

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  
March 13, 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 March 13, 2024, in Senator Grey Ferris Board Room 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Etta Taplin, James Creel  
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:  
Shimeka Montgomery, Educator

Matters before the Subcommittee:

**I. Shimeka Montgomery, Educator License Application No. 317813**

Jonathan Dennis, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:08 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, James Creel made a motion to go into closed session. Etta Taplin seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session. James Creel 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. Etta Taplin seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following people remained in the room: James Creel, Etta Taplin, and Jonathan Dennis.

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

James Creel moved that the Commission hearing Subcommittee grant the processing of the license application of Shimeka Montgomery, Educator License Application No. 317813. Etta Taplin seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to process the Respondent's license application.

On a motion by James Creel, seconded by Etta Taplin, 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 9:44 a.m.

## **II. Agreed Orders**

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

- A. Amanda Walley, Educator License No. 317119 – Standard 10
- B. Comelia Walker, Educator License No. 309012 – Standard 9

This matter concluded at 9:51 a.m.

## **III. Adjournment.**

On a motion by James Creel, seconded by Etta Taplin, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 9:58 a.m.

Approved:

*Etta Taplin*

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Etta Taplin, Subcommittee Chair  
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