

**Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,
Certification and Licensure and Development
South Pointe Business Park
500 Clinton Center Drive, 4th Floor Multi-purpose Room
Clinton, MS
12:30 p.m.
April 8, 2016**

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, April 8, 2016, in the 4th Floor Multi-purpose Room of the South Pointe Business Park located at 500 Clinton Center Drive, Clinton, MS.

Members in Attendance: Pamela Manners, Dr. Cindy Melton, and Cylesha Hopkins
Commission Counsel: Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:

Michael C. Martin, Director of Office of Educator Misconduct (OEM)
Holley Haywood, Office of Educator Misconduct Investigator
Albert Carter, Executive Secretary of the Commission
Rhonda Smith, Office of Accreditation and Office of Licensure
Raina Anderson Lee, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to OEM

Educator in Attendance:

Antonio Bratton, Respondent
Michael Winfield, Esq., Counsel for the Respondent

I. Case of Antonio Bratton, Educator License No.: 193337

Pamela Manners, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 1:04 p.m.

At 2:28 p.m., on a Motion by Cindy Melton, seconded by Cylesha Hopkins, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to take a short recess.

At 2:34 p.m., on a Motion by Cindy Melton, Seconded by Cylesha Hopkins, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to resume the hearing.

At 3:20 p.m., on a Motion by Cindy Melton, seconded by Cylesha Hopkins, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to take a short recess.

At 3:32 p.m., on a Motion by Cindy Melton, Seconded by Cylesha Hopkins, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to resume the hearing.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Cindy Melton moved to consider going into executive session. Cylesha Hopkins seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session.

Once the parties cleared the room, Cindy Melton moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the License of Educator Antonio Bratton. Cylesha Hopkins seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session.

Dr. Cindy Melton moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee place Educator License No.: 193337 on probation based on clear and convincing evidence that the Respondent violated Miss. Code Ann. § 37-9-59 and § 37-3-2(13)(a). Specifically, that Antonio Bratton shall be required to successfully complete a minimum of one (1) seminar or course work relating to ethical standards of conduct, as well as a seminar or course work that addresses school law, or in the alternative a seminar or course work that addresses school finances. The Respondent shall submit proof of his attendance and successful completion of the required courses of study by December 31, 2016. The failure of the Respondent to complete the training on ethics and school law or school finance required herein and within the time provided, shall automatically result in the immediate suspension of the Respondent's License No.: 193337 for a period of one (1) year. Cylesha Hopkins seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to place Antonio Bratton, Educator License No.: 193337 on probation.

On a motion by Dr. Cindy Melton, seconded by Cylesha Hopkins, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

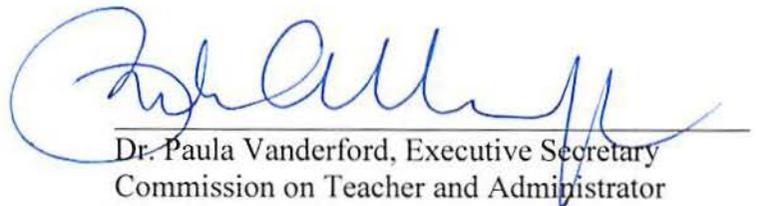
II. Adjournment

On a motion made by Cindy Melton and seconded by Cylesha Hopkins, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:07 p.m.

Approved:



Pamela Manners, Subcommittee Chair
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Dr. Paula Vanderford, Executive Secretary
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