

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
August 13, 2025

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 August 13, 2025, in Senator Grey Ferris Board Room 4th Floor, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Etta Taplin, Aaron Wilson, and Jamie 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:
Lisa Pike, Court Reporter
April Daniels, Witness for OEM
Jason King, Witness for OEM
Michael Weaver, Witness for OEM
Gwendolyn Rice, Educator
Lisa Ross, Attorney for Educator
Damius Robinson, Witness for OEM
L'Kenna Whitehead, Witness for OEM

Matters before the Subcommittee:

I. Case of Jesse Moore, Educator license No. 302581

Jonathan Dennis, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:17 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence Jamie Creel made a motion to go into closed session to determine the need to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Aaron Wilson and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into closed session. Jamie Creel made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of protecting the personally identifiable information of the minors involved in the matter in question. Aaron Wilson 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, Aaron Wilson, Lisa Pike, April Daniels, Jason King, and Michael Weaver.

After all the testimony was heard, Jamie Creel made a motion to exit executive session. Aaron Wilson seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to exit executive session. Jamie 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. Aaron Wilson seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following people remained in the room: Etta Taplin, Aaron Wilson, Jamie Creel, and Jonathan Dennis.

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

Jamie Creel moved that the Commission hearing Subcommittee suspend the license of Jesse Moore, Educator License No. 302581 for a period of twenty (20) calendar years. Aaron Wilson seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to suspend Respondent's license.

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

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

This matter was concluded at 10:38 p.m.

II. Case of Qwendolyn Rice, Educator license No. 237096

Jonathan Dennis, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 10:45 a.m.

After all exhibits were received into evidence and testimony heard, Jamie Creel made a motion to go into closed session. Aaron Wilson 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 for the purpose of deliberations and findings concerning the Educator license at issue in the present case. Aaron Wilson seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The following people remained in the room: Etta Taplin, Aaron Wilson, Jamie Creel, and Jonathan Dennis.

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

Jamie Creel moved that the Commission hearing Subcommittee suspend the license of Gwendolyn Rice, Educator License No. 237096 for a period of two calendar years. Aaron Wilson seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to suspend Respondent's license.

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

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

This matter was concluded at 1:30 p.m.

III. Agreed Orders

Scott Dejong, Director for the OEM, presented the following Agreed Orders to the commission subcommittee for consideration:

A. Connor Hudspeth, Educator License Number 330813, Standard 10

Jamie Creel moved that the Commission Hearing Subcommittee approve the Agreed Orders presented by the OEM. Aaron Wilson seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve the Agreed Orders.

IV. Adjournment.

On a motion by Jamie Creel, seconded by Aaron Wilson, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 1:31 p.m.

Approved:



Etta Taplin, Subcommittee Chair
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Cory Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
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