

**Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,  
Certification and Licensure and Development  
500 Greymont Avenue, Suite F  
Jackson, MS 39201  
9:00 a.m.  
June 9, 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 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2016, in the Conference Room located at 500 Greymont Avenue, Suite F, Jackson, MS 39201.

**Members in Attendance:** Cindy Melton, Kenny Goza, and Kelly Fuller  
**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)  
James Thompson, Investigator for OEM  
Chad Callender, Contract Worker for OEM  
Joseph A. Runnels, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to OEM

**Other Individuals in Attendance:**

**Case of Educator License No.: 110283**

Bernice Elam, Educator

**I. Case of Arthur Martin, Educator License No.: 267206**

Cindy Melton, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:03 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Kelly Fuller moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee consider going into executive session, which Kenny Goza seconded. The Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session. Kenny Goza moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the License of the Respondent, Arthur Martin. Kelly Fuller seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session.

Kelly Fuller moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee suspend for five (5) years, Educator License No.: 267206 held by the Respondent, Arthur Martin, based on the violation of Miss Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(h) and Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(13)(a).

Respondent may petition for reinstatement of Respondent's educator license pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(14)(a) and the Rules of Procedure Governing Disciplinary Proceedings of the Commission. Prior to petitioning the Commission for reinstatement, the Respondent, at his own expense, shall complete a minimum of one (1) seminar or course work related to ethics in education and shall submit proof of his attendance and successful completion of the required course of study. The Commission, in its discretion, may reinstate the Respondent's educator licensure only by a majority vote of all members of the Commission present at the meeting called for that purpose upon the Respondent's satisfactory showing of evidence of rehabilitation. Kenny Goza seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to suspend for five (5) years, Educator License No.: 267206, held by the Respondent, Arthur Martin.

On a motion by Kenny Goza, seconded by Kelly Fuller, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn the hearing at 9:54 a.m.

**II. Case of JoAnn Duke, Educator License No.: 92170**

Cindy Melton, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:58 a.m. Cindy Melton noted for the record that a request for continuance from the Respondent had been received by the Commission and the case will be continued until July 28, 2016.

On a motion by Kelly Fuller, seconded by Kenny Goza, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn the hearing at 9:59 a.m.

**III. Case of Bernice Elam, Educator License No.: 110283**

Cindy Melton, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 1:02 p.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Kelly Fuller moved to consider going into executive session. Kenny Goza seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to consider going into executive session.

Kenny Goza moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the License of Educator Bernice Elam. Kelly Fuller seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session.

On a motion by Kelly Fuller, seconded by Kenny Goza, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 2:12 p.m.

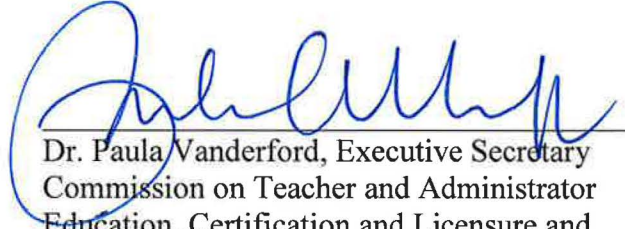
**IV. Adjournment**

On a motion made by Kelly Fuller and seconded by Kenny Goza, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:16 p.m.

**Approved:**



Cindy Melton, Subcommittee Chair  
Commission on Teacher and Administrator  
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Development



Dr. Paula Vanderford, Executive Secretary  
Commission on Teacher and Administrator  
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