



**Minutes of the  
Commission on School Accreditation  
Regular Scheduled Teleconference meeting  
June 5, 2025  
8:30 a.m.**

A regular meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation (CSA or Commission) took place via teleconference and video means from the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2025. The public was invited to view the livestreaming via the MDE YouTube Channel or in person in the Senator Grey Ferris Board Room.

Commission members in attendance via teleconference included:

**Dr. Kelle Barfield, Manilla, Philippines**

Anthony Bryant, Tupelo, MS  
Dr. Carla Evers, Pass Christian, MS  
Reginald Goins, Reginald, MS  
Patrice Guilfoyle, Jackson, MS  
Jeremy Hamm, Carthage, MS  
Pamela Manners, (Chair), Biloxi, MS  
Aisha Maxwell, Horn Lake, MS  
Trosiki Pettis, Tunica, MS  
Brad Stevens, Smithville, MS  
Dr. Sarah Wilborn, Ellisville, MS  
Ingrid Williams, Clinton, MS

Members absent: Toni Kersh and Dr. Scott Rimes

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) staff members/representatives present included:

Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Associate State Superintendent/Executive Secretary, Office of Accreditation  
Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer  
Wendy Clemons, Chief Academic Officer  
Dr. Cory Murphy, Associate State Superintendent  
Ma'Kesha Adams, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction  
Melissa Biggs, Office of Accreditation  
Lori Hartley, Office of Accreditation  
J. Christopher Haynes, Office of Accreditation  
Shulawnda Johnson, Office of Accreditation  
Dawn Tassin, Office of Accreditation

Jennifer Nichols, Special Assistant Attorney General, served as legal counsel to the Commission.

**I. Announcement of Quorum and Call to Order**

Ms. Pamela Manners, Chair of the CSA, opened the Commission meeting and conducted a roll call of the Commission members.

Ms. Manners announced that a quorum of the Commission existed.

Ms. Manners called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

On a motion by Dr. Sarah Wilborn, seconded by Dr. Kelle Barfield, the Commission unanimously voted to adopt the agenda.

**III. Action: Approval of the minutes of the December 5, 2024, meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation**

On a motion by Dr. Carla Evers, seconded by Anthony Bryant, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2024, meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation.

**IV. Action: Approval of the minutes of the February 11, 2025, special-called meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation**

On a motion by Anthony Bryant, seconded by Dr. Sarah Wilborn, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025, special-called meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation.

**V. Action: Approval of the minutes of the April 15, 2025, special-called meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation**

On a motion by Ingrid Williams, seconded by Jeremy Hamm, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2025, special-called meeting of the Commission on School Accreditation.

**VI. Information: Discussion of proposed revisions to State Board Policy Chapter 36, Rule 36.5 – Additional Assessment Options for Meeting End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Requirements**

Wendy Clemons reported to the Commission the proposed revisions to State Board Policy Chapter 36, Rule 36.5 – Additional Assessment Options for Meeting End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Requirements.

**VII. Action: Consideration of request of the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Process to revise State Board Policy Chapter 36, Rule 36.5 – Additional Assessment Options for meeting End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Requirements**

On a motion by Anthony Bryant, seconded by Reginald Goins, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the proposed revisions to State Board Policy Chapter 36, Rule 36.5 – Additional Assessment Options for Meeting End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Requirements.

**VIII. Information: Discussion of proposed revisions to State Board Policy Chapter 19, Rule 19.1 – *Class Size*, and *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2024*, specifically, Process Standards 2 and 28 and the Glossary**

Dr. Malone reported to the Commission the proposed revisions to State Board Policy Chapter 19, Rule 19.1 – *Class Size*, and *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2024*, specifically, Process Standards 2 and 28 and the Glossary.

**IX. Action: Consideration of request of the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Process to revise State Board Policy Chapter 19, Rule 19.1 – *Class Size* to be effective beginning with the 2025-2026 school year**

On a motion by Dr. Carla Evers, seconded by Aisha Maxwell, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the request of the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Process to revise State Board Policy Chapter 19, Rule 19.1 – *Class Size* to be effective beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

**X. Action: Consideration of request of the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Process to revise the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2024*, specifically, Process Standards 2, 28.1, 28.2, 28.3 and 28.4, and the Glossary to be effective beginning with the 2025-2026 school year**

On a motion by Dr. Sarah Wilborn, seconded by Trosiki Pettis, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the request of the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Process to revise the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2024*, specifically, Process Standards 2, 28.1, 28.2, 28.3, and 28.4, and the Glossary to be effective beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

**XI. Action: Consideration of request of the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Process to revise the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2024*, specifically, to establish Process Standards 28.6 and 28.7 to be effective beginning with the 2025-2026 school year**

On a motion by Anthony Bryant, seconded by Aisha Maxwell, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the request of the State Board of Education to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Process to revise the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2024*, specifically, to establish Process Standards 28.6 and 28.7 to be effective beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

**XII. Information: Updates from the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development**

Dr. Murphy reported to the Commission updates from the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development.



**XIII. Action: Approval of meeting dates of the Commission on School Accreditation for the 2025 – 2026 school year**

On a motion by Ingrid Williams, seconded by Jeremy Hamm, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the meeting dates of the Commission on School Accreditation for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

**XIV. Other Business**

Dr. Malone thanked three (3) members of the Commission who will no longer be serving on the Commission, for their service –Dr. Kelle Barfield, Dr. Scott Rimes, and Reginald Goins.

**XV. Adjournment**

On a motion by Dr. Carla Evers, seconded by Dr. Sarah Wilborn, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 a.m.


APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

09/18/2025

(Month) (Day) (Year)

Pamela Manners

Chair of the Commission

 9/18/2025

Executive Secretary of the Commission