

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

August 17, 2017

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2017, via teleconference pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5 for their regular scheduled monthly Board meeting. The location of the meeting available to the public was the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present included: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman (Central High School Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Mr. Buddy Bailey (Central High School Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Ms. Kami Bumgarner (Central High School Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Dr. Jason S. Dean (Central High School Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Dr. Karen J. Elam (Beech Mountain, North Carolina), Mr. Johnny Franklin (Central High School Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Dr. John R. Kelly (Central High School Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), and Mr. Charles McClelland (Central High School Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi). Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present at the Central High School Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi.

I. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair, called the Board meeting to order.

Ms. Aultman noted that the meeting of the Board of Education was being held via teleconference pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5 and that the notice of this meeting made at least five days prior to the meeting included the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting and identified the location of the meeting available to the public. Ms. Aultman also stated that an audio recording was being made of the meeting and that a quorum of the Board was present at the locations stated for the purpose of conducting a meeting through teleconference means.

II. Dr. Jason S. Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman gave the Invocation.

III. On a motion by Mr. Buddy Bailey, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of July 13, 2017 and the minutes of the July 13, 2017 Budget meeting.

Members voting aye:  
Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

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Member voting nay: None

Member absent: None

- IV. Mr. Johnny Franklin asked to discuss Consent Agenda items D., E., F., G., H., and I.

On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to discuss Consent Agenda items, D., E., F., G., H., and I. separately.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: None

Ms. Aultman stated an item needed to be added to the agenda: Procedures for appointment of the Superintendent of the Achievement School District.

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board voted to approve the agenda with the addition of an item for procedures for appointment of the Superintendent of the Achievement School.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Dr. John R. Kelly

Members voting nay: Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member absent: None

V. Recognition Ceremony

**2017 Mississippi Parent of the Year**

Angel Barnes

Jackson County School District

Ms. Aultman welcomed Representative John Moore and Senator Sollie B. Norwood to the Board meeting.

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

- Dr. Wright welcomed everyone to the Board meeting.
- Dr. Wright reported she, Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, and Mr. Pete Smith attended the birth to grade three initiative meeting at EdCounsel in Washington, D.C.
- Dr. Wright stated she testified before the United States House of Representatives Education and Workforce Committee about how Mississippi and other states have used stakeholder input to help develop our Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plans. Dr. Wright stated that Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Mr. Pete Smith, and Dr. Jason S. Dean were at the hearing. Dr. Wright stated she was the only state chief asked to speak at the hearing. Dr. Wright stated that she was glad to represent Mississippi.
- Dr. Wright stated that Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) had a southern chief meeting to talk about ESSA work, instructing children where English is not their first language, and how this was built into our ESSA plan. Dr. Wright stated that eventually we would have to build assessing English Language Learners (ELL) students into our accountability plan. Dr. Wright stated that the Federal Government is requiring us to do that within three years. Dr. Wright stated that this is the first time that CCSSO had a southern chiefs' meeting.
- Dr. Wright stated that she spoke at the opening session of the Mississippi Early Childhood Conference. Dr. Wright stated that this conference is a partnership with the Mississippi Department of Education, the Mississippi Head Start Association, the Head Start Collaboration Office, and the Mississippi Department of Human Services. Dr. Wright stated that it was a wonderful time to talk about the progress being made in early childhood. Dr. Wright stated that the Board will receive a report today about Kindergarten that will be very exciting. Dr. Wright stated the Pre-K data is good.
- Dr. Wright stated that she was one of two chiefs that conducted a webinar with Attendance Works. Dr. Wright stated that CCSSO sponsored the webinar and it was centered around chronic absenteeism. Dr. Wright stated chronic absenteeism is taking a more prominent role around the nation

because if children are not at school, they are not learning. Dr. Wright stated a lot of research about finding these children early is critical. Dr. Wright stated Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is a part of our funding formula and this gets confused with chronic absenteeism. Dr. Wright stated they are two different things. Dr. Wright stated that ADA is a dip stick on one given day to tell you if children are in school or not and chronic absenteeism is missing more than 10% of the school year. Dr. Wright stated that is 18 days. Dr. Wright stated Attendance Works will be producing a state-by-state report on chronic absenteeism at the end of the month. Dr. Wright stated this will give us an idea of what Mississippi looks like compared to other states in the nation. Dr. Wright stated chronic absenteeism is part of our ESSA plan and will be reported by district and school. Dr. Wright stated this is something we need to be addressing at the beginning of the school year.

