

**Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification
And Licensure and Development
Central High Building
Fourth Floor Conference Room
10:00 a.m.
November 7, 2014**

Members Attending:

Kenny Goza	Robin Herrington	Donna Loden
Jamilliah Longino	Pamela Manners	Debra Mays-Jackson
Cindy Melton	Liz Michael	Doris Perkins

Member(s) Absent:

Kelly Fuller	Marilyn McMillan	Brian Pearse
Angela Rutherford		

MDE Personnel:

Cerissa Neal	Amy Daniel
Beebe Garrard, Special Assistant Attorney General	
Heather Deaton, Special Assistant Attorney General	

The members of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development met at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7, 2014, pursuant to Section 25-41-5 of the Mississippi Code for the purpose of the general bimonthly Commission meeting. The location of the meeting available to the public was the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Pamela Manners, chair, at 10:03 a.m.

II. Establishment of a Quorum

Cerissa Neal announced that a quorum of the Commission was present.

III. Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2014 Commission Meetings

On a motion by Doris Perkins, seconded by Jamilliah Longino, the minutes of the September 5, 2014, Commission meeting were unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Goza - Yes	Herrington - Yes	Loden - Yes	Longino - Yes	Manners - Yes
Mays-Jackson - Yes	Melton - Yes	Michael- Yes	Perkins - Yes	

IV. Approval of Minutes from Certification Subcommittee Meeting(s)

On a motion by Robin Herrington, seconded by Doris Perkins, the minutes of the February 7, 2014, Commission Subcommittee meeting were unanimously approved by Robin Herrington, Doris Perkins, and Brian Pearse.

On a motion by Doris Perkins, seconded by Donna Loden, the minutes of the June 6, 2014, Commission Subcommittee meeting were unanimously approved by Donna Loden, Doris Perkins, and Kelly Fuller.

On a motion by Donna Loden, seconded by Debra Mays-Jackson, the minutes of the August 27, 2014, Commission Subcommittee meeting were unanimously approved by Donna Loden, Debra Mays-Jackson, and Kelly Fuller.

On a motion by Pamela Manners, seconded by Doris Perkins, the minutes of the September 30, 2014, Commission Subcommittee meeting were unanimously approved by Pamela Manners, Doris Perkins, and Brian Pearse.

On a motion by Donna Loden, seconded by Pamela Manners, the minutes of the October 21, 2014, Commission Subcommittee meeting were unanimously approved by Pamela Manners, Donna Loden, and Brian Pearse.

On a motion by Robin Herrington, seconded by Donna Loden, the minutes of the October 22, 2014, Commission Subcommittee meeting were unanimously approved by Pamela Manners, Donna Loden, and Robin Herrington.

V. Adoption of Agenda

Kenny Goza made the following motion: adopt the agenda for November 7, 2014, Certification Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Liz Michael and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Goza - Yes	Herrington - Yes	Loden - Yes	Longino - Yes	Manners - Yes
Mays-Jackson - Yes	Melton - Yes	Michael- Yes	Perkins - Yes	

VI. MDE Update

- Mrs. Neal announced that the Teacher Center staff held a meeting with National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) and World Class Teaching to explain

upcoming changes of NBCT certification for teachers. Certification will be moving to a three year process after this year.

- The Office of Educator Quality held a meeting with several state teacher organizations (Jackson Federation of Teachers; MS Professional Educators; and MS Association of Educators) to discuss MDE initiatives/programs: teacher evaluation process, including MSTAR; principal evaluation; and educator misconduct. The session was extremely successful based on the feedback from that meeting.
- Ms. Neal recently attended an accreditation site visit at DSU for teacher education preparation. Many site visits are planned, with five in the spring.
- State Reading Panel is meeting to make a recommendation to the Commission for a test that elementary education majors must take in 2016 to certify to satisfy legislative requirements. They have met three times now and viewed proposals by those who offer reading assessments. The Panel hopes to have a recommendation for the Commission in the spring.

VII. Information/Action Items:

1. Discussion of Out of State Alternate Route Programs

The MDE has received requests from organizations that want to bring alternate route programs for certification from other states and for the Commission's consideration to implement in MS. Currently individuals can attend any program outside the State and meet reciprocity guidelines to obtain a license.

