

Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,
Certification and Licensure and Development
Central High School
Room 102
359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201
November 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 November 13, 2024, in Room 102 of Central High School, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Etta Taplin, Jamie Creel, and Rebecca Gray
Commission Counsel: Jennifer Nichols, Special Assistant Attorney General
OEM Counsel: Joseph Runnels, Esq.

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Personnel Attending:
Scott DeJong, Director for the OEM
Anissa Stubbs, Administrative Assistant

Others in Attendance:
Antoine Bourne, Educator
Lisa Ross, Attorney for Antoine Bourne
Kangelia Bates, Educator
Chief Courtney Williams, Yazoo County School District Police Department
Dr. Ken Barron, Superintendent Yazoo County School District

Matters before the Subcommittee:

I. Case of Antoine Bourne, Educator License No. 237037

Jennifer Nichols, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:10 a.m.

Attorney Ross requested a continuance for this matter. Jamie Creel made a motion to go into a closed session. Rebecca Gray seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session. Jamie Creel made

a motion to go into executive session to discuss the request for continuance. Rebecca Gray seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following people remained in the room: Etta Taplin, Jamie Creel, Rebecca Gray and Jennifer Nichols.

During executive session, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee took the following action:

Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee deny the request for continuance. Rebecca Gray seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to deny the continuance.

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

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

Jamie Creel made a motion to go into executive session for the remainder of the witness testimony to protect the identity of the student involved in this case. Rebecca Gray seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session.

At 11:51 a.m., Jamie Creel made the motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Gray and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to come out of executive session. The hearing was recessed until 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

The hearing was called back to order at 1:01 p.m. Jamie Creel made a motion to go into Executive Session to protect the identity of the student in this matter. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Gray and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee voted unanimously to continue in executive session.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard in executive session, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee went into deliberations concerning the Educator license at issue in the present case. The following people remained in the room: Etta Taplin, Jamie Creel, Rebecca Gray and Jennifer Nichols.

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

Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee suspend Mississippi Educator License No. 237037 issued to Antoine Bourne for a period of 8 years. Prior to petitioning for reinstatement, Mr. Bourne must complete two (2) three (3) credit hour in person classes on ethics and student-teacher relationships. Rebecca Gray seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously approved the suspension of Respondent's license.

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

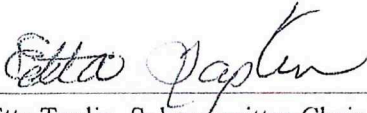
In open session, counsel read the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee to the participants.

This matter concluded at 3:51 p.m.

II. Adjournment.

On a motion by Jamie Creel, seconded by Rebecca Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 3:52 p.m.

Approved:



Etta Taplin, Subcommittee Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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