- Dr. Wright stated she spoke at the Greenwood Voter's League on Mississippi's ESSA plan, the State Board's Strategic Plan, and the progress Mississippi is making toward improving student achievement.
- Dr. Wright stated the Department's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met to discuss the alternate assessment for students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (SCD) and growth related to the preliminary accountability results for the 2016-17 school year.
- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is "Possibilities and Finishing Touches – Pearl Public School District." Dr. Wright stated this is the first day of school. Dr. Wright stated this is one of the most exciting days of the year when all the little ones are getting off the buses. Dr. Wright stated we decided to focus on Kindergarteners and Seniors because this represents the start and finish of K-12 education. Dr. Wright stated you will see from this video how thoughtful and deliberate the district is in cultivating a mindset of success for students and for parents. Dr. Wright stated starting in Kindergarten, teachers, principals, and parents are already talking about how we prepare these little ones for success in college, career, and life. Dr. Wright recognized Dr. Ray Morgigno, Superintendent of Pearl Public School District, Mr. Chris Chism, Principal at Pearl High School, and Ms. Kim LaFontaine, Associate Superintendent, Pearl Public School District. Dr. Wright thanked them for letting us be there for the first day of school. Dr. Wright stated they have a lot of great things going on in their district and are working as a team.

- VII. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman as the Chair of the State Board stated there is no greater joy than helping a child learn to read, seeing that little light bulb come on when they know the words. Ms. Aultman stated she was with Dr. Wright for the birth to third grade meeting in Washington, D.C. Ms. Aultman stated early childhood was the focus and it is important for us. Ms. Aultman stated that everyone is realizing the critical area of getting to children early and being able

to lay the ground work. Ms. Aultman stated this is going to be a focus for us and across the nation. Ms. Aultman stated a lot of good things are going on in the state and we are not as far behind as we think we are. Ms. Aultman stated we have a long way to go and everything has to translate into test scores. Ms. Aultman stated that a person at Dr. Wright's testimony before the House read our ESSA plan and stated he had not read one as good as ours. Ms. Aultman thanked all the people in the Department and stakeholders across the state for their work on the plan. Ms. Aultman stated a number of states do not have a strategic plan. Ms. Aultman stated if we had a million Ms. Barnes we could drive it home – parents are the most critical component to move us forward. Ms. Aultman stated we are on the right trajectory, have the right people in the right place, have the support of the leadership in what we are doing, and we are going to see the needle move.

- VIII. Mr. Johnny Franklin, as a member of the Academic Achievement PreK-12 Subcommittee, reported yesterday in the Subcommittee meeting Dr. Nathan Oakley and staff gave an update on Spring 2017 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Results. Mr. Franklin stated one will be delighted to hear the report later in the meeting. Mr. Franklin stated we have tremendous growth in this area. Mr. Franklin stated when one looks at the districts in our state that are moving the needle and making great strides, it is not the typical group everybody says are high performing districts. Mr. Franklin stated some of the districts have made early childhood a priority and we will see a tremendous difference with this work and these efforts. Mr. Franklin stated if we could get every district to buy in and use their resources to focus on birth to third grade, we could get the scores we see in the spring in the fall, and we would be really doing something. Mr. Franklin stated he enjoyed hearing about what the collaboratives are doing. Mr. Franklin stated the staff is using Kellogg funds to support professional development in districts that are not getting the collaborative funds. Mr. Franklin stated it was an excellent meeting and he enjoyed every second of it. Mr. Charles McClelland stated this was one of the better meetings with the Subcommittee. Mr. McClelland stated one of the main priorities asked from the Legislature was to fund Kindergarten and, finally, they gave us some funds to use. Mr. McClelland stated some of the low performing districts will be shining better than some of the high performing districts. Mr. McClelland stated if we keep our foot on the pedal, the needle is going to move. Mr. Franklin thanked all the Kindergarten teachers for the work they are doing.

Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair of the School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee, reported items were presented to the Subcommittee today:

exciting results for Spring 2017 Kindergarten Readiness Assessments; Spring 2017 Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAP) results; and reestablishment of the baseline for the Mississippi Accountability Model. Dr. Kelly stated these items will be presented to the Board today.

Mr. Franklin as a member of the Legislative Subcommittee reported a list of priorities was discussed and will be put in priority order so it can be presented at the 2018 Legislative Session. Mr. Franklin stated the list will be sent to the Board members soon. Mr. Franklin stated Mr. Pete Smith gave the members a list of all the 2017 legislation of what is expected from the Board.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

01. Dr. Paula Vanderford and Dr. Nathan Oakley presented the Spring 2017 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Results [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached). The Board discussed the results.