After discussion, Kenny Goza made the following motion: To not entertain proposals from out of state alternate route programs at this time. Cindy Melton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Goza - Yes	Herrington - Yes	Loden - Yes	Longino - Yes	Manners - Yes
Mays-Jackson - Yes	Melton - Yes	Michael- Yes	Perkins - Yes	

2. Discussion of Requests for New Endorsements from IHLs

Dr. David Rock, Dean at University of MS, presented the item. UM wants to offer an endorsement entitled wellness and physical activity. This would be an elementary endorsement for K-6 to integrate wellness and physical activity. Students would take four courses (twelve hours) including field experience to earn the endorsement.

Ms. Manners asked if the Commission wanted to entertain endorsements that are not required by statute or curriculum. Liz Michael made the following motion:

Table the discussion of requests for new endorsements from IHLs. She then withdrew the motion.

Cindy Melton then made the following new motion: Consider new endorsements not required by MDE from IHLS for approval during MDE's program proposal cycle in early February. The motion was seconded by Doris Perkins and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Goza - Yes	Herrington - Yes	Loden - Yes	Longino - Yes	Manners - Yes
Mays-Jackson - Yes	Melton - Yes	Michael- Yes	Perkins - Yes	

3. Discussion and/or Ratification of Surrendered Licenses

Five educators surrendered their licenses since the last Commission meeting: Blair Porter, 207543; Michael Porter, 209063; Jessica Weeks, 194126; Janet Williams, 190527; and Carlton Williams, 187828. Liz Michael made the following motion: Ratify voluntary surrenders accepted by the Office of Educator Misconduct. The motion was seconded by Doris Perkins and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Goza - Yes	Herrington - Yes	Loden - Yes	Longino - Yes	Manners - Yes
Mays-Jackson - Yes	Melton - Yes	Michael- Yes	Perkins - Yes	

VIII. Information Items:

Ms. Neal reported on licensure hearings, since the last Commission meeting:

On **September 30, 2014**, the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee comprised of Pamela Manners, Doris Perkins, and Brian Pearse held two licensure hearings.

- The Commission granted a continuance to educator Ifey Anyanwu, License number 199892, as his termination by the Madison Co. School District is currently on appeal in Chancery Court.
- No action was taken on license number 251370 held by John Scates, who was charged with a violation of Standard Four.

 On **October 21, 2014**, the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee comprised of Pamela Manners, Brian Pearse, and Donna Loden held two licensure hearings:

It was the unanimous decision of the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee to reinstate the following license, which was previously surrendered, as the petitioner provided proof of rehabilitation:

- License No. 161384 held by Randy Cuevas

- It was the unanimous decision of the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee to take no action on license number 182024 held by Randy Stokes who was charged with a violation of Standard Four of the Code of Ethics.

On **October 22, 2014**, the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee comprised of Pamela Manners, Robin Herrington, and Donna Loden held one hearing:

It was the unanimous decision of the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee to reinstate the following license, which was previously surrendered, as the petitioner provided proof of rehabilitation:

- License No. 194668 held by Carla Desmond

On **November 6, 2014**, the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee comprised of Pamela Manners, Cindy Melton, and Donna Loden held two hearings:

- License number 194636 held by Barry South was suspended for one year due to a violation of Standard Four, as well as for termination by the Coahoma School District. The educator can apply for automatic reinstatement at the end of the suspension with proof of specific professional development submitted to the OEL.
- License application 262557, a felony applicant, submitted by Teresa Barnett was approved for processing by the Commission, after submitting court documents and testifying to her ability to perform the duties of a license.

VI. Adjourn

On a motion made by Jamilliah Longino and seconded by Doris Perkins, the meeting was adjourned. The votes were as follows:

Goza - Yes	Herrington - Yes	Loden - Yes	Longino - Yes	Manners - Yes
Mays-Jackson - Yes	Melton - Yes	Michael- Yes	Perkins - Yes	

Approved:

Pamela Manners

Pamela Manners, Chair

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Cerissa Neal, Executive Secretary

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