

Subcommittee for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,  
Certification and Licensure and Development  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room Central High School  
359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201  
September 6, 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 September 6, 2024, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Room of the Central High School Building, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Jamie Creel, David Martin, and Dr. Bernell Kelly  
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:  
Ifey Anyanwu, Educator

Matters before the Subcommittee:

**I. Case of Ifey Anyanwu, Educator License No. 199892**

Jonathan Dennis, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 12:25 p.m.

Following opening statements, counsel for the OEM made a procedural motion to take judicial notice of facts determined by the chancery court in the termination case against Ifey Anyanwu. Dr. Bernell Kelly moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee go into executive session to discuss the motion made by counsel for OEM. Jamie Creel seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted

to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room; David Martin, Jamie Creel, Dr. Bernell Kelly, and Jonathan Dennis.

On a motion by Bernell Kelly, seconded by Jamie Creel, 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 deny OEM's Motion.

Bernell Kelly seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to deny OEM's Motion.

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. Bernell Kelly 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. Bernell Kelly seconded the motion and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following individuals remained in the room: Jamie Creel, David Martin, Bernell Kelly, and Jonathan Dennis.

On a motion by Bernell Kelly, seconded by Jamie Creel, 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 deny the Petitioner's request for processing of Educator License Application No. **199892**.

Bernell Kelly seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to deny the processing of Petitioner's license application.

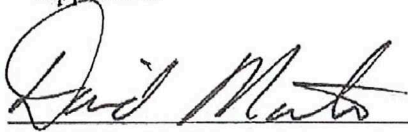
In open session, counsel read the decision of the Commission Hearing Subcommittee to the participants.

The presiding officer pronounced the conclusion of the hearing at 3:38 p.m.

**II. Adjournment.**

On a motion by Jamie Creel, seconded by Bernell Kelly, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 3:40 p.m.

Approved:



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David Martin, Subcommittee Chair  
Commission on Teacher and Administrator  
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary  
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