

Mississippi Board of Education
February 20, 2025
10:00 a.m.
4th Floor Boardroom
Central High School Building
Mississippi Department of Education (MDE)
359 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Invocation
- III. Approval of minutes of January 16, 2025 Board Meeting
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Recognition Ceremony

2024 Mississippi History Teacher of the Year

Michelle Rafach
Pearl River Central High School
Pearl River County School District

- VI. Report of State Superintendent of Education
- VII. Report of Chair
- VIII. Report of Student Representatives
- IX. Report on State Board of Education Subcommittee (SBE) Meetings
- X. Discussion and/or Approval of Board Items (All action items require vote)
 01. Action: Approval of the amendment to Mississippi's ESSA Consolidated State Plan [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
 02. Information: Report of the 2025 graduation rates for the state, district, and school levels [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)

03. Information: 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Results [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
04. Action: Approval to suspend the personnel edit review process for the 2024-2025 school year and hold schools and districts harmless during the assignment of statuses in Fall 2025 for noncompliance based on MSIS 2.0 data for the following process standards:
 - A. *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2024*:
 - 2, 2.2 and 2.3 (Certified Staff)
 - 24, 24.1, and 24.2 – (Instructional Planning Time)
 - 25 (Individual Course Preps for Teachers Grades 9-12)
 - 26 (High School Curriculum)
 - 28, 28.1, 28.2, 28.3, 28.4, and 28.5 (Student-Teacher Ratios)
 - B. *Mississippi NonPublic School Accountability Standards, 2024*:
 - 2, 2.2, and 2.3 (Certified Staff)
 - 20, 20.1, and 20.2 – (Instructional Planning Time)
 - 21 (Individual Course Preps for Teachers Grades 9-12)
 - 22 (High School Curriculum)
 - 24, 24.1, 24.2, 24.3, 24.4, and 24.5 (Student-Teacher Ratios) [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Lance Evans)
05. Action: Approval of the MDE Contract [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)
 - 05.A. Action: Modify contract with the National Student Clearinghouse to provide post-secondary data on the enrollment status and educational achievement of students throughout Mississippi [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)
06. Action: Approval of the MDE grant awards [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)
 - 06.A. Action: Award Educator-in-Residence (EIR) grants to school districts for literacy coaching supports [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Donna Boone)
07. Consent Agenda (All consent items are action items which require vote, unless otherwise noted.)
 - A. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi School of the Arts (Donna Boone)

- B. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Donna Boone)
- C. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-191: *MS Early Learning Guidelines for Classrooms Serving Three- and Four-Year Old Children* to amend criteria regarding the Rate of Readiness Determination to hold harmless grant programs if a program does not meet a successful score and is placed on probation for the 2025 – 2026 academic year
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Donna Boone)
- D. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2024*, Appendices A-5 – A-10, A-12, A-13, B-2, and Glossary, and Miss. Admin. Code 7-163: *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2024*, Appendices A-6 – A-10, A-12, A-13, B-2, and Glossary (Donna Boone)
- E. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Unit 8: Digital Literacy and Citizenship of the College- and Career- Readiness course (Donna Boone)
- F. Approval to revise the title of twelve (12) endorsement areas; to change the title “Vocational” to Career and Technical Education (CTE) throughout the CTE Licensure Guidelines Document; to add “approval by CTE statements” to endorsement areas that are no longer being issued; to add the veteran teacher experience statement to Career Pathway: Software Development CTE endorsement area; to add additional occupational experience options to two (2) CTE endorsement areas; and to remove the approved courses from all CTE endorsements throughout the CTE Guidelines Document
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act Process without public comments) (Paula Vanderford)
- G. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code Title 7: Part 240: Minimum Bus Specifications by amending certain existing criteria and establishing new criteria for minimum bus specifications for the sale of new buses effective July 1, 2025
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act Process without public comments) (Paula Vanderford)

- H. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7 – 4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to establish a new supplemental endorsement licensure option in the area of Mild/Moderate Disability 7-12 that may be added to a valid three (3) year internship license or valid five (5) year standard license by obtaining a passing score on the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessment (Paula Vanderford)
 - I. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7 – 4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to amend the Principles of Learning and Teaching Praxis assessment requirement for license 211 Special Education/Birth to Kindergarten (Early Intervention) to align with the associated grade span (Paula Vanderford)
 - J. Approval of Belhaven University’s initial-level preparation programs as a result of state standards-based educator preparation program reviews and national accreditation decisions (Paula Vanderford)
 - K. Approval of William Carey University’s initial-level preparation programs as a result of state standards-based educator preparation program reviews and national accreditation decisions (Paula Vanderford)
 - L. Approval to upgrade the accreditation status of two (2) nonpublic schools accredited by the MDE (Paula Vanderford)
 - M. Information: Annual School Board Meeting Attendance Report in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-6-13 (Paula Vanderford)
- XI. Consideration of Executive Session
- XII. State Board of Education
- 1. Report on meetings attended
 - 2. Approval of attendance at meetings
- XIII. Other Business
- XIV. Adjournment

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