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**Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,
Certification, and Licensure and Development
Teleconference Meeting**

July 9, 2021

10:00 a.m.

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-3-2(3) and 25-41-5, the members of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development (Commission) met at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 9, 2021, via teleconference and video means.

Members Attending via Teleconference:

William Hamilton	Mary Hill-Taylor	John Howard
Dr. Teresa Jayroe	Rilla Jones	Dr. Bernell Kelly
Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson	Dr. Teresa Poole	Dr. Shelly Simmons

Members Absent:

James Creel	Kim Hubbard	David Martin
Rebecca Skinner-Gray	Etta Taplin	

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending via Teleconference:

Dr. Debra Burson	Erica Coleman	Scott Dejong
Brian McGairty	Mary-Catherine McGregor	David Minton
Dr. Courtney Van Cleve	Vanessa Wilbert	

Special Assistant Attorney General Attending via Teleconference:

Erin Meyer

I. Call to Order

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson called the meeting to order on Friday, July 9, 2021 at 10:13 a.m. The meeting took via teleconference.

II. Establishment of a Quorum

James Creel	Absent
William Hamilton	Present, via teleconference, Oxford, MS
Mary Hill-Taylor	Present, via teleconference, Bailey, MS

John Howard	Present, via teleconference, Clarksdale, MS
Kim Hubbard	Absent
Dr. Teresa Jayroe	Present, via teleconference, Starkville, MS
Rilla Jones	Present, via teleconference, Corinth, MS
Dr. Bernell Kelly	Present, via teleconference, Gulfport, MS
David Martin	Absent
Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson	Present, via teleconference, Jackson, MS
Dr. Teresa Poole	Present, via teleconference, Hattiesburg, MS
Dr. Shelly Simmons	Present, via teleconference, Gulfport, MS
Rebecca Skinner-Gray	Absent
Etta Taplin	Absent

Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson announced that a quorum of the Commission existed.

III. Approval of the minutes of the May 7, 2021 Meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development

On a motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by Dr. Bernell Kelly, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Commission minutes for the May 7, 2021 meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development.

IV. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of May 7, 2021

Due to the absence of Kim Hubbard, David Martin, and Etta Taplin, the item was tabled until the September 10, 2021 meeting.

V. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of June 10, 2021

On a motion by William Hamilton, seconded by Mary Hill-Taylor the Commission voted unanimously to approve the hearing subcommittee minutes of June 10, 2021.

VI. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by William Hamilton, seconded by John Howard, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda.

VII. Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Updates (Dr. Courtney Van Cleve)

Dr. Courtney Van Cleve reported that there were no MDE updates to be made at this time.

VIII. Mississippi Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE) Updates (Dr. Trent Gould)

Dr. Gould began with a brief overview of MACTE, explaining that MACTE is an affiliate of the national association, the American Association for Colleges for Teacher Education. MACTE is an organization comprised of faculty and administrators from all public and private institutions of higher education that are engaged in the preparation of teachers in the state of Mississippi, that serves as an advocate for teachers, educators and faculty on a broad range of education issues.

Dr. Gould reported that there will be a MACTE meeting following the Licensure Commission meeting that day (Friday, July 9, 2021), where Dr. Burson will provide MDE updates to MACTE, and the following items will be addressed:

MACTE will be providing a position statement regarding national accreditation. The final resolution of the position statement will be presented to Dr. Burson for MDE approval.

MACTE will be discussing how they will be doing the MACTE awards this via video again this year

Dr. Gould reported that the new officers for MACTE started as of July 1, 2021:

President: Dr. Trent Gould (University of Southern Mississippi)
President-Elect: Dr. Leslie Griffin (Delta State University)
Treasurer: Dr. Janetta Wadell (Blue Mountain College)
Secretary: Dr. Phelton Moss (Tougaloo College)

IX. Discussion and/or Approval to establish a qualifying score for the newly revised versions of Evaluation Systems Group of Pearson, Foundations of Reading Test (Test Code 190) as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development (Dr. Courtney Van Cleve)

On a motion by Dr. Teresa Poole, seconded by Rilla Jones, the Commission voted unanimously to approve establishing a qualifying score for the newly revised versions of Evaluation Systems Group of Pearson, Foundations of Reading Test (Test Code 190) as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development.

