



**Minutes of the
Commission on School Accreditation
Teleconference Meeting
359 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi
December 10, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation (CSA or Commission) took place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020 via teleconference.

Attending via teleconference:

Roy Gill, Chair – Gulfport, MS
Kelle Barfield – Vicksburg, MS
Lori Brechtel – Brandon, MS
Brian Harvey – Oxford, MS
Jefferson Hughes – Collins, MS
Candace James – Brandon, MS
Pamela Manners – Biloxi, MS
Dr. Valencia Martin – Greenwood, MS
Aisha Maxwell – Olive Branch, MS
John Mistilis – Oxford, MS
Anthony Montgomery – Biloxi, MS
Brett Robinson – Clinton, MS
Brad Stevens – Amory, MS
Jan Vaughn - Greenville, MS
Ingrid Williams – Clinton, MS

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), Office of Accreditation staff members/representatives present included:

Dr. Paula A. Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer
Dr. Nathan Oakley, Chief Academic Officer
Sonya Amis, Deputy State Superintendent
Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Secretary
Wendy Clemons, Office of Secondary Education
Alan Burrow, Director of School and District Performance
Angela Kitchens, Office of Accreditation

Erin Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General, served as legal counsel to the Commission.

I. Call to Order

Roy Gill, Chair of the CSA, opened the Commission meeting and conducted a roll-call of the Commission members.

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Mr. Gill announced that a quorum of the Commission existed.

Mr. Gill called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Jefferson Hughes, seconded by Lori Brechtel, the Commission unanimously approved the agenda.

III. Action: Approval of the minutes of the October 1, 2020 Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation

On a motion by Candace James seconded by Jan Vaughn, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2020 meeting.

IV. Action: Approval of the minutes of the December 3, 2020 Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation

On a motion by Kelle Barfield seconded by Anthony Montgomery, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2020 meeting.

V. Information: Recommended Annual District Accreditation Statuses for School Year 2020-2021 and Districts with Deficiencies in accordance with Accreditation Policies 2.0, 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2020*

Mr. Gill referred Commission members to their back-up materials and explained that the vote would need to be split into three (3) separate votes to allow the Commission members who serve on local school boards to abstain from voting on their respective districts.

VI. Action: Approval of Annual District Accreditation Statuses for 2020-2021

A. On a motion by Pamela Manners, seconded by Brian Harvey, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the District Accreditation Statuses for 2020-2021 for all districts except the Greenville Public School District and the West Jasper School District.

B. On a motion by Kelle Barfield, seconded by Anthony Montgomery, the Commission voted to approve the District Accreditation Status for 2020-2021 for the Greenville Public School District.

Members voting aye: Kelle Barfield, Lori Brechtel, Brian Harvey, Jefferson Hughes, Candace James, Pamela Manners, Dr. Valencia Martin, Aisha Maxwell, John Mistilis, Anthony Montgomery, Brett Robinson, Brad Stevens, and Ingrid Williams

Members voting nay: None

Jan Vaughn abstained from the vote.

- C. On a motion by Pamela Manners, seconded by Lori Brechtel, the Commission voted to approve the District Accreditation Status for 2020-2021 for the West Jasper School District.

Members voting aye: Kelle Barfield, Lori Brechtel, Brian Harvey, Candace James, Pamela Manners, Dr. Valencia Martin, Aisha Maxwell, John Mistilis, Anthony Montgomery, Brett Robinson, Brad Stevens, Jan Vaughn, and Ingrid Williams

Members voting nay: None

Jefferson Hughes abstained from the vote

VII. Discussion: Consideration of request to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-12, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2020*, specifically the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System, Section 25, College- and Career-Readiness, regarding the inclusion of ACT WorkKeys in performance measures

Mr. Alan Burrow, Director of School and District Performance, presented recommended revisions to Miss. Admin. Code: 7-12, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2020*, specifically the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System, Section 25, College- and Career-Readiness, regarding the inclusion of ACT WorkKeys in performance measures. Commission members asked questions of MDE staff. Dr. Nathan Oakley, Dr. Paula Vanderford, and Wendy Clemons assisted Mr. Burrow in answering questions from the Commission members.

VIII. Action: Approval to submit request to the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-12, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2020*, specifically the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System, Section 25, College- and Career-Readiness, regarding the inclusion of ACT WorkKeys in performance measures

On a motion by Brian Harvey, seconded by Kelle Barfield, the Commission voted unanimously¹ to submit a request to the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-12, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2020*, specifically the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System, Section 25, College- and Career-Readiness, regarding the inclusion of ACT WorkKeys in performance measures as outlined in the presentation by Alan Burrow.

IX. Other Business

¹ Candace James left the meeting at 10:28 a.m. during Item VII and did not vote on items VIII and X.

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Roy Gill reminded the Commission that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, February 4, 2021.

X. Adjournment

On a motion by Anthony Montgomery, seconded by Dr. Valencia Martin, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

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(Month) (Day) (Year)

Roy Gill
Chair of the Commission

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Executive Secretary of the Commission