Dr. Carey M. Wright stated the \$6 million Kellogg grant will be used to reach anyone that touches three- and four-year-olds. Dr. Wright stated this will help them improve the quality of their program. Dr. Wright stated the Kindergarten registration form was updated to show where the students were as four-year-olds. Dr. Wright stated the grant will give us an opportunity to reach out and help all programs around the state. Dr. Wright stated all the early childhood professional development is free to anybody that touches Pre-k around the state. Dr. Wright stated all our resources are on the Mississippi Department of Education web site.

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman stated this was very exciting to track the students to see how this could jumpstart them.

02. Dr. Oakley discussed contracting with Curriculum Associates LLC to provide a comprehensive early learning observational screener as part of the effectiveness evaluation for pre-kindergarten programs [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Oakley recommended approval.
03. Dr. Paula Vanderford and Dr. Debra Burson discussed the State partnership agreement between the Mississippi Department of Education and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.
04. Dr. Vanderford presented the Spring 2017 Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) results [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).

Dr. Wright stated she was very pleased with the results and we are headed in the right direction. Dr. Wright stated she is proud of the work of teachers, principals, and superintendents and we are going to continue to support districts with professional development and resources. Dr. Wright stated you cannot thank a teacher enough. Dr. Wright thanked Dr. Vanderford and her team.

05. Dr. Vanderford and Dr. Chris Domaleski discussed the August 15, 2017 Commission of School Accreditation's recommendation to reestablish the baseline of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System using the State Board of Education approved percentile ranks beginning with the results of the 2016-2017 school year [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed and had questions about the process. The Board decided to amend the item as follows:

- Accept the Commission's recommendation to reestablish the baseline for 2016-2017, following the State Board approved percentile ranks of 2016;
- Publish performance classifications (grades) based upon the 2016 baseline, and the new 2017 baseline;
- Assign the official performance classification (grades) based upon the higher of the two for 2016-2017 only; and
- Moving forward in 2017-2018, performance classifications (grades) will be assigned on the 2017 baseline.

Dr. Vanderford recommended approval of the amended item.

Dr. Karen J. Elam left the call at 12:12 p.m. and returned to the call at 12:20 p.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:28 p.m. and reconvened at 1:18 p.m.

06. Ms. Aultman presented the procedures for appointment of the Superintendent of the Achievement School District (copy attached). The Board discussed and asked questions about the procedures and the timeline.

07. Ms. Aultman gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items. The Board had approved to discuss items D., E., F., G., H., and I.

Dr. Oakley answered questions on item D.

Dr. Vanderford and Dr. Vernesia Wilson answered questions on item E.

Dr. Felicia Gavin answered questions on item F.

Dr. Carey M. Wright answered a question on item G.

Dr. Vanderford and Dr. Wilson answered questions on item H.

Dr. Gavin and Ms. Donna Nester answered questions on item I.

- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Felicia Gavin)
- B. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 40, Rule 40.1 – McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Dispute Resolution Procedure (Kim Benton)
- C. Accredited Nonpublic-Status for CARES School – Saucier (Paula Vanderford)
- D. Revise *Guidelines and Clarification of Requirements for Issuance of Career and Technical Education (Occupational Educator) Licenses* to add additional CTE endorsements as approved by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment) (Paula Vanderford)
- E. School districts with need for administrators to participate in the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program (Paula Vanderford)
- F. Modify contract with CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP to conduct a forensic audit of the Mississippi Department of Education (Felicia Gavin)
- G. Legal description of Holmes County Consolidated School District per Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-104.7 (Kim Benton)
- H. Renew grant to the University of Mississippi for the Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program (Paula Vanderford)
- I. Revise State Board Policy Chapter 26, Rule 26.1: Policy for Salary Supplements and Process Cost Reimbursements for Master Teacher Certificates, National Certified School Counselors, Certificate of



Clinical Competence for Speech Pathologists and Audiologists,  
National School Nurse Certifications and Certified Academic Language  
Therapists (Felicia Gavin)

X. Approval of Action Items

02. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board unanimously approved to contract with Curriculum Associates LLC to provide a comprehensive early learning observational screener as part of the effectiveness evaluation for pre-kindergarten programs [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).

**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: None

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board voted to separate items 03 and 05 to vote on them separately.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: None

03. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the State partnership agreement between the Mississippi Department of Education and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).

