

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

February 19, 2015

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2015, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Mr. Richard Morrison.

The work session was called to order by Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair. Dr. Kelly noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the work session.

Dr. Kelly welcomed the new Board member, Dr. Karen J. Elam. Dr. Elam will serve the unexpired term of Mr. Danny Spreitler of Amory, Mississippi for State Supreme Court District 3 and her term will expire June 30, 2021.

Dr. Elam stated she is from Oxford, Mississippi and her husband is a professor at the University of Mississippi. She has worked in several states and has extensive experience in developing and implementing policy on nutrition, health and food safety and has done extensive interdisciplinary research related to nutrition assessment. She is a former professor of food science and human nutrition at Michigan State University and a former professor of human nutrition, foods and food systems management at the University of Missouri. She held several executive positions in Nabisco, Inc. from 1987-2001 and, since 2001, has worked as president of Elam Consulting, a business that provides regulatory guidance to and domestic and internal representation of food and drug ingredient industry associations. Dr. Elam stated that she is pleased to be here and have an active role in education in Mississippi.

Dr. Kelly also welcomed Ms. Erika Berry from the Lt. Governor's Office and the National Board Certified teachers.

Dr. Carey M. Wright gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:

- Dr. Wright stated that the Request for Proposal (RFP) for new assessments was released last week and it was on the MDE web page and advertised in The Clarion Ledger. The evaluation team will be comprised of teachers, superintendents, assessment staff, and assessment experts.
- Dr. Wright stated that she had met with the House and Senate Education Committees. She had presented to each group.
- Dr. Wright met with the Editorial Board in Jackson (The Clarion-Ledger) and spoke about the Board's Strategic Plan and the Board's goals.
- Dr. Wright presented at the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents' (MASS) Winter Conference. Dr. Wright spoke about the Board's Strategic Plan,

Board's goals, Mississippi's College- and Career-Ready Standards, and the RFP for assessments.

- Dr. Wright met with the first cohort of the Mississippi Superintendents' Academy. They are thrilled with the professional development they are getting. The group wanted to thank the Board for investing in them as leaders and hope the academy continues. They also are supportive of the Mississippi Department of Education launching a Principals' Academy.
- Dr. Wright spoke at the Parents for Public School luncheon in Jackson, Mississippi and focused on the Board's Strategic Plan and the continued implementation of Mississippi College- and Career-Ready Standards.
- Dr. Wright delivered the keynote address at the Council on Exceptional Children in Biloxi, Mississippi and highlighted the Special Education Plan and how it related to the Board's Strategic Plan.
- Dr. Wright toured the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi and will explore avenues for the state to work with them in STEM-related fields.
- Dr. Wright attended the Google Conference. She was one of 50 invited from around the nation to attend and discuss how to build an educational technology infrastructure within districts so more students can access learning resources via the Internet.
- Dr. Wright informed the Board that Ms. Kathy Boteler had retired as Board Attorney and recognized her service to the Board and the Mississippi Department of Education.
- Dr. Wright thanked Mr. Bob Laird in the Office of Safe and Orderly Schools for his work with Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Department during the winter weather. He was able to communicate to the Department of the school closures and the weather updates so the districts could be notified in a timely manner.
- Dr. Wright thanked Mr. Richard Baliko in the Office of Student Assessment for keeping the districts informed about all the upcoming assessments.
- Dr. Wright recognized Mr. Marcus Cheeks in the Office of Federal Programs for being elected and selected the National Title I President.

Mr. Richard Morrison, Chair, Educator Quality Subcommittee reported the subcommittee met prior to today's work session to discuss teacher recruitment and upcoming legislation. Also, discussed was the job fair and federal loan forgiveness.

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair, School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee reported the subcommittee met prior to today's work session to discuss the items that will be brought before the Board today. The subcommittee reviewed the information provided on the conservator's reports and discussed adding more in-depth information on the audit review. The Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) report on Special Education and Accountability was also discussed.

Mr. Pat Ross and Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish State Board Policy 405 - Length of School Term in accordance with MS Code 37-13-63. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ross and Dr. Vanderford discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy 3804 - Additional Assessment Options for Graduation. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.

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Mr. Ross, Dr. Vanderford, and Ms. Staci Curry discussed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Renewal Process (copy attached).

Mr. Ross and Dr. Vanderford discussed revising Accreditation Policy 3.1.3 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2014* – Internal Review of Preliminary Accountability Results and establishing Accreditation Policy 3.1.4 – Review or Appeal of Final Accountability Results (copy attached).

Mr. Ross and Dr. Vanderford discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To repeal State Board Policy 404 – First Administration of Statewide Assessments. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ross, Dr. Vanderford, and Mr. Tollie Thigpen reported from the Accountability Task Force meetings held on January 21, 2015 and February 12, 2015 (copy attached). Mr. Richard Morrison is a member of the Task Force.

