

Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,  
Certification and Licensure and Development  
Central High School  
Senator Grey Ferris Boardroom  
359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201  
August 21, 2024

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 August 21, 2024, in Senator Grey Ferris Boardroom, 4th Floor, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Bernell Kelly, William Murphy, Rebecca Gray  
Commission Counsel: Jonathan Dennis, 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:  
Charles Westerfield, Educator  
Charles R. Westerfield, Sr., Witness

Matters before the Subcommittee:

**I. Agree Orders**

Scott DeJong, Director for the Office of Educator Misconduct, presented one proposed Agreed Order for ratification by the Commission Hearing Subcommittee:

A. Emily Swinkowski, Educator License No. 408635 – Standard 4

William Murphy made a motion to approve the Agreed Order as presented by Mr. DeJong. Rebecca Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to approve the Agreed Order.

## **II. Case of Charles Westerfield, Educator License Application No. 276372**

Jonathan Dennis, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:14 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Rebecca Gray made a motion to go into closed session. William Murphy seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session. William Murphy made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberations and findings concerning the Educator license at issue in the present case. Rebecca Gray seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following people remained in the room: Bernell Kelly, William Murphy, Rebecca Gray and Jonathan Dennis.

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

Rebecca Gray moved that the Commission hearing Subcommittee approve the reinstatement of Educator License No. 276372 for Charles Westerfield. William Murphy seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to approve the reinstatement of Respondent's Educator License.

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

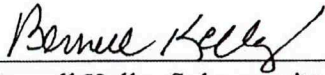
In open session, counsel read the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee to the participants.

This matter was concluded at 10:55 a.m.

**III. Adjournment.**

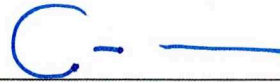
On a motion by William Murphy, seconded by Rebecca Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 10:56 a.m.

Approved:



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Bernell Kelly, Subcommittee Chair  
Commission on Teacher and Administrator  
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary  
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