

**Education Achievement Council Meeting
Monday, April 22, 2024**

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Education Achievement Council met in the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning Board Room in Jackson, Mississippi, at 2:00 p.m. on April 22, 2024. Some members and guests participated via zoom.

Council Members Present:

Dr. Jay Allen, President, Itawamba Community College
Dr. Eileen K. Beazley, Head Start Collaboration Office Director, Governor's Office, via zoom
Dr. Glenn F. Boyce, Chancellor, University of Mississippi, via zoom
Mr. Chris Burgio, Campus Director, Concorde Career College, via zoom
Dr. Jason Dean, Executive Director, Mississippi Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities
Dr. Tyrone Jackson, President, Mississippi Delta Community College, via zoom
Ms. Dolly Marascalco, Board Member, Mississippi Community College Board, via zoom
Mr. Adam Moore, Mississippi Department of Mental Health, via zoom
Mr. John Pigott, Chairman, Mississippi Community College Board, via zoom
Ms. Vickie Powell, representing Mr. Scott Waller, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mississippi Economic Council
Dr. Al Rankins, Commissioner of Higher Education, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
Mr. Kell Smith, Executive Director, Mississippi Community College Board

Council Members Absent:

Ms. Rosemary Aultman, Chair, State Board of Education
The Honorable Nicole Boyd, Chairman, Mississippi Senate Universities and Colleges Committee
Dr. Jerryl Briggs, President, Mississippi Valley State University
The Honorable Dennis DeBar, Chairman, Mississippi Senate Education Committee
Mr. Tom Duff, Trustee, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
Dr. Jim Haffey, President, Holmes Community College
The Honorable Briggs Hopson, Chairman, Mississippi Senate Appropriations Committee
Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Trustee, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
The Honorable John Read, Chairman, Mississippi House of Representatives Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Rob Roberson, Chairman, Mississippi House of Representatives Education Committee
The Honorable Donnie Scoggin, Chairman, Mississippi House of Representatives Universities and Colleges Committee

Others Present:

Mr. Henry Anderson, Website and Systems Administrator, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
Dr. Donna Boone, Chief Academic Officer, Mississippi Department of Education
Mr. Tyler Camp, Special Assistant to the President, Itawamba Community College
Mr. Jimmy Clarke, Senior Director of State Policy, HCM Strategists, via zoom
Dr. Erin Eaton, Assistant Executive Director for Academic and Student Affairs, Mississippi Community College Board
Mrs. Marilyn Gardner, Administrative Assistant for Academic and Student Affairs, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

Ms. Yolanda Houston, Director of MS Consortium for Higher Education in Prisons, Woodward Hines Education Foundation

Ms. Sandra Kelly, Director of Student Services, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

Ms. Jean Massey, Executive Director, Ascent to 55%

Ms. Heather Morrison, Director of P20 Partnerships, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

Dr. Angela Payne, Assistant Executive Director for Institutional Research and Effectiveness, Mississippi Community College Board, via zoom

Dr. Casey Prestwood, Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, and EAC Executive Secretary

Dr. Jennifer Rogers, Director of Student Financial Aid, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, via zoom

Dr. Kim Verneuille, Director of the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration, Mississippi Community College Board, via zoom

Ms. Shanell Watson, Chief of Staff, Woodward Hines Education Foundation

Welcome

EAC Chairman Dr. Jay Allen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He welcomed members of the EAC and all others in attendance to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Allen asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Kell Smith moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Jason Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Allen called for approval of the minutes from the October 23, 2023, meeting. Mr. Kell Smith moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Jason Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Update on Mississippi Department of Education:

Dr. Ray Morgigno, Interim State Superintendent of Education, Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), presented a PowerPoint presentation and gave an update on the Mississippi Department of Education's strategic plan and goals. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

Mississippi Consortium for Higher Education in Prisons:

Ms. Yolanda Houston, Director of Mississippi Consortium for Higher Education in Prisons, Woodward Hines Education Foundation (WHEF), and Dr. LaShetta Wilder, Statewide Education Director, Programs, Education, and Re-Entry Division, Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC), shared a handout that included the mission, goals, partnerships, and programs established for education in prisons. A copy of the handout is attached to these minutes.

Update on Educational Attainment Goal:

Ms. Jean Massey, Executive Director, Ascent to 55%, presented a summary and gave an update on Mississippi's Accountability Model: The Next Generation. A copy of the summary is attached to these minutes.

Adjourn:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.