Mr. Ross discussed the New Start School Comprehensive Plan of Improvement for districts assigned New Start status in accordance with State Board Policy 5152 - New Start School Program Regulations as per Section 37-167-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Richard Morrison left the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Mr. Ross discussed establishing an Achievement School District Task Force to explore options pertaining to the improvement of perpetually low-performing schools and districts in Mississippi. The Board discussed establishing an Achievement School District Task Force. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m. Mr. Morrison returned to the meeting.

Dr. Kim Benton and Mr. Nathan Oakley discussed the *Literacy-Based Promotion Act* Supports for Teachers, Parents, Administrators, and Communities (copy attached).

Mr. Todd Ivey and Ms. Toni Kersh discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy 3106 – Youth Detention Center Educational Provisions. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. John Q. Porter, Ms. Tamala Matthews, and Ms. Becky Bounds discussed the Direct Certification Process with the Office of Child Nutrition and the Office of Technology and Strategic Services. This was collaboration between offices to get the project finished. Dr. Porter thanked Ms. Sarita Donaldson in the Office of Technology and Strategic Services.

Dr. Benton, Mr. Oakley, and Ms. Judi Reynolds discussed the *2014 Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards*. Ms. Reynolds, a veteran educator, provided a perspective on the Mississippi College- and Career-Ready Standards for English language arts and mathematics, which described what students know and should be able to do by the end of each grade level and at the completion of high school.

Dr. Kelly gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items. Mr. Johnny Franklin asked to discuss Tab B. Mr. Ivey and Dr. Cerissa Neal discussed the new license code 101 for student interns in Mississippi teacher preparation programs. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

- A. Discussion of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Todd Ivey)
- B. Discussion of new license code 101 for student interns in Mississippi teacher preparation programs as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Todd Ivey)
- C. Discussion of appointments to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Todd Ivey)
- D. Discussion of appointments for Standing Commission on School District Efficiency (Todd Ivey)
- E. Discussion to modify contract with Lydia West, R.D. to provide consultative services to the Office of Child Nutrition relating to the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs (Todd Ivey)
- F. Discussion to modify contract with DLT Solutions LLC to continue work on the accountability system and MSIS updates (Todd Ivey)
- G. Discussion to revise the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for (1) Carpentry, (2) Collision Repair

Technician, (3) Cosmetology, (4) Metal Fabrication, (5) Polymer Science, (6) Precision Machining, (7) Television Broadcasting and Production  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedure Act process with no public comments) (Kim Benton)

- H. Discussion to establish the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for Keystone: Career Planning  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedure Act process with no public comments) (Kim Benton)
- I. Discussion to modify contract with Harris, Mackessy and Brennan (HMB), Incorporated to provide a web-based online application system for the remaining Title programs and Special Education (Kim Benton)

Mr. Charles McClelland left the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session with respect to prospective litigation, personnel issues, and investigative proceedings in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a), (b), (d), and (k). The motion was seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. William H. Jones, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy session or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation regarding the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Session 25-41-7 (4)(b), discussion with respect to investigative proceedings of school districts regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d), and discussion of discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education, and discussion of the employment of persons in specific positions and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k). Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Dr. Kelly stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Carey M. Wright, Executive Leadership Team, Ms. Raina Lee, Mr. Joe Runnels, Ms. Heather Deaton, Ms. Beebe Garrard, and Ms. Sonya Amis. Ms. Lee informed the public of the Board's vote to go into Executive Session for the above-stated reasons.

### **Minutes of the Executive Session**

The Board discussed a strategy session or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation regarding the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Session 25-41-7 (4)(b), discussed with respect to investigative proceedings of school districts regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with

Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d), and discussed discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education, and discussed the employment of persons in specific positions and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k).

Ms. Kami Bumgarner and Mr. William H. Jones left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

The Board took action on the following items during the Executive Session:


1. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to add the following item to the Friday, February 20, 2015 Board agenda:
  17. Approval to contract with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC, Inc.)  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
2. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved to add the following item to the Friday, February 20, 2015 Board agenda:
  18. Approval to contract with Tellos, LLC for the Literacy-Based Promotion Act Statewide Public Awareness Campaign  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
3. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved on a 5 to 0 vote to approve to modify the contract with Caveon Test Security to provide investigative auditing services for an amount not to exceed \$343,250.00.
4. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved on a 5 to 0 vote to appoint Ms. Robin Lemonis, Education Bureau Director II, to serve as the Director of Intervention Services at a salary of \$85,000.00.
5. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved on a 5 to 0 vote to appoint Dr. Kymyona Burk, Education Bureau Director II, to serve as the Literacy Director at a salary of \$85,000.00.

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the motion passed on a vote 5 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

The public returned to the meeting.

Dr. Kelly adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Approved:



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Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education



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Dr. Carey M. Wright  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

February 20, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2015, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, and Mr. Charles McClelland. Board member absent was: Mr. Richard Morrison.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair. Dr. Kelly noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the Board meeting.

