

Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,  
Certification and Licensure and Development  
Central High School  
Senator Grey Ferris Boardroom  
359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201  
January 24, 2024

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 January 24, 2024, in Senator Grey Ferris Board Room 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Kim Hubbard, Dr. Bernell Kelley  
Commission Counsel: Jonathan Dennis, Special Assistant Attorney General

OEM Counsel: Joseph Runnels, Esq.

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:  
Tilla Tate, Investigator for the Office of Educator Misconduct (OEM)  
Scott DeJong, Director for the OEM

Others in Attendance:  
Leora Hooper, Educator  
Michael Battle, Witness for OEM  
Lakesha Doyle, Witness for OEM  
Shanetra Brown, Witness for OEM

Matters before the Subcommittee:

**I. Case of Sara Snyder, Educator license No. 312573**

Jonathan Dennis, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:24 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Dr. Bernell Kelly made a motion to go into closed session. Kim Hubbard seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session. Dr. Bernell Kelly made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberations and findings concerning the Educator license at issue in the present case. Kim Hubbard seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following people remained in the room: Dr. Bernell Kelly, Kim Hubbard, and Jonathan Dennis.

During Executive Session, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took the following action:

Dr. Bernell Kelly moved that the Commission hearing Subcommittee suspend the license of Sarah Snyder, Educator License No. 312573 for a period of one scholastic year. Kim Hubbard seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to suspend Respondent's license.

On a motion by Dr. Bernell Kelly, seconded by Kim Hubbard, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

In open session, counsel read the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee to the participants.

This matter was concluded at 10:05 a.m.

## **II. Case of Leora Hooper, Educator License Application No. 249524**

Jonathan Dennis, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 10:10 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Dr. Bernell Kelly made a motion to go into closed session. Kim Hubbard seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session. Dr. Bernell Kelly made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberations and findings concerning the Educator license at issue in the present case. Kim Hubbard seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following people remained in the room: Dr. Bernell Kelly, Kim Hubbard, and Jonathan Dennis.

During Executive Session, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took the following action:

Dr. Bernell Kelly moved that the Commission hearing Subcommittee suspend the license of Leora Hooper, Educator License No. 249524 for a period of one scholastic year. Kim Hubbard seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to suspend Respondent's license.

On a motion by Dr. Bernell Kelly, seconded by Kim Hubbard, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

In open session, counsel read the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee to the participants.

This matter concluded at 12:05 p.m.

### **III. Adjournment.**

On a motion by Dr. Bernell Kelly, seconded by Kim Hubbard, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 12:06 p.m.

Approved:



Kim Hubbard, Subcommittee Chair  
Commission on Teacher and Administrator  
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary  
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