# Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room Central High School 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201 March 24, 2022

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 March 24, 2022, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Room of the Central High School Building, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Rebecca Gray, Kim Hubbard, and Teresa Poole Commission Counsel: Baylea Blough, 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: Migale Jones, Educator

Patrice Hoskins, Educator

Matters before the Subcommittee:

## I. Agreed Orders

Rebecca Gray, serving as presiding officer for the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:16 a.m.

Scott Dejong, Director for the Office of Educator Misconduct, presented four proposed Agreed Orders for ratification by the Commission Hearing Subcommittee:

- A. Mikiala Watts, Educator License No. 258407, Standard 10
- B. Andre Nawls, Educator License No. 323132, Standard 10
- C. Paul Douglas Whitaker, Educator License No. 189404, Standard 3
- D. Kano Clarke, Educator License No. 150285, Standards 1 and 4

Following the Presentation by OEM, Kim Hubbard moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee accept and ratify the proposed Agreed Orders. Dr. Teresa Poole seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept and ratify the above listed matters.

This matter concluded at 9:25 a.m.

## II. Case of Migale Jones, Educator License No. 171281

Baylea Blough, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:29 a.m.

The Commission Hearing Subcommittee recessed from 11:25 a.m., to approximately 11:36 a.m.

The Commission Hearing Subcommittee recessed for lunch at 12:29 p.m.

The Commission Hearing Subcommittee reconvened at 1:32 p.m.

Based on discussion with Counsel for OEM, on a motion by Kim Hubbard, seconded by Rebecca Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to enter into executive session for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law by Mr. Migale Jones, specifically to protect the confidential nature of students' personally identifiable information and/or education records in accordance with state and federal law.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Kim Hubbard moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee change the purpose of why it is in executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of Educator, Migale Jones. Dr. Teresa Poole seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Rebecca Gray, Kim Hubbard, Dr. Teresa Poole, and Baylea Blough.

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

During Executive Session (for deliberations), the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took the following action:

Kim Hubbard moved that based on the testimony and evidence presented, not to revoke or suspend Respondent Educator License No. 171281 issued to Migale Jones; however, the Petitioner's educator license will be immediately placed on probation for two years. During his probationary period, the Petitioner, at his own expense, shall take three 3-hour ethics courses (for a total of nine hours), preferably from an accredited university on educational ethics and professionalism. One course shall be on the student/teacher relationship and its boundaries, one on educator ethics, and one on positive school culture. Respondent shall submit proof of attendance and successful completion of the required courses of study to the Office of Educator Misconduct. Additionally, during his probationary period, the Petitioner shall engage with an

education mentor and shall submit quarterly progress reports (April 30, July 31, October 31, and January 31) from said mentor to the OEM. Failure to submit quarterly reports by the deadline shall result in immediate revocation of the Petitioner's license without the necessity of a hearing for a period of one year. Additionally, any reported violation(s)/allegation(s)/infraction(s) of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics Standards of Conduct and/or state or federal law during the probationary period shall result in immediate revocation of the Petitioner's license without the necessity of a hearing for a period of one year. During his probationary period, the Petitioner shall disclose the terms of his probation with any school district, including, but not limited to, the superintendent of the district and principal of the school he is employed with. Dr. Teresa Poole seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved placing Respondent's Educator License on probationary status subject to a two-year probation with conditions.

On a motion by Kim Hubbard, seconded by Dr. Teresa Poole, 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.

The conclusion of the hearing was pronounced at 3:16 p.m.

# III. Case of Patrice Hoskins, Educator License Application No. 330707

Baylea Blough, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 3:21 p.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Kim Hubbard moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. Dr. Teresa Poole seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Kim Hubbard moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license of the above identified Educator. Dr. Teresa Poole seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Rebecca Gray, Kim Hubbard, Teresa Poole, and Baylea Blough.

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

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

Rebecca Gray moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee grant the processing and issuance of Mississippi Educator License Application No. 330707 for Patrice Hoskins. Kim Hubbard seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the processing and issuance of Respondent's license.

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

The presiding officer pronounced the conclusion of the hearing at 3:53 p.m.

# IV. Adjournment.

On a motion by Kim Hubbard, seconded by Dr. Teresa Poole, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 3:53 p.m.

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Ms. Rebecca Gray, Subcommittee Chair Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and

Development

Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development