

Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,
Certification and Licensure and Development
4th Floor Board Room Central High School
359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201
February 5, 2025

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 February 5, 2025, in the 4th Floor Room of the Central High School Building, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Etta Taplin, Jamie Creel, and William Murphy
Commission Counsel: Jonathan Dennis, Special Assistant Attorney General

OEM Counsel: Joseph Runnels, Esq.

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:
Scott DeJong, Director for the OEM
Tilla Tate, Licensed Investigator for the OEM
Anissa Stubs, Admin Assistant OEM

Others in Attendance:
Mark Calhoun, Educator
Erica Sherrod, Educator

Matters before the Subcommittee:

I. Case of Mark Calhoun, Educator License No. 123890

Jonathan Dennis, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:07 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. William Murphy seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license application of the above identified Educator. William Murphy seconded the motion, and the Commission

Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Etta Taplin, Jamie Creel, William Murphy, and Jonathan Dennis.

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

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

Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee not approve Educator License No. 123890 for processing.

William Murphy seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to not approve Respondent's license for processing.

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 10:20 a.m.

II. Case of Erica Sherrod, Educator License Application No. 331424

Jonathan Dennis, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 10:35 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into closed session to determine the necessity to go into executive session. William Murphy seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session.

Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session for deliberation and findings concerning the license application of the above identified Educator. William Murphy seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Etta Taplin, Jamie Creel, William Murphy, and Jonathan Dennis.

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

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

Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee approve Educator License No. 331424 for processing.

William Murphy seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to approve Respondent's license for processing.

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 11:22 a.m.

III. Agreed Orders

Scott DeJong, Director for the OEM, presented the following Agreed Orders for ratification by the Subcommittee:

- A. Rachel Kelly, License No. 205409, Standard 10
- B. Toletha Bethel, License No. 214987, Standard 4
- C. Dominique Coleman, License No. 273001, Standard 4

Jamie Creel made a motion to approve and ratify the Agreed Orders as presented. William Murphy seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to approve and ratify the Agreed Orders.

IV. Adjournment.

On a motion by Jamie Creel, seconded by William Murphy, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 11:31 a.m.

Approved:



Etta Taplin, Subcommittee Chair
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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