

**Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education,
Certification, and Licensure and Development
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-3-2(3) and 25-41-5, the members of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development (Commission) met at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 11, 2025, in the 4th Floor Board Room located at Central High School Office Building, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201, with some members present via teleconference.

Members Attending:

Dylan Baldwin	Dr. Teresa Jayroe	Dr. Teresa Poole
James Creel	Dr. Bernell Kelly	Aaron Wilson
Rebecca Gray	David Martin, chairperson	
Kim Hubbard	William D. Murphy	

Members Absent:

John Howard	Mary Hill-Taylor	Etta Taplin
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Mississippi Department of Education (MDE):

Dr. Cory Murphy	Tonya Green
Scott DeJong	Dr. Deborah Stoulig
Tamika Lipsey	Lori Hartley
Brian McGairty	Andrea Hanson

Special Assistant Attorney General Attending:

Jonathan Dennis

I. Call to Order

David Martin called the meeting to order on Friday, July 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

II. Establishment of a Quorum

Dylan Baldwin	Present, Jackson, MS
James Creel	Present, Jackson, MS
Rebecca Gray	Present, Iuka, MS
Mary Hill-Taylor	Absent
John Howard	Absent
Kim Hubbard	Present, Flowood, MS
Dr. Teresa Jayroe	Present, Starkville, MS
Dr. Bernell Kelly	Present, Jackson, MS

David Martin	Present, Brookhaven, MS
William D. Murphy	Present, Indianola, MS
Dr. Teresa Poole	Present, Hattiesburg, MS
Etta Taplin	Absent
Aaron Wilson	Present, Jackson, MS

A quorum of the Commission is present at the locations stated for conducting a meeting through in-person and teleconference means.

III. Approval of the minutes of the May 2, 2025, Meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development

On a motion from Dr. Bernell Kelly, seconded by Kim Hubbard, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the May 2, 2025, meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development.

IV. Approval of the minutes of the Special-Called June 3, 2025, Meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education Certification, and Licensure and Development

On a motion from Dylan Baldwin, seconded by Dr. Teresa Poole, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the Special-Called June 3, 2025, Meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development. Due to only 1 of three attendees of this subcommittee meeting, this Agenda item will be on the January 10, 2025, Agenda.

V. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of May 2, 2025

On a motion from Jamie Creel, seconded Dr. Teresa Jayroe, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the May 2, 2025, hearing subcommittee

VI. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of May 21, 2025

On a motion from Jamie Creel, seconded by Dr. Teresa Poole, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the May 21, 2025, hearing subcommittee.

VII. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of June 18, 2025

Due to only 1 member of the Subcommittee being present, this item is tabled until the September 5, 2025 meeting

VIII. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes of June 25, 2025

On a motion from Jamie Creel, seconded by Dylan Baldwin, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minute for the June 25, 2025, hearing subcommittee.

IX. Adoption of Agenda

On a motion from Aaron Wilson, seconded by Jamie Creel, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

X. Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Updates (Dr. Cory Murphy)

Dr. Cory Murphy provided updates for the Elevate Teacher conference that concluded this week. Dr. Murphy stated that over 150 new and proviso teacher attended.

Updates were also provided for the TalentPortal and the opportunity for a grant for Elementary Ed and SPED would be available soon.

XI. Approval of Mississippi Valley State University's request to establish a licensure-track Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education (K-6) program.

On a motion from William Murphy, seconded by Jamie Creel, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Mississippi Valley State University's request to establish a licensure-track Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education (K-6) program.

XII. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to revise the acceptable degree requirement of Mississippi State Board of Education-approved nontraditional licensure pathways.

On a motion by Dylan Baldwin, seconded by Aaron Wilson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the start of the Administrative Procedures Act process: to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to revise the acceptable degree requirement for Mississippi State Board of Education-approved nontraditional licensure pathways.

XIII. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Title 7 of the Miss. Admin. Code: Part 142: Guidelines and Clarification of Requirements for Issuance of Career and Technical Education (Occupational Educator) Licenses: to include a pathway to licensure in the area of Driver Education (Licensure Endorsement Code 114).

On a motion by Bernell Kelly, seconded by Aaron Wilson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the start of the Administrative Procedures Act process: to revise Miss. Admin. Code : Part 142: Guidelines and Clarification of Requirements for Issuance of Career and Technical Education (Occupational Educator) Licenses: to include a pathway to licensure in the area of Driver Education (Licensure Endorsement Code 114).

XIV. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To Revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to require all candidates seeking initial licensure in the area of Elementary Education (K-3/K-6/4-6) to earn a passing score on either the Foundations of Reading assessment or Pathways to Proficient Reading following a Foundation of Reading assessment attempt and to establish a Three-Year Entry-Level Elementary Education Non-Renewable License option to allow completion of the Pathways to Proficient Reading while in-service for the purpose of obtaining a standard renewable five-year license.

On a motion by Teresa Jayroe, seconded by Teresa Poole, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the start of the Administrative Procedures Act process: to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to require all candidates seeking initial licensure in the area of Elementary Education (K-3/K-6/4-6) to earn a passing score on either the Foundations of Reading assessment or Pathways to Proficient Reading following a Foundation of Reading attempt and to establish a Three-Year Entry-Level Elementary Education Non-Renewable License option to

allow completion of the Pathways to Proficient Reading while in-service for the purpose of obtaining a standard renewable five-year license.

XV. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to amend the Foundations of Reading assessment requirement by removing the assessment from being required as one condition for obtaining licensure in the endorsement area of Special Education Mild/Moderate (licensure codes 221 (K-12) and 223 (K-8)).

On a motion by Teresa Poole, seconded by Teresa Jayroe, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the start of the Administrative Procedures Act process: to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to amend the Foundations of Reading assessment requirement by removing the assessment from being required as one condition for obtaining licensure in the endorsement area of Special Education Mild/Moderate (Licensure codes 221(K-12) and 223 (K-8)).

XVI. Approval of ratification of agreed orders and/or voluntary surrenders.

On a motion by Kim Hubbard, seconded by Aaron Wilson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the agreed order presented for the following educator:

J. Boone Educator# 246386

XVII. Adjournment

On a motion from Aaron Wilson, seconded by Dylan Baldwin, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Approved:



David Martin, Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator
Education, Certification and Licensure and
Development



Cory Murphy, PH.D., Executive
Secretary Commission on Teacher and
Administrator Education, Certification
and Licensure and Development