

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

June 19, 2024

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Special-Called Board meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom at Central High School, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Dr. Wendi Barrett, Mr. Bill Jacobs, Mr. Matt Mayo, Mr. Matt Miller, Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, Mr. Mike Pruitt, Ms. Billye Jean Stroud, and Ms. Mary Werner. Board member absent: Mr. Glen V. East. Student Representative: Ms. Kate Riddle. Dr. Raymond C. Morgigno was also present.

- I. Mr. Matt Miller, Acting Chair, called the Special-Called Board meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.
- II. Mr. Miller stated that the Board members received a copy of the agenda. Mr. Miller further stated that since this is a Special-Called meeting, the only business that can be transacted is that which was specified in the call of the meeting, student representative interviews.
- III. On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Mr. Mike Pruitt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- IV. Mr. Miller reminded the Board members of the competitive process that has taken place to get the Board to this point. Mr. Miller stated on January 26, 2024, 33 students from across the state submitted applications to MDE in response to the competitive application process that was released on December 7, 2023. Under the leadership of Mr. Bill Jacobs, an Ad-Hoc Screening Committee evaluated these applications in March. On May 1 and 2, 2024, Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, Mr. Bill Jacobs, Ms. Kate Riddle, and myself interviewed the 10 semi-finalists and named the top three students as finalists of the program.

Mr. Miller stated that the three finalists will interview today for the junior representative position for a term that will begin immediately and will end on April 30, 2026. Mr. Miller stated the responsibilities of the student representative are outlined on the first page of the interview questionnaire in the folders that have been provided. Mr. Miller stated that in addition to the questionnaire that will be used during the interviews, the Board members will find the student applications and a Student Representative Selection Form.

Mr. Miller stated the interviews will be conducted in forty-five-minute increments and the Board members will rotate the interview questions as done in prior years. Mr. Miller stated that the Board will begin each interview by viewing the video that each student submitted as part of the application process. Mr. Miller stated the student will then join the meeting. Mr. Miller stated that following the interviews, the Board will have time for discussion and each member will rank the students on the Selection Form and submit it to Ms. Sonya Amis and the ballots will be

counted during a brief recess and the results will be announced for subsequent vote by the Board.

The finalists interviewed pursuant to the following schedule:

- Zenaida Caquias (Gulfport School District) – 8:45 a.m.
- Crosby Parker (Gulfport School District) – 9:30 a.m.
- Annsley Coleman (New Albany School District) – 10:15 a.m.

- V. The Board discussed the junior student finalists before completing their Student Representative Selection Form.

The meeting recessed for five minutes while the results were compiled.

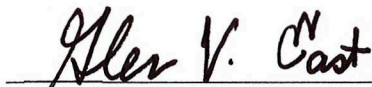
- VI. On a motion by Mr. Matt Mayo, seconded by Ms. Mary Werner, the Board unanimously voted to approve Mr. Crosby Parker of Gulfport School District as the junior student representative whose term will begin immediately and end April 30, 2026.

- VII. On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board unanimously voted to approve Ms. Annsley Coleman of New Albany School District as the junior student representative alternate.


- VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Miller adjourned the Board meeting at 11:04 a.m. for lunch. Mr. Miller stated the Budget Work session will start at 12:00 noon.

Approved:



Glen V, East, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education



Lance Evans  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education