

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

December 17, 2025

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Training and Work Session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 with the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) and an update on the Strategic Planning process with Studer Education. The public accessed this meeting in-person at the Central High School Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members physically present included: Mr. Glen V. East, Dr. Wendi Barrett, Mr. Bill Jacobs, Mr. Matt Mayo, Mr. Matt Miller, Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, Mr. Mike Pruitt, and Ms. Billie Jean Stroud. Board member absent: Ms. Mary Werner. Dr. Lance Evans, State Superintendent, was also present.

Mr. Matt Miller called the Training and Work Session to order at 9:02 a.m., after determining that a quorum of the Board existed for the purpose of conducting a meeting in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5.

Mr. Miller stated that this is a Training and Work Session of the Board of Education being held today to discuss Ensuring Board Effectiveness, Education Governance and Federal Policy, NASBE National Opportunities for Growth, and an update on the Strategic Plan for the Board and the State of Mississippi. Mr. Miller turned the meeting over to Dr. Paolo DeMaria, President and CEO of NASBE for the training and work session. Following the conclusion of the training session, Dr. Lance Evans stated that Studer Education was on track with the Strategic Plan and he turned the meeting over to Studer Education who met virtually with the State Board members. The members of Studer Education and members of the State Board discussed the progress made on the Strategic Plan. Mr. Miller stated on January 5, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. Studer Education will meet with MDE via Teams.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Approved:



Matt Miller, Board Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education



Lance Evans  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education