X. Discussion and/or approval of ratifications of agreed orders and/or voluntary surrenders (Mr. Scott Dejong)

Scott Dejong reported on seven agreed orders being presented for consideration:

Brittney Maddox, educator license #251350, executed an Agreed Order acknowledging that she violated 37-9-57 and Standard 10 of the MS Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct. The Respondent's license shall be suspended for one school year. Said surrender period shall be from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. At the conclusion of the surrender period, the Respondent may petition for reinstatement of Respondent's educator license pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2 (14)(a), without the necessity of a hearing.

Tracy Gilmer, educator license #184240, executed an Agreed Order acknowledging that he violated Standard 9 of the MS Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct. The Respondent's license shall be suspended for a period of one year from the date of ratification. The Respondent shall, at her own expense, complete a seminar or coursework related to ethical teacher/student relationships prior to the conclusion of the suspension period stated prior. The Respondent shall submit proof of attendance and successful completion of the course of study. The Respondent may submit an application or petition for reinstatement at the conclusion of the suspension period.

Nicole Moreno Collums, educator license #296812, executed an Agreed Order acknowledging that she violated Standard 9 of the MS Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct. The Respondent's license shall be suspended for a period of one year from the date of ratification. The Respondent shall, at her own expense, complete at a seminar or coursework related to ethical teacher/student relationships prior to the conclusion of the suspension period stated prior. The Respondent shall submit proof of attendance and successful completion of the course. The Respondent may submit an application or petition for reinstatement at the conclusion of the suspension period.

Courtney O' Brien educator license #310960¹

LaToya Richardson, educator license #246446, executed an Agreed Order Acknowledging she violated Standard 4 of the MS Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct. The Respondent's license shall immediately be placed on probation for one calendar year from the date of ratification. The Respondent shall, at her own expense, complete a seminar or coursework related to ethical teacher/student relationships prior to the conclusion of the revocation period stated prior. The Respondent shall submit proof of attendance and successful completion.

¹ Ms. O'Brien's Agreed Order contained deficiencies in its execution and although originally presented to the Licensure Commission, it fails to meet the requirements for approval and shall be resubmitted for acceptance and ratification by the Licensure Commission, or a subcommittee thereof.

Harold L. Laird, Jr., educator license #167277, executed an Agreed Order acknowledging that he violated Standard 4 of the MS Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct. The Respondent's license shall immediately be Revoked for a period of one year from the date of ratification. The Respondent shall, at his own expense, complete at a seminar or coursework related to ethical teacher/student relationships prior to the conclusion of the suspension period stated prior. The Respondent also agrees to complete, at his own expense, a seminar or coursework in anger management from a reputable source prior to the conclusion of the suspension period. The Respondent shall submit proof of attendance and successful completion of the required courses of study prior to or contemporaneous with his petition for reinstatement. The Respondent may submit an application or petition for reinstatement at the conclusion of the revocation period.

Nicolas Morrow, educator license #264524, executed an Agreed Order Acknowledging he violated Standard 4 of the MS Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct. The Respondent's license shall immediately be placed on probation for a period of one calendar year from the date of ratification. The Respondent shall, at his own expense, complete a seminar or coursework related to proper Student-Educator Ethics and Relationships prior to the conclusion of the probationary period. The Respondent shall submit proof of attendance and successful completion prior to or contemporaneous with her application or petition for reinstatement.

On a motion by William Hamilton, seconded by Rilla Jones, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the agreed orders presented.

XI. Other Business

None.

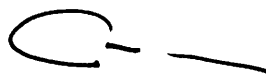
XII. Adjournment

On a motion by Rilla Jones, seconded by John Howard, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:50 AM.

Approved:



Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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