

Mississippi Board of Education  
September 17, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
4th Floor Boardroom  
Central High School Building  
Mississippi Department of Education (MDE)  
359 North West Street  
Jackson, Mississippi

### **Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Invocation
- III. Approval of minutes of August 15, 2024 Board Meeting
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Recognition Ceremony
- VI. Report of State Superintendent of Education
- VII. Report of Chair
- VIII. Report of Student Representatives
- IX. Report on State Board of Education Subcommittee (SBE) Meetings
- X. Discussion and/or Approval of Board Items (All action items require vote)
  01. Action: Approval of the 2023-2024 Mississippi Statewide Accountability Results [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
  02. Action: Approval of the MDE Contracts [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)
    - 02.A. Action: Modify contract with Mississippi Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) to provide a variety of education-related services allowable under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) (Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) Program to participating non-public schools [Goals 1, 2, and 4 - MBE Strategic Plan] (Donna Bonne)

- 02.B. Action: Contract with Major Clarity by Paper, Inc. to provide a college and career readiness platform with an e-transcript feature [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Donna Boone)
- 02.C. Action: Contract with Paper Education America, Inc. to provide high dosage tutoring for grades 3-12 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics [Goals 1, 2, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Ferrell)
- 02.D. Action: Contract with Staffing Innovations, Inc. for providing Temporary Staffing Services for the Call Center [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 02.E. Action: Modify contract with North Mississippi Education Consortium to extend the end date and increase the amount of the contract for FY25 and FY26 to facilitate planned activities for Mississippi Department of Education for 2022-2026 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 02.F. Action: Contract with Cybersoft Technologies, Inc. for the operation of the Automated Purchasing System [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 02.G. Action: Contract with R & A Solutions, LLC to provide maintenance and support for the Mississippi Educator Career Continuum Archive (MECCA) system [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 02.H. Action: Modify contract with Guidesoft, Inc. d/b/a Knowledge Services to provide for the acquisition of Information Technology Professionals [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)
- 03. Action: Approval of the MDE grant awards [Goals 1 and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)
  - 03.A. Action: Award competitive grant for Special Education State Systemic Improvement Plan Literacy Coach (K-3) Educator-in-Residence services [Goals 1 and 4-MBE Strategic Plan] (Donna Boone)
  - 03.B. Action: Award competitive grants for Special Education State Systemic Improvement Plan Regional Literacy Content and Technology Specialist (K-8) Educator-in-Residence services [Goals 1 and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Donna Boone)

- 04. Consent Agenda (All consent items are action items which require vote, unless otherwise noted.)
  - A. Approval to appoint a certificated public-school administrator to the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Advisory Council (Lance Evans)
  - B. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi School of the Arts (Donna Boone)
  - C. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Donna Boone)
  - D. Approval of an Accredited-Temporary Status for CARES School, Biloxi, MS (Paula Vanderford)
  - E. Approval of certified personnel for the Mississippi School of the Arts and the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Donna Boone)
  
- XI. Consideration of Executive Session
  
- XII. State Board of Education
  - 1. Report on meetings attended
  - 2. Approval of attendance at meetings
  
- XIII. Other Business
  
- XIV. Adjournment

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