

Mississippi Board of Education  
May 15, 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 April 17, 2025 Board Meeting
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Recognition Ceremony
- 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. Information: Spring 2025 Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) 3rd Grade Initial Reading Summative Assessment Results [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
  02. Action: Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 100.1, State Board Policy, Chapter 100, Rule 100.1, “Compliance with State Law Regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Prohibitions, Complaint Process, and Investigations”[Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Erin Meyer)
  03. Action: Approval of school reconfiguration to grades PreK-3 through grade 12 at the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind [Goals 3, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Wendy Clemons)

- 04. Action: Approval of the MDE Contract [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kym Wiggins)
  - 04.A. Action: Contract with North Mississippi Education Consortium to provide service as fiscal agent for the Regional Education Service Agencies (RESA) Mega Contract [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 05. Action: Approval of the MDE Grant Awards [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kym Wiggins)
  - 05.A. Action: Modify existing Educator-in-Residence (EIR) grant awards for literacy coaching support by adding districts [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Wendy Clemons)
  - 05.B. Action: Award competitive grants for the State Invested Pre-K Cohort IV Grant Program [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Wendy Clemons)
  - 05.C. Action: Award grant to Mississippi School Boards Association to conduct basic and continuation education for local school boards as required by Miss. Code Annotated § 37-3-4 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 06. 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 (Wendy Clemons)
  - B. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Wendy Clemons)
  - C. Approval of certified personnel for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and one resignation from the Mississippi School of the Arts (Wendy Clemons)
  - D. [PULLED]

- E. Approval to revise the *Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for Classrooms Serving Three- and Four-Year-Old Children (2025)* (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments) (Wendy Clemons)
- F. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish Miss. Admin. Code Title 7: Part 267: Mississippi Driver Education and Training Program Curriculum (Paula Vanderford)
- G. Approval of Statewide Purchasing Program's FY25 Financial Statement and FY26 fee structure (Paula Vanderford)
- H. Award formula grants to school districts for the purpose of providing reimbursement for 1-3 universal screening assessments (Paula Vanderford)
- I. Approval of Pupil Transportation Equipment Bids (Paula Vanderford)

XI. Consideration of Executive Session

XII. State Board of Education

- 1. Report on meetings attended
- 2. Approval of attendance at meetings
- 3. Approval of meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2026

XIII. Other Business

- 01. Action: Approval to change the State Board of Education budget meeting date from Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 1pm to Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 9am
- 02. Action: Approval of State Board of Education Work Session with Studer Education on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 1pm to discuss the strategic plan

XIV. Adjournment

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