

Mississippi Board of Education  
July 17, 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 June 19, 2025 Special-Called Board Meeting-Budget Work Session, minutes of June 19, 2025 Board Meeting, and minutes of Special-Called Board meeting on June 18, 2024 – Student Representative Interviews and Board Work Session
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Recognition Ceremony

### **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) 2025 State-Level Finalists**

#### **Mathematics State-Level Finalists**

Alison Alexander  
Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science

Virginia Cornelius  
Lafayette High School  
Lafayette County School District

Laurel Yates  
Northwest Rankin High School  
Rankin County School District

#### **Science State-Level Finalists**

Angela Lee  
Bayou View Middle School,  
Gulfport School District

Tammie Marlow  
Cleveland Central Middle School  
Cleveland School District

Anamaria Moore  
Vardaman Attendance Center  
Calhoun 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 Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kym Wiggins)
  - 02. Action: Approval of the MDE Contract [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kym Wiggins)
    - 02.A. Action: Contract with nSide, Inc. for a continued service subscription of a web-based solution for public school districts for the consistent development and implementation for all components of the Mississippi Department Crisis Management Plan and Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-83 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
  - 03. Action: Approval of the FY26 budget for the Mississippi School of the Arts and approval of the FY26 budget for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Wendy Clemons)
  - 04. Action: Approval of the 2025-2026 Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and the Mississippi University for Women Memorandum of Agreement (Wendy Clemons)
  - 05. 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 School of the Arts and Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Wendy Clemons)
- D. Approval of the 2025-2026 Crisis Management Plans for the State Schools (Wendy Clemons)
  - 1. Mississippi School of the Arts
  - 2. Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
  - 3. Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science
- E. [PULLED]
- F. [PULLED]
- G. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To adopt the *Grant Funded Program Quality Assessment for Classrooms Serving Four-Year-Old Children (2025)* (Wendy Clemons)
- H. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for Classrooms Serving Three- and Four-Year-Old Children (2025) (Wendy Clemons)
- I. Approval of temporary rule and to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy Chapter 36, Rule 36.5 – Additional Assessment Options for Meeting End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Requirements (Wendy Clemons)
- J. [PULLED]
- K. Approval of the *Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998*: Designation of 2025-2026 Critical Shortage Subject Areas and Critical Shortage Geographical Areas (Mississippi School Districts) (Paula Vanderford)
- L. Approval of preliminary calculation of the Mississippi Student Funding Formula Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2027 (Kym Wiggins)

- M. Approval of preliminary calculation of the Mississippi Student Funding Formula for Fiscal Year 2027 (Kym Wiggins)
- N. Approval of methodology to award grants to Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) to expand a teacher residency program in critical shortage areas in Mississippi (Paula Vanderford)
- O. Approval to revise Mississippi Administrative Code 7-3: 24. State Board Policy Chapter 24, Rule 24.1 and 24.2 – Contracts, Teachers (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Kym Wiggins)
- P. Approval of temporary rule and to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To approve the *Bridge to Career Curriculum Framework* as an additional option for meeting End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Requirements in accordance with State Board Policy Chapter 36, Rule 36.5 – Additional Assessment Options for Meeting EOC Requirements (Wendy Clemons)

XI. Consideration of Executive Session

XII. State Board of Education

- 1. Report on meetings attended
- 2. Approval of attendance at meetings
- 3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

XIII. Other Business

- 01. Action: Approval to change the regularly scheduled State Board of Education meeting date from Thursday, September 18, 2025 to Thursday, September 25, 2025

XIV. Adjournment

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