- I. Ms. Kami Bumgarner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman gave the Invocation.
- II. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board approved the minutes of January 15-16, 2015 Board meeting.

Members voting aye:  
Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting no: None

Member abstaining: Dr. Karen J. Elam

Member absent: Mr. Richard Morrison

- III. Dr. John R. Kelly stated Tabs 17 and 18 were added to the agenda from the Executive Session yesterday.
  17. Approval to contract with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC, Inc.)  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
  18. Approval to contract with Tellos, LLC for the Literacy-Based Promotion Act Statewide Public Awareness Campaign  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**



On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

V. Report of the Chair

Dr. Kelly stated the Board voted yesterday in Executive Session on the following items:

1. Approve to modify contract with Caveon Test Security to provide investigative auditing services
2. Approve the appointment of Ms. Robin Lemonis as Education Bureau Director II to serve as the Director of Intervention Services
3. Approve the appointment of Dr. Kymyona Burk as Education Bureau Director II to serve as the Literacy Director

VI. Approval of Action Items

*(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, February 19, 2015.)*

03. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish State Board Policy 405 - Length of School Term in accordance with MS Code 37-13-63 (copy attached).
04. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy 3804 - Additional Assessment Options for Graduation (copy attached).
05. [PULLED]
08. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To repeal State Board Policy 404 – First Administration of Statewide Assessments (copy attached).
10. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved the New Start School Comprehensive Plan of Improvement for districts assigned New Start status in accordance with State Board Policy 5152 - New Start School Program Regulations as per Section 37-167-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (copy attached).

11. On a motion by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board approved to establish an Achievement School District Task Force to explore options pertaining to the improvement of perpetually low-performing schools and districts in Mississippi.

Members voting aye: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Mr. William H. Jones

Members voting no: Mr. Charles McClelland

Member absent: Mr. Richard Morrison

13. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy 3106 – Youth Detention Center Educational Provisions (copy attached).

16. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items: A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I (copy attached):

A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**

C. Approval of appointments to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**

D. Approval of appointments for Standing Commission on School District Efficiency  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**

E. Approval to modify contract with Lydia West, R.D. to provide consultative services to the Office of Child Nutrition relating to the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs  
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- F. Approval to modify contract with DLT Solutions LLC to continue work on the accountability system and MSIS updates  
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- G. Approval to revise the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for (1) Carpentry, (2) Collision Repair Technician, (3) Cosmetology, (4) Metal Fabrication, (5) Polymer Science, (6) Precision Machining, (7) Television Broadcasting and Production (Has cleared the Administrative Procedure Act process with no public comments)  
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- I. Approval to modify contract with Harris, Mackessy and Brennan (HMB), Incorporated to provide a web-based online application system for the remaining Title programs and Special Education  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**

On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Harold H. Jones, the Board approved the following consent item (copy attached):

- B. Approval of new license code 101 for student interns in Mississippi teacher preparation programs as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**

Members voting aye:           Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman  
  Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
  Dr. Karen J. Elam  
  Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
  Mr. William H. Jones  
  Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting no:           Mr. Johnny Franklin

Member absent:                Mr. Richard Morrison

17. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved to contract with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC, Inc.) (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**

18. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved to contract with Tellos, LLC for the Literacy-Based Promotion Act Statewide Public Awareness Campaign (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**

VII. Recognition Ceremony

**2015 February Employee of the Month**

Lakechia Grant

Office of Professional Development

Education Specialist Senior

VIII. State Board of Education

01. Dr. O. Wayne Gann stated that he spoke at a retreat for the Booneville School District and leadership staff on February 3, 2015. He talked about the Board's Strategic Plan and work the Department is doing.

02. Dr. Kelly requested to attend the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Government Affairs Committee meeting in Washington, D.C. on March 22-24, 2015.

Mr. Charles McClelland entertained a motion for Dr. Kelly to attend the meeting in Washington, D.C.

On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board unanimously approved for Dr. Kelly to attend the NASBE meeting on March 22-24, 2015 to represent the Board.

IX. Other Business

Mr. Johnny Franklin thanked Dr. Carey M. Wright and Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman for asking Ms. Judi Reynolds to speak about the Mississippi College- and Career-Ready Standards at the Board meeting. Ms. Reynolds had made the same presentation at the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents Conference.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann asked if the presentation that Ms. Reynolds presented could be made into a webinar and put on the Mississippi Department of Education's

web page. He stated that it brought the message home to him. Dr. Wright stated that it could be done.

Dr. John R. Kelly stated that the Board will have a retreat on April 23-24, 2015 in south Mississippi to work on the Strategic Plan. Dr. Carey M. Wright and Dr. Kelly will work on the agenda and send it to you. Thank each of you for being ambassadors for the Board.


Dr. Kelly announced that the March Board meeting is March 19-20, 2015.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann stated that he would like to thank Ms. Kathy Boteler in person for her service to the Board and for her help while he was Board Chair.

X. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 a.m.

Approved:

  
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Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

  
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Dr. Carey M. Wright  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education