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

9. Discussion and/or Approval of Request From the Mississippi University for Women to Offer an Approved Traditional Route Undergraduate Licensure Degree Program in Theatre
*(Fall, 2015)

Sue Jolly-Smith, David Carter, and Brian Anderson discussed the item. Pamela Manners made the following motion: Approve request from The Mississippi University for Women to offer an approved traditional route undergraduate licensure degree program in Theatre. The motion was seconded by Kelly Fuller and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes	McMillan – Yes	Melton – Yes
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

10. Discussion and/or Approval of Request From William Carey University to Offer a Supplemental Endorsement in Mathematics
*(Fall, 2015)

Jamie Bower discussed the item. Shannon Doughty made the following motion: Approve request from William Carey University to offer a supplemental endorsement in Mathematics. The motion was seconded by Doris Perkins and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes	McMillan – Yes	Melton – Yes
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

11. Discussion and/or Approval of Request From William Carey University to Offer a New Teacher Education Program in Spanish with Licensure
*(Fall, 2015)

Jamie Bower discussed the item. Rilla Jones made the following motion: Approve request from William Carey University to offer a new teacher education program in Spanish with licensure. The motion was seconded by Shannon Doughty and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes	McMillan – Yes	Melton – Yes
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

12. Discussion and/or Approval of Request From Mississippi College to Offer a Master’s of Education Degree with an Emphasis in Special Education
*(Fall, 2015)

Don Locke discussed the item. Robin Herrington made the following motion: Approve request from Mississippi College to offer a Master’s of Education Degree with an emphasis in Special Education. The motion was seconded by Liz Michael and approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes	McMillan – Yes	
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

Note: Cindy Melton recused herself from information/action items 12 and 13.

13. Discussion and/or Approval of Request From Mississippi College to Create and Offer a Supplemental Endorsement in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) for Grades K-12
*(Fall, 2015)

Don Locke discussed the item. Shannon Doughty made the following motion: Approve request from Mississippi College to create and offer a supplemental endorsement in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) for grades K-12. The motion was seconded by Robin Herrington and approved. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes	McMillan – Yes	
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

VII. Information Items:

Other Business

1. Cerissa Neal reported on certification hearings since the last Commission meeting:

On **April 23, 2015**, the Commission’s Hearing Subcommittee comprised of Pamela Manners, Kenny Goza, and Doris Perkins held four licensure hearings for applicants.

- The Commission granted the following licensure applications for processing by the OEL:
 - License Application #260235 submitted by Torrance Virgil
 - License Application #256585 submitted by Kelli Griffin

- The Commission denied the following licensure applications:
 - License Application #148147 submitted by Judy Reid
 - License Application #118006 submitted by Danny Bell

On **April 24, 2015**, the Commission’s Hearing Subcommittee comprised of Pamela Manners, Kelly Fuller, and Susan McClelland held four licensure hearings.

- The Commission suspended the following licenses:
 - License #232339 held by Amber Smith
 - License #204750 held by Jerry Hatton

- The Commission took no action on license #207339 held by Tara Sullivan.

- The Commission reinstated license #244823 held by Jessica Walls Hartwell.

2. Cindy Melton and Cerissa Neal will be sending Commission members information about an upcoming retreat for Commission members.

VIII. Adjourn

On a motion made by Shannon Doughty and seconded by Kenny Goza, the meeting was adjourned. The votes were as follows:

Doughty – Yes	Fuller – Yes	Goza – Yes	Herrington – Yes	Jones - Yes
Manners – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland-Yes	McMillan – Yes	
Michael – Yes	Pearse - Yes	Perkins - Yes		

Approved:

Cindy Melton, Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator
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Development

Cerissa Neal, Executive Secretary
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