



**Commission on Teacher and Administrator
Education, Certification, and Licensure and
Development Regular Meeting
January 9, 2026
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, January 9, 2026, 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
Rebecca Gray
John Howard
Kim Hubbard

Dr. Teresa Jayroe
Dr. Bernell Kelly
David Martin, chairperson
William D. Murphy

Dr. Teresa Poole
Etta Taplin
Aaron Wilson

Members absent:

James Creel

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Staff Members in Attendance:

Dr. Cory Murphy
Dr. Courtney Van Cleve
Tamika Lipsey

Quintana Steen
Dr. Deborah Stoulig
Scott DeJong

Anissa Stubbs
Lori D. Hartley

Special Assistant Attorney General Attending:

Jonathan Dennis

I. Call to Order

Chairman David Martin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 10:03 am.

II. Establishment of a Quorum

Dylan Baldwin, present, Tupelo, MS
Rebecca Gray, present, Iuka, MS
John Howard, present, Clarksdale, MS
Kim Hubbard, present, Flowood, MS
Dr. Teresa Jayroe, Starkville, MS
Dr. Bernell Kelly, present, Gulfport, MS

David Martin, present, Jackson, MS
William D. Murphy, Indianola, MS
Dr. Teresa Poole, present, Hattiesburg, MS
Etta Taplin, present, Summit, MS
Aaron Wilson, present, Lumberton, MS

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

III. Approval of the minutes of the November 7, 2025, meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development

On a motion from Kim Hubbard, seconded by John Howard, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the November 7, 2025, meeting of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development.

IV. Approval of the hearing subcommittee minutes on November 7, 2025

On a motion from Aaron Wilson, seconded by Rebecca Gray, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the subcommittee hearing on November 7, 2025.

V. Adoption of Agenda

On a motion from Dylan Baldwin, seconded by Dr. Jayroe, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

VI. Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Updates

Dr. Cory Murphy welcomed everyone back for the new year and congratulated the five commission members who were reaffirmed for another term through Dec 2029. After Dr. Murphy's comments, Dr. Courtney Van Cleve shared a presentation with updates on the Mississippi Educator Workforce and the annual Mississippi Preparation Provider Teacher Preparation Performance Report.

VII. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise the *Mississippi Administrator Professional Growth System Standards, 2025*

On a motion from Etta Taplin, seconded by Aaron Wilson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise the *Mississippi Administrator Professional Growth System Standards, 2025*.

VIII. Approval of ratifications of agreed orders and/or voluntary surrenders

On a motion from John Howard, seconded by Aaron Wilson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the twenty-nine (29) agreed orders presented for the following educator:

Standard 10

James Lewis	231049	Jackson Public School District
Lakisha Primer	202308	Jackson Public School District
Abigail Martinez	338329	Rankin County School District
Kimberly Holifield	239840	Laurel School District
Timothy Finch	197923	Pearl Public School District
Joseph Rowland	411271	Hattiesburg School District
Tameia Mack	337843	Hattiesburg School District
Kristen Hartley	272562	Copiah County School District
Chelsee Hodges	272630	Lamar County School District
Jamal Chambers	414296	Meridian School District
Lequandra Smith	409976	Meridian School District

Standard 4

Suspension

Mia Wamsley	337276	Vicksburg Warren School District
Daniel Johnson	215928	Lamar County School District
Tina Greer	323047	Pascagoula Gautier School District
Haley House	338266	Lamar County School District
Stephanie Weathersby-Levy	323883	Smith County School District
Joseph Cross	209126	Pontotoc City School District
Wesley Patrick	297761	Newton School District
Trenton Patterson	265679	Pascagoula Gautier School District

Probation

Jacob Cannette	326123	Rankin County School District
Stanford Speech	203419	Simpson County School District
Hillery Price	182510	Humphreys County School District
Michael Justice	193061	Yazoo County School District
John Knight	306242	Itawamba County School District
Alexis Rodgers	310632	Madison County School District
Maggie Piercey	331626	DeSoto County School District
Collette McPhail	158216	Grenada School District

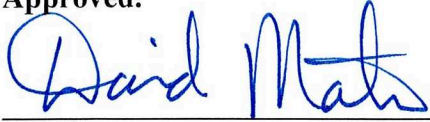
Standard 9

Kalvin Smith	216675	Canton Public School District
Kelia Patrick	232290	Jackson Public School District

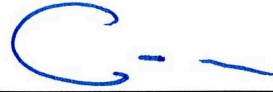
IX. Adjournment

On a motion from John Howard, seconded by Dylan Baldwin, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Approved:

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David Martin, Chair
Commission on Teacher and Administrator
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Development

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cory Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

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