

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
July 12, 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 12:00 p.m. on July 12, 2024, in Senator Grey Ferris Board Room 4th Floor, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Dr. Teresa Poole, Mary Hill-Taylor, and Etta Taplin
Commission Counsel: Jennifer Nichols, 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:
Mark Calhoun, Educator
John Reeves, Counsel for Mark Calhoun
Lauren Jaynes, Educator

Matters before the Subcommittee:

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

Jennifer Nichols, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 12:04 p.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Etta Taplin made a motion to go into closed session. Mary Hill-Taylor seconded the motion and the

Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session. Etta Taplin 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. Mary Hill-Taylor seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following people remained in the room: Dr. Teresa Pool, Mary Hill-Taylor, Etta Taplin, and Jennifer Nichols.

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

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission hearing Subcommittee deny the processing of Mississippi Educator License Application No. 123890 of Mark Calhoun. Mary Hill-Taylor seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously denied the processing of Respondent's license Application.

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by Mary Hill-Taylor, 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 concluded at 1:50 p.m.

II. Case of Lauren Jaynes, Educator License No. 224286

Jennifer Nichols, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 1:56 p.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Etta Taplin made a motion to go into closed session. Mary Hill-Taylor seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session. Etta Taplin 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. Mary Hill-Taylor seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following people remained in the room: Dr. Teresa Poole, Mary Hill-Taylor, Etta Taplin, and Jennifer Nichols.

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

Etta Taplin moved that the Commission hearing Subcommittee conditionally reinstate Mississippi Educator License Application No. 224286 of Lauren Jaynes. Mr. Jaynes must complete a minimum of three (3) university credit hours on educator/student ethics by June 30, 2025, or his license will be suspended. Mary Hill-Taylor seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the conditional reinstatement of Respondent's license.

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by Mary Hill-Taylor, 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 concluded at 3:20 p.m.

III. Adjournment.

On a motion by Etta Taplin, seconded by Mary Hill-Taylor, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 3:24 p.m.

Approved:



Dr. Teresa Poole, Subcommittee Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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