

**Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,
Certification and Licensure and Development
Central High School
4th Floor Board Room
359 N. West Street, Jackson MS 39201
March 30, 2017**

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 Thursday, in the 4th Floor Board Room of Central High School located at 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Dr. Cindy Melton, Mary Hill Shular, Pamela Manners

Commission Counsel: Chelsea L. Chicosky, Special Assistant Attorney General

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:

Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, Special Assistant Attorney General
James Thompson, Office of Educator Misconduct Investigator
Joseph Runnels, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to OEM

I. Call to Order

Dr. Cindy Melton, presiding officer of the Commission Subcommittee called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. Hearing of Shannon Robbins, Educator License No: 173161

Joseph A. Runnels, Special Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to OEM, called James Thompson, Director of the Office of Educator Misconduct Investigator, and Sharon Harris, Human Resources Director for Hinds County School District. Shannon Robbins testified on her own behalf. She did not have legal representation. Shannon Robbins called witnesses for testimony: Mr. Robbins, Respondent's father-in law; and Mr. Marty Alexander Robbins, Respondent's husband.

At the conclusion of witness testimony, on a motion by Mary Schular, seconded by Pamela Manners, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to enter executive session for consideration and deliberations regarding the charges, testimony heard, and findings of Shannon Robbins. The following remained in executive session: Dr. Cindy Melton, Pamela Manners, Mary Shular, and Special Assistant Attorneys General Chelsea L. Chicosky and Leah Kathryn Anzenberger.

On a motion by Mary Shular, seconded by Pamela Manners, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

Dr. Cindy Milton reported that during executive session, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, on a motion by Pamela Manners, seconded by Mary Shular, unanimously voted that the evidence is clear and convincing that Shannon Robbins, holder of Educator License No.173161, violated Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-3-2(12)(a) and 37-9-57 and Standard 10 of the Code of Ethics Standards of Conduct adopted by the Mississippi State Board of Education by abandoning her position and breaching her contract of employment with the Hinds County School District. After hearing testimony and reviewing evidence, the Commission's Hearing Subcommittee held that Respondent breached her contract and abandoned her employment without being released and, pursuant to Miss. Code. Ann. §§ 37-3-2(12)(a) and 37-9-57, that Educator License No. 173161 shall be suspended effective March 30, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

III. Ratification of Agreed Orders for Voluntary Surrenders

James Thompson provided the following Agreed Orders for voluntary surrenders that had been prepared and signed. On a motion by Pamela Manners, seconded by Mary Shular, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to accept and ratify the following executed Agreed Order(s) of Voluntary Surrender:

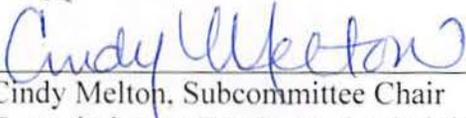
1. **Cassandra L. Donald, Educator License No. 163427-** Respondent admits to violating Miss Code Ann. §§ 37-3-2(13)(a) and 37-9-59 on or about February 8, 2017, by resigning or otherwise abandoning her position as a teacher with the Hinds County School District. Voluntary surrender will remain in effect until December 31, 2017.
2. **James A. Harrison, Educator License No. 198788-** Respondent admits to violating Miss Code. Ann. §§ 37-3-2(13)(a) and 37-9-59 on or about January 3, 2017, by resigning or otherwise abandoning his position as a teacher with the Hinds County School District. Voluntary Surrender will remain in effect until December 31, 2017.
3. **Donna E. Siegel, Educator License No. 163744-** Respondent admits to violating Miss Code. Ann. §§ 37-3-2(13)(a) and 37-9-59 on or about October 27, 2016, by resigning or otherwise abandoning her position as a teacher with the Hinds County School District. Voluntary Surrender will remain in effect until June 30, 2017.
4. **Sherry McKenzie, Educator License No. 262922 -** Respondent admits to violating Miss Code. Ann. §§ 37-3-2(13)(a) and 37-9-59 on or about January 9, 2017, by resigning or otherwise abandoning her position as a teacher with the East Jasper School District. Voluntary Surrender will remain in effect until December 31, 2017.
5. **Melissa Ann Pigott, Educator License No. 176051 -** Respondent admits to violating Miss Code. Ann. §§ 37-3-2(13)(a) and 37-9-59 on or about February 3, 2017, by resigning or otherwise abandoning her position as a teacher with the East Jasper School District. Voluntary Surrender shall remain in effect until December 31, 2017, thereafter the Respondent may petition for reinstatement of her license without further order or action of the Commission.

6. **Dana W. Martella, Educator License No. 197041** – Respondent admits to violating Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(12)(h) while employed in the Rankin County School District in violation of Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics Standards 4.2.f.. Voluntary Surrender shall be for two (2) years at which time Respondent may petition the Commission for reinstatement upon satisfactory showing of evidence of rehabilitation.

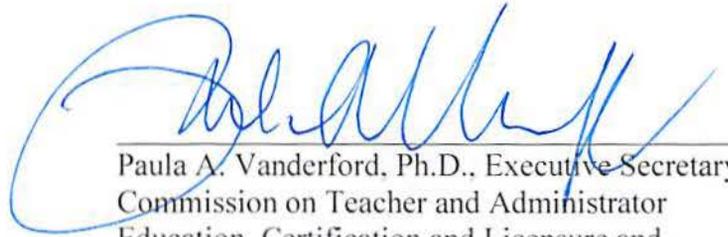
IV. Adjournment

On a Motion by Pamela Manners, seconded by Dr. Cindy Melton, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn.

Approved:



Cindy Melton, Subcommittee Chair
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Paula A. Vanderford, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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