

**Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification
And Licensure and Development
Central High Building
Fourth Floor Conference Room
10:00 a.m.
March 16, 2015**

Members Attending:

Kenny Goza	Cylesha Hopkins	Rilla Jones
Pamela Manners	Cindy Melton	Doris Perkins
Liz Michael	Debra Mays-Jackson	Susan McClelland (11:05 a.m.)

Member(s) Absent:

Shannon Doughty	Kelly Fuller	Robin Herrington
Brian Pearse	Marilyn McMillan	

MDE Personnel:

Cerissa Neal	Kim Benton	Jean Massey
Amy Daniel		
Beebe Garrard, Special Assistant Attorney General		

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Cindy Melton.

II. Establishment of a Quorum

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

III. Adoption of Agenda

Kenny Goza made the following motion: adopt the agenda for the March 16, 2015, Certification Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Doris Perkins and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Goza – Yes	Hopkins – Yes	Jones – Yes
Manners – Yes	Melton – Yes	Perkins – Yes
Michael – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	

IV. Information/Action Items:

1. Discussion and/or Approval of Secondary Education Supplemental Endorsement Codes

The item was discussed by Jean Massey. On a motion made by Kenny Goza and seconded by Liz Michael, the following motion was made: Approve secondary education supplemental endorsement codes as bulleted below. The votes were as follows on the table below:

- 926 PLTW (Project Lead The Way) Biomedical Health Science
- 927 PLTW Middle School STEM
- 928 PLTW STEM
- 929 SREB (Southern Region Education Board) Math Ready
- 930 SREB Literacy Ready

Goza – Yes	Hopkins – Yes	Jones – Yes
Manners – Yes	Melton – Yes	Perkins – Yes
Michael – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	

2. Discussion and/or Approval of New Endorsement Code 646 -AP Computer Science Principles

The item was discussed by Jean Massey. On a motion made by Doris Perkins and seconded by Liz Michael, the following motion was made: Approve a new endorsement code #646 - AP Computer Science Principles. The votes were as follows:

Goza – Yes	Hopkins – Yes	Jones – Yes
Manners – Yes	Melton – Yes	Perkins – Yes
Michael – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	

3. Discussion and/or Approval of Accreditation Site Visit Reports for Mississippi Valley State University, Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Blue Mountain College, Rust College, Millsaps College, Tougaloo College, Mississippi College, Belhaven University, and Jackson State University

The item was discussed by Dr. Cerissa Neal and will be brought back for further discussion/approval at the next Commission meeting.

4. Discussion and/or Approval of Recommendation from the State Reading Panel for a Reading Licensing Exam for Elementary Education Graduates

The item was discussed by Dr. Kim Benton. Pamela Manners made the following motion:

Establish a subcommittee to further review the recommendation from the State Reading Panel for a Reading Licensing Exam for Elementary Education graduates. The motion was seconded by Kenny Goza and unanimously approved. *Note that Susan McClelland joined the meeting at 11:05 a.m. and begin to vote on this item.* The votes were as follows:

Goza – Yes	Hopkins – Yes	Jones – Yes
Manners – Yes	Melton – Yes	Perkins – Yes
Michael – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland - Yes

The subcommittee was formed with the following Commission members: Pamela Manners; Susan McClelland; Cindy Melton; and Doris Perkins.

5. Discussion and/or Approval of Ratification of Voluntary Surrender(s)

The item was discussed by Amy Daniel. Rilla Jones made the following motion: Ratify the voluntary surrender accepted by the Office of Educator Misconduct. The motion was seconded by Doris Perkins and unanimously approved. The votes were as follows:

Goza – Yes	Hopkins – Yes	Jones – Yes
Manners – Yes	Melton – Yes	Perkins – Yes
Michael – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland - Yes

V. Information Items:

Other Business

1. Dr. Neal reported on certification hearings since the last Commission meeting:

On **January 8, 2015**, the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee comprised of Pamela Manners, Brian Pearse, and Cindy Melton held three licensure hearings:

- The Commission granted a continuance to educator Scott Minchew, License number 161708, after he and his counsel made an appearance and requested the continuance.
- The Commission revoked the following licenses for one year due to violations of Standard Four of the MS Educator Code of Ethics
 - License 181602 held by Christopher Carlisle
 - License 224250 held by Chad Hunt

On **January 9, 2015**, the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee comprised of Pamela Manners, Liz Michael, and Debra Mays-Jackson held two licensure hearings.

- The Commission granted a continuance to educator Revis Fortune, License number 219042, as he was deployed.
- The Commission decided not to process application number 170391 submitted by Bobby Coleman.

On **February 12, 2015**, the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee comprised of Pamela Manners, Liz Michael, and Kelly Fuller held two licensure hearings:

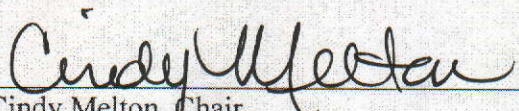
- License application 224409, a felony applicant, submitted by Dewan Ashford, was approved for processing by the Commission, after submitting court documents and testifying to his ability to perform the duties of a license.
 - It was the unanimous decision of the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee to take no action on license number 161708 held by Scott Minchew who was charged with a violation of Standard Four of the Code of Ethics.
2. Dr. Neal announced that as of February The Office of Educator Licensure no longer approves educator licensure applications for individuals seeking certification via international reciprocity. The MS Department of Education will honor all current, valid MS licenses obtained through international reciprocity prior to this date. However, all who request renewal of such license must meet current certification requirements at that time.

VI. Adjourn

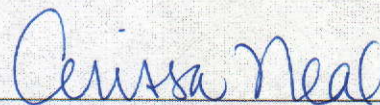
On a motion made by Kenny Goza and seconded by Doris Perkins, the meeting was adjourned. The votes were as follows:

Goza – Yes	Hopkins – Yes	Jones – Yes
Manners – Yes	Melton – Yes	Perkins – Yes
Michael – Yes	Mays-Jackson – Yes	McClelland - Yes

Approved:



Cindy Melton, Chair
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Cerissa Neal, Executive Secretary
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