

Mississippi Board of Education
January 15, 2026
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. National Anthem
Oxford High School Chamber Choir
Oxford School District
Dr. Thomas Ardrey, Choir Director
Dr. Dana Bullard, OHS Principal
Bradley Roberson, OSD Superintendent
- III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Invocation
- IV. Approval of minutes of December 18, 2025 Board Meeting and minutes of December 17, 2025 Board Work Session
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Recognition Ceremony
Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History
State History Teacher of the Year for Mississippi
Kreissa Reed
Neshoba Central High School
Neshoba County School District
- VII. Report of State Superintendent of Education
- VIII. Report of Chair
- IX. Report of Student Representatives
- X. Report on State Board of Education Subcommittee (SBE) Meetings
- XI. Discussion and/or Approval of Board Items (All action items require vote)

01. Information: Progress on the Mississippi State Board of Education's (SBE) Strategic Plan [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Lance Evans)
02. Action: Approval of a temporary rule and to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-24: *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2025*, specifically Appendix H, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-6 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
03. Information: Update on Internal Audit Charter [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Sam Atkinson and Matt Mayo)
04. Action: Approval of the MDE Contracts [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kym Wiggins)
 - 04.A. Action: Contract with Guidesoft Inc., d/b/a Knowledge Services under the terms of the Master Consulting Services Agreement to provide for the acquisition of Information Technology Professionals [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)
 - 04.B. Action: Contract with Bailey Education Group to provide an Interim Superintendent in Holmes County Consolidated School District [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Ferrell)
05. Action: Consideration and determination by the State Board of Education that the Wilkinson County School District is impaired with a history of serious academic deficiencies which warrants their placement into a District of Transformation in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-6(12)(b)(ii) [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 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 of list of professional vendors to provide educational consulting to schools and districts in the areas of English Language Arts (K-12) and mathematics (K-12) (Wendy Clemons)
- E. Approved to begin a temporary rule and to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: 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 to be effective the 2025-2026 school year (Wendy Clemons)
- F. Approval for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind to receive a donation (Wendy Clemons)
- G. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 99.4, State Board Policy Chapter 99, Rule 99.4 – School Donations (Wendy Clemons)
- H. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise selected Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education (John Ferrell)
 - 1. Advanced Manufacturing
 - 2. Diversified Agriculture - Agribusiness Core
 - 3. Diversified Agriculture - Animals Core
 - 4. Diversified Agriculture - Environment Core
 - 5. Diversified Agriculture - Mechanization Core
 - 6. Diversified Agriculture - Plants Core
 - 7. Principles of Agriscience
 - 8. Information Technology - Networking
 - 9. Lodging, Hospitality, and Tourism

- I. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish selected Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education (John Ferrell)
 - 1. Information Technology - Cybersecurity
 - 2. Multimedia - Advanced Digital Design
 - 3. Multimedia - Advanced Digital Video Production
 - 4. Multimedia – Capstone
 - J. Approval of the Invitation for BID for purchase of Apple Branded Products for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB) (Wendy Clemons)
 - K. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to establish a new part number for the revised *Mississippi Administrator Professional Growth System Standards, 2025* (Paula Vanderford)
 - L. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and the Columbus Municipal School District for the use of their track and field facilities (Wendy Clemons)
 - M. Approval of two certified personnel resignations for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Wendy Clemons)
- XII. Consideration of Executive Session
- XIII. State Board of Education
- 1. Report on meetings attended
 - 2. Approval of attendance at meetings
- XIV. Other Business
- XV. Adjournment

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