

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
June 18, 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 June 18, 2025, in Room 102, 359 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Members in Attendance: Etta Taplin, Mary Hill-Taylor, and Rebecca Gray
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:
Darling King-Shelby, Educator
Ali Shamsiddeen, Attorney for Educator
Dr. Michael Cormack, Witness for OEM
Dr. Anthony Moore, Witness for OEM
Robert Ward, Witness for OEM

Matters before the Subcommittee:

I. Case of Darling King-Shelby, Educator license No. 253927

Jonathan Dennis, legal advisor to the Commission Hearing Subcommittee, called the hearing to order at 9:04 a.m.

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

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

Mary Hill-Taylor moved that the Commission hearing Subcommittee place the license of Darling King-Shelby, Educator License No. 253927 on probation for a period of five calendar years. Rebecca Gray seconded the motion, and the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to place Respondent's license on probation.

On a motion by Mary Hill-Taylor, seconded by Rebecca Gray, 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 2:40 p.m.

II. Agreed Orders

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

- A. Geneiiiah Weddington, Educator License Number 256889, Standard 10
- B. Rebecca Clanton, Educator License Number 317792, Standard 10
- C. Mia Reed, Educator License Number 274328, Standard 4

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

III. Adjournment.

On a motion by Mary Hill-Taylor, seconded by Rebecca Gray, the Commission Hearing Subcommittee unanimously voted to adjourn for the day at 2:45 p.m.

Approved:



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