**(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)**

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: None

05. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board voted to approve the amended item: The August 15, 2017 Commission of School Accreditation recommendation to reestablish the baseline of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System using the State Board of Education approved percentile ranks beginning with the results of the 2016-2017 school year [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan].

- Accept the Commission’s recommendation to reestablish the baseline for 2016-2017, following the State Board approved percentile ranks of 2016;
- Publish performance classifications (grades) based upon the 2016 baseline, and the new 2017 baseline;
- Assign the official performance classification (grades) based upon the higher of the two for 2016-2017 only; and
- Moving forward in 2017-2018, performance classifications (grades) will be assigned on the 2017 baseline (copy attached).

**(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)**

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: Mr. Johnny Franklin

Member absent: None

07. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items A., B., and C. (copy attached).

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: None

- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**
- B. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 40, Rule 40.1 – McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Dispute Resolution Procedure  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
- C. Accredited Nonpublic-Status for CARES School – Saucier  
**(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)**

On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board voted to approve consent agenda item D. (copy attached).

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: Mr. Johnny Franklin

Member absent: None

- D. *Revise Guidelines and Clarification of Requirements for Issuance of Career and Technical Education (Occupational Educator) Licenses* to add additional CTE endorsements as approved by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. The CTE endorsements are:  
966 – Career Pathway: Automotive Technician  
992 – Career Pathway: Agriculture and Environmental Science and Technology (AEST)  
309 – Special Populations Personnel  
Guidelines for Postsecondary Interim Career and Technical Education Certification  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment)  
**(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)**

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda item E. (copy attached).

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: None

- E. *School districts with need for administrators to participate in the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program*  
**(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)**

On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board voted to approve consent agenda item F. (copy attached).

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam

Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: Mr. Johnny Franklin

Member absent: None

- F. Modify contract with CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP to conduct a forensic audit of the Mississippi Department of Education  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**

On a motion by Mr. Buddy Bailey, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda item G. (copy attached).

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: None

- G. Legal description of Holmes County Consolidated School District per Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-104.7  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**

On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board voted to approve consent agenda item H. (copy attached).

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: Mr. Johnny Franklin

Member absent: None

- H. Renew grant to the University of Mississippi for the Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program  
**(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)**

On a motion by Mr. Buddy Bailey, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda item I. (copy attached).

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: None

- I. Revise State Board Policy Chapter 26, Rule 26.1: Policy for Salary Supplements and Process Cost Reimbursements for Master Teacher Certificates, National Certified School Counselors, Certificate of Clinical Competence for Speech Pathologists and Audiologists, National School Nurse Certifications and Certified Academic Language Therapists  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**

XI. Consideration of Executive Session

Dr. Jason S. Dean moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. Dr. John R. Kelly seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: None

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman asked Dr. Carey M. Wright, Ms. Raina Lee, Ms. Erin Meyer, and the Executive Leadership Team to remain in the Executive Session.

Dr. Jason S. Dean, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) and discussion with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(d). Mr. Buddy Bailey seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 7 to 0. Ms. Erin Meyer informed the public of the Board's vote to go into Executive Session for the above-stated reasons.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: None

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

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) and discussed with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(d).

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board voted 6 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: Dr. John R. Kelly

The public came back into the Board meeting and Ms. Aultman reported the action taken during the Executive Session.

01. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Robin Acord as an Education Bureau Director II to serve as Principal at the Mississippi School for the Blind at a salary of \$71,960.28.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: None

02. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Tashana Carter as an Education Bureau Director II to serve as Director of Transitions – Statewide Support at the Mississippi Schools for the Blind/Deaf at a salary of \$71,960.28.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: None

03. On a motion by Mr. Buddy Bailey, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Judy Ku Nelson as an Education Bureau Manager to serve as Director of District and School Support in the Office of Federal Programs at a salary of \$90,000.00.



Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: None

Dr. John R. Kelly left the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

04. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously affirmed the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee from the July 21, 2016 decision to suspend Educator Licensure No. 187687, for a period of two years in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(13)(a).

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: Dr. John R. Kelly

XII. State Board of Education

1. There were no meetings attended.
2. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously voted for Mr. Johnny Franklin to attend a meeting in Starkville, Mississippi on September 15, 2017.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin

Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: Dr. John R. Kelly

XIII. Other Business

Ms. Aultman stated the September Board meeting will be held on September 14, 2017, in Jackson, Mississippi at the Central High School Building starting at 10:00 a.m.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: Dr. John R. Kelly

Approved:

  
Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

  
Carey M. Wright  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education