

Mississippi Board of Education  
November 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 October 16, 2025 Board Meeting and minutes of November 14, 2025 Special-Called Board Meeting
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Recognition Ceremony

#### **Grenada High School Navy JROTC Program Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors for the 2024-25 school year**

- 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: Report on Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) achievement gap results by subgroup [Goals 1, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
  - 02. Information: Spring 2025 ACT Results [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
  - 03. Information: Fall 2025 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment results [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)

- 04. Action: Approval of A-F performance level cuts for schools and districts as established in the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System, effective with the 2025-2026 school year in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §37-17-6(5) [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 05. Action: Approval of the MDE Contract [Goal 1 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kym Wiggins)
  - 05.A. Action: Award contract to Sivic Solutions Group, LLC to provide services to the Mississippi Department of Education for School Based Administrative Claiming Support and Nurse Database Software Solution [Goal 1 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 06. Action: Approval of the MDE Grant Awards [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kym Wiggins)
  - 06.A. Action: Award competitive grants for the Cohort 9 Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Program [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Wendy Clemons)
  - 06.B. Action: Award renewability grants for the Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Wendy Clemons)
- 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 (Wendy Clemons)
  - B. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Wendy Clemons)
  - C. Approval to adopt policies required by state statute for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind to be placed on the District Policy Service website established by the Mississippi School Boards Association (Wendy Clemons)

- D. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-24: *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2025*, Appendix A-8 and Miss. Admin. Code 7-163: *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2025*, Appendix A-8  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Wendy Clemons)
- E. Approval to readopt Miss. Admin. Code 7-169: *2018 Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Science* and to repeal Miss. Admin. Code 7-28: *2010 Mississippi Science Framework*  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Wendy Clemons)
- F. Approval of list of evidence-based academic interventions for use in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade  
(Wendy Clemons)
- G. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-24: *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2025* specifically Accreditation Policy 2.9: *Conditions of Emergency Status, Placement in a District of Transformation and Withdrawal of Accreditation*, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-6  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Paula Vanderford)
- H. Approval to revise Mississippi Administrative Code 7 – 4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to establish criteria for obtaining a supplemental endorsement in the area of Athletic Administrator that may be added to a valid five-year standard Class AA or higher license type upon completion of a Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE)-approved program in Interscholastic Athletic Administration  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Paula Vanderford)
- I. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7 – 4: Part 4: *Licensure Guidelines K-12* to update Appendix I: Glossary  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Paula Vanderford)

- J. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7 - 4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to establish criteria for the issuance of a Two-Year Provisional license via Reciprocity to individuals seeking Mississippi educator licensure through the use of certain valid license types that are less than standard and issued by an educator licensing authority outside of Mississippi  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Paula Vanderford)
  - K. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7 – 4: Part 4: *Licensure Guidelines K-12* to expand existing criteria related to the one-time one-year extension of a provisional nonrenewable entry-level teaching license obtained by way of completion of prelicensure requirements as part of nontraditional teacher preparation programs that lead to a standard Mississippi teaching license  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Paula Vanderford)
  - L. Approval to revise student teacher ratio requirements beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and begin the Administrative Procedures Act process for the following:
    - A. To revise the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2025* specifically, Process Standard 28.6
    - B. To revise the *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2025* specifically, Process Standard 24.7(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with one public comment) (Paula Vanderford)
  - M. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2025*, Process Standard 3.1  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (John Ferrell)
  - N. Approval of one certified personnel contract and one resignation for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind  
(Wendy Clemons)
- 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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