

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

March 21, 2025

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Special-Called Teleconference Board meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025 for the purpose of discussing an educator misconduct matter. The location of the meeting available to the public was in Suite 311 at the Central High School Building, Mississippi Department of Education, 359 North West Street, Jackson Mississippi. Board members present via Teams were: Mr. Glen V. East (Gulfport, Mississippi), Dr. Wendi Barrett (Ocean Springs, Mississippi), Mr. Bill Jacobs (Brookhaven, Mississippi), Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee (Madison, Mississippi), Mr. Matt Miller (Hattiesburg, Mississippi), Ms. Billye Jean Stroud (New Albany, Mississippi), and Ms. Mary Werner (Saltillo, Mississippi). Board members absent: Mr. Matt Mayo and Mr. Mike Pruitt.

- I. Mr. Glen V. East called the Special-Called Board meeting to order at 3:31 p.m., after determining that a quorum of the Board existed for the purpose of conducting a meeting through teleconference and video means in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5.
- II. On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Ms. Billye Jean Stroud, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

Mr. East stated that this is a Special-Called meeting of the Board of Education being held today and the notice was posted in accordance with state law and included the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting and identified the location of the meeting available to the public. Mr. East stated that each Board member received a copy of the agenda. Mr. East stated that this is a Special-Called Board meeting and therefore the only business that can be transacted is that which has been specified in the call of this meeting.

III. Consideration of Executive Session

Mr. Matt Miller moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 6 to 0. Mr. Glen V. East asked for legal counsel to remain in the room.

Mr. Matt Miller, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(b) to discuss strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, litigation, or issuance of an appealable order. Ms. Mary Werner seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 6 to 0. Mr. Jonathan Dennis informed the public of the Board's vote to go into Executive Session for the above stated reasons.

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed matters pertaining to an educator misconduct hearing.

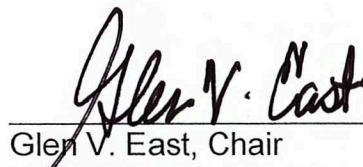
01. On a motion by Mr. Matt Miller, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to reverse the vote the Board made on March 20, 2025 to dismiss the appeal of an Office of Educator Misconduct (OEM) matter.

On a motion by Mr. Matt Miller, seconded by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, the Board unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session.


The public came back into the Board meeting and Mr. East stated that the Board approved a motion to reverse the vote the Board made on March 20, 2025, to dismiss the appeal of an OEM matter.

- IV. On a motion by Ms. Billye Jean Stroud, seconded by Ms. Mary Werner, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Approved:



Glen V. East, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Lance Evans
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education