

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

June 19, 2025

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Special-Called Board meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2025, in the 4th Floor Boardroom at Central High School, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. The public accessed this meeting via livestream or in-person at the Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Mr. Glen V. East, Mr. Bill Jacobs, Mr. Matt Mayo, Mr. Matt Miller, Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, Mr. Mike Pruitt, Ms. Billye Jean Stroud, and Ms. Mary Werner. Board member absent: Dr. Wendi Barrett. Dr. Lance Evans, State Superintendent, was also present.

- I. Mr. Glen V. East called the Special-Called Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- II. Mr. Mike Pruitt led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Matt Mayo gave the Invocation.
- III. Mr. East stated that the agenda for the Special-Called Board meeting was sent and only business that can be transacted is that which has been specified in the call of this meeting, which is the review of the budget.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Ms. Billye Jean Stroud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. Dr. Lance Evans stated this meeting is to give the Board members a review of the draft proposed FY 2027 budget request for the Mississippi Department of Education.

Dr. Evans stated that the proposed 2027 Legislative priorities are listed for the Board members to review. Dr. Evans stated that the priorities have been narrowed, and it will be presented as a business proposal so the legislators can see the whole process so they can understand the outcome.

Dr. Evans stated that Ms. Kym Wiggins would present the 2027 Fiscal Priorities and Overview of Budget Requests to the Board. Ms. Wiggins stated there are four major budget categories in the Department: General Education, Career and Technical Education, Mississippi Student Funding Formula (MSFF), and Chickasaw Cession.

Ms. Wiggins presented the FY 2027 proposed budget requests for Academic Education, School and District Transformation, Accountability, Technology and Strategic Services, Educational Accountability, General Counsel and Human Relations, Operations, Communications and Governmental Relations, and the State Superintendent.

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Dr. Evans and staff answered questions asked by the Board members. Mr. East asked the Board members to review the budget and reach out to the Chiefs or to Ms. Kym Wiggins before they vote on the budget in July.


VI. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Bill Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Mary Werner, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Approved:



Glen V. East, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Lance Evans
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education