



**Minutes of the
Commission on School Accreditation
Regular Scheduled Meeting
Central High School Building
359 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi
June 2, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation (CSA or Commission) took place via teleconference and video means from the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2022. The public was invited to view the livestreaming via the MDE YouTube Channel or in person in Room 102.

Commission members in attendance via teleconference included:

Pamela Manners, Chair, Biloxi, MS
Kelle Barfield, Vicksburg, MS
Dr. Lundy Brantley, Colorado
Lori Brechtel, Brandon, MS
Grant Dickinson, Ocean Springs, MS
Reginald Goins, Sarah, MS
Jefferson Hughes, Covington County School District
Aisha Maxwell, Horn Lake, MS
Brett Robinson, Clinton, MS
Brad Stevens, Smithville, MS
Jan Vaughn, Greenville, MS
Ingrid Williams, Clinton, MS

Members absent:

Dr. Carla Evers
Dr. Valencia Martin
Sarah Wansley

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

Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Director/Executive Secretary, Office of Accreditation
Chris Haynes, Office of Accreditation
Shulawnda Johnson, Office of Accreditation
Angela Kitchens, Office of Accreditation
Wendy Clemons, Office of Secondary Education
Tammy Crossetti, Office of Secondary Education
Dr. Lea Johnson, Office of Secondary Education

Dr. Chancy Fort, Office of Secondary Education
Ginger Koestler, Office of Special Education
Sharon Coon, Office of Special Education
Bobby Richardson, Office of Special Education
Brian McGairty, Safe and Orderly Schools

Baylea Blough, Special Assistant Attorney General, served as legal counsel to the Commission.

I. Announcement of Quorum and Call to Order

Ms. Pamela Manners, Chair of the CSA, opened the Commission meeting and conducted a rollcall of the Commission members.

Ms. Manners announced that a quorum of the Commission existed.

Ms. Manners called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Manners asked the Commission members to review the proposed agenda. On a motion by Dr. Lundy Brantley, seconded by Lori Brechtel, the Commission unanimously approved the agenda.

III. Action: Approval of the minutes of the April 12, 2022, Meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation

On a motion by Jefferson Hughes, seconded by Jan Vaughn, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022, meeting.

IV. Discussion: Consideration of request to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022* specifically Process Standard 2.2.

Dr. Jo Ann Malone presented the request to the Commission and explained that the proposed revisions were to help clarify the exclusions to the Process Standard.

V. Action: Approval to submit request to State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022* specifically Process Standard 2.2.

On a motion by Dr. Lundy Brantley, seconded by Kelle Barfield, the Commission voted unanimously to submit request to State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022* specifically Process Standard 2.2.

VI. Discussion: Consideration of request to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022* specifically Process Standard 2.4: Student Support Services.

Wendy Clemons presented the request to the Commission and explained that the proposed revisions were to help clarify the language in Process Standard 2.4 regarding the requirement for Student Support Services.

- VII. Action: Approval to submit request to State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022 specifically Process Standard 2.4: Student Support Services.**

On a motion by Grant Dickinson, seconded by Reginald Goins, the Commission voted unanimously to submit request to State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022* specifically Process Standard 2.4: Student Support Services.

- VIII. Discussion: Consideration of request to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022 specifically Process Standard 17.4: Special Education.**

Ginger Koestler presented the request to the Commission and explained the need to add the reference to the state statute that pertains to corporal punishment to the Process Standard for Special Education.

- IX. Action: Approval to submit request to State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022 specifically Process Standard 17.4: Special Education.**

On a motion by Lori Brechtel, seconded by Grant Dickinson, the Commission voted unanimously to submit request to State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022* specifically Process Standard 17.4: Special Education.

- X. Discussion: Consideration of request to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022 specifically to establish Process Standard 17.9: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training.**

Wendy Clemons presented the request to the Commission and explained that the proposed revisions were to help ensure that schools and districts provide the required mental health and suicide prevention trainings. Ms. Clemons answered questions from Commission members about the trainings.

- XI. Action: Approval to submit request to State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022 specifically to establish Process Standard 17.9: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training.**

On a motion by Dr. Lundy Brantley, seconded by Kelle Barfield, the Commission voted unanimously to submit request to State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022* specifically to establish Process Standard 17.9: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training.

XII. Discussion: Consideration of request to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022* specifically Appendices A-6 – A-10, A-12, and C-2.

Wendy Clemons presented the request to the Commission and explained the need for the revisions.

XIII. Action: Approval to submit request to State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022* specifically Appendices A-6 – A-10, A-12, and C-2.

On a motion by Lori Brechtel, seconded by Jan Vaughn, the Commission voted unanimously to submit request to State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2022* specifically Appendices A-6 – A-10, A-12, and C-2.

XIV. Action: Election of the 2022-2023 Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission on the School Accreditation

- A. Upon the nomination by Dr. Lundy Brantley, seconded by Grant Dickinson, with no others nominated, the Commission unanimously voted to re-elect Pamela Manners as the Chair of the Commission on School Accreditation for 2022 – 2023.
- B. Upon the nomination by Dr. Lundy Brantley, seconded by Jefferson Hughes, with no others nominated, the Commission unanimously voted to re-elect Dr. Valencia Martin as the Vice-Chair of the Commission on School Accreditation for 2022 – 2023.

XV. Action: Approval of meeting dates of the Commission on School Accreditation for the 2022-2023 school year

On a motion by Grant Dickinson, seconded by Kelle Barfield, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the meeting dates of the Commission on School Accreditation for the 2022-2023 school year:

- September 27, 2022*
- December 1, 2022
- February 2, 2023
- April 6, 2023
- June 1, 2023

*Meeting to approve the 2022 Mississippi Statewide Accountability Results

Dr. Malone explained that although no meeting will be scheduled for August, should the need arise, a special-called meeting may be held.

XVI. Other Business

Ms. Manners reminded Commission members that the next regular scheduled meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2023.

Dr. Malone informed Commission members of Dr. Wright's upcoming retirement, the recent appointments of Dr. Kim Benton as Interim State Superintendent of Education and Attorney Erin Meyer as General Counsel. Dr. Malone also informed Commission members of upcoming work on the Central High School Building and the possible need for future meetings to be held at an alternate location while the work is being performed.

XVII. Adjournment

On a motion by Grant Dickinson, seconded by Jefferson Hughes, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

9 27 2022
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Pamela Manners
Chair of the Commission

J. Pullalae
Executive Secretary of the Commission