



**Minutes of the
Commission on School Accreditation
Special-Called Teleconference meeting
September 25, 2025
8:30 a.m.**

A special-called 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, September 25, 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. John-Mark Cain, Meridian, MS
Dr. Carla Evers, Pass Christian, MS
Jeremy Hamm¹, Carthage, MS
Toni Kersh, Brandon, MS
Pamela Manners, (Chair), Biloxi, MS
Carter Myers, Oxford, MS
Brad Stevens, Monroe County, MS
Dr. Sarah Wilborn, Ellisville, MS
Ingrid Williams, Clinton, MS

Members absent:

Anthony Bryant
Judge Mary B. "Betsy" Cotton
Patrice Guilfoyle
Aisha Maxwell

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

Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Secretary, Office of Accreditation
Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer
Dr. Lance Evans, State Superintendent of Education
Dr. Ronnie McGehee, Member of State Board of Education
Wendy Clemons, Chief Academic Officer
Erin Meyer, General Counsel
Alan Burrow, Executive Director, District and School Performance
Tim Scott, Director of Accountability Services, District and School Performance

¹Jeremy Hamm joined the meeting at 8:51 a.m. during the discussion of Item IV.

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Melissa Biggs, Office of Accreditation
Andrea Hanson, Office of Accountability
Lori Hartley, Office of Accreditation
J. Christopher Haynes, Office of Accreditation

Shulawnda Johnson, Office of Accreditation
Dawn Tassin, Office of Accreditation

Other MDE staff present included:

Jonathan Dennis, 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 8:35 a.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

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

III. Information: Report of the Internal Review Committee and Preliminary Accountability Results in accordance with Accreditation Policy 3.1.3 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2025.*

Mr. Alan Burrow presented this information to the Commission.

IV. Discussion: District/School Performance Reports for School Year 2025-2026 (based on School Year 2024-2025)

Mr. Alan Burrow presented this information to the Commission.

V. Action: Approval of District/School Performance Classifications for School Year 2025-2026 (based on School Year 2024-2025)

On a motion by Brad Stevens, seconded by Dr. Sarah Wilborn, the Commission voted unanimously to approve District/School Performance Classifications for School Year 2025-2026.

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VI. Adjournment

On a motion by Carter Myers, seconded by Dr John-Mark Cain, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

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Pamela Manners

Chair of the Commission

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Executive Secretary of the Commission