

# Special Board Meeting Jackson Public Schools

June 30, 2025, at 12:00 PM

## Board Members Present

Ed Sivak, Jr., Board President  
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President  
Cynthia Thompson, Secretary  
Burbette Taylor, Member  
Mitch McGuffey, Member  
Frank Figgers, Member

## Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent  
Dorian Turner, ESQ., Board Attorney  
Dr. William M. Merritt, Chief of Staff  
Larissa Harris, ESQ., General Counsel  
Network Assistant Superintendent(s)  
Earl Burke, CFOO  
Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.

## Board Member Absent

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member

## MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Ed Sivak, Board President, called the Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on June 30, 2025, at 12:07 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with six (6) board members participating in person or via Zoom: Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, and Burbette Taylor. Jeanne M. Hairston was absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as presented. Barbara Hilliard made the motion, seconded by Mitch McGuffey, and the votes cast in favor of the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Burbette Taylor, and Mitch McGuffey; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- IV Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Issues: None.
- V. Information / Action Items:
- A. Approval of Agreement between ParentSquare (Education Advance) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item A. Mitch McGuffey moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- B. Approval of Emergency Purchase of Data Cabling at Bailey APAC Middle School: The Board voted to approve item B. Mitch McGuffey moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- VI CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:
- A. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item A. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the

motion. **PASSED**

B. Approval of Change Order 002 for Re-Bid 3234 Package A ESSER Renovations for Bates, Blackburn, Cardozo, Forest Hill and Peeples Schools | Deduction \$21,200: The Board voted to approve item B. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

C. Approval of Change Order 003 for Bid 3253 ESSER Renovations for Murrah High School |Add \$927,107.59: The Board voted to approve item C. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

D. Approval of Change Order 003 for Bid 3220 ESSER Program for Jim Hill High School HVAC/Indoor Air Quality Upgrades | Increase \$410,809.25: The Board voted to approve item D. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

E. Approval of Contract Adjustment 002 for Bid 3241 for the Career Development Center Classroom Upgrades | Increase \$7,436.04: The Board voted to approve item E. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

#### VII CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

A. Approval of the Grant Agreement between Save the Music Foundation, Inc. & the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item A. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

B. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Hinds Community College and Jackson Public School District for a Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment Program: The Board voted to approve item B. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

C. Approval of the MOU and Data Sharing Agreement between Empirical Education & Jackson Public Schools: The Board voted to approve item C. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

D. Approval of the Renewal Agreement for Educational Services with the Hinds County Board of Supervisors for the Henley-Young-Patton Juvenile Justice Center and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item D. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

E. Approval of Various Policies for Amendment | JH - Scholar Community Relation and for Creation | Early Graduation Policy : The Board voted to approve item E. Barbara

Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

F. Approval of the Renewal Agreements between Millcreek Schools - (Pearl & Magee) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item F. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

G. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Canopy/CARES School and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item G. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

H. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Hinds County Human Resource Agency (HCHRA) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item H. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

I. Approval of a Service Agreement Between Jackson Public School District and Austin Security and Crime Prevention to Provide Security Services: The Board voted to approve item I. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

J. Approval of District-to-District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item J. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

#### VIII. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel

A. Approval of Personnel: The Board voted to approve item A. Mitch McGuffey moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded. Votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

#### IX. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: None.

X. Adjournment: Barbara Hilliard moved, and Mitch McGuffey seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Barbara T. Willard

Signature of Board President

7/15/2025

Date

Mitch McElroy

Attested by Board Secretary

7/15/25

Date