

Regular Board Meeting
Jackson Public Schools
December 04, 2025
05:30 PM

Board Present

Barbara Hilliard, President
Burbette Taylor, Board Secretary
Frank Figgers, Member
Akilah Irvin, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.
Dorian Turner, ESQ., Board Attorney
Larriisa Harris, ESQ., General Counsel
Earl Burke, CFOO
Dr. William Merritt, IV, Chief of Staff

Participated via Teleconference

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member

Board Member Absent

Mitch McGuffey

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Mrs. Hilliard, Board President, called the Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on December 4, 2025, at 5:39 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with five (5) members, namely, Barbara Hilliard, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Akilah Irvin, attending the meeting in person. Jeanne M. Hairston participated via teleconference. Mitch McGuffey was absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor and seconded by Frank Figgers. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
 - A. November 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item A as presented. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor and seconded by Frank Figgers. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Remarks: Dr. Cormack shared remarks on behalf of Dr. Greene, in his absence.
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Issues
- VII. Information Items Only:
 - A. Enrollment Updates:
 - B. Review of Agreement between Canopy Children's Solutions and Jackson Public School District (JPSD):
 - C. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Tougaloo College (TC) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):
 - D. Review of the Renewal Agreement between the Juanita Sims Doty Foundation (JSDF) and the Jackson Public School District:

VIII. Information / Action Items:

- A. Approval of the Amended Agreement between Operation Shoestring (OS) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item A. The motion was made by Frank Figgers and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- B. Approval of the Software Agreement between Snorkl and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item B. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor and seconded by Frank Figgers. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- C. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) for the Base Pair Program and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item C. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor and seconded by Frank Figgers. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- D. Approval of the Agreement between Math High Impact Tutoring (HIT) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item D. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor and seconded by Frank Figgers. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- E. Approval of the Agreement between BBG, Inc. and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Professional Appraisal Services Related to the Landmark Center Office Building: The Board voted to approve item E. The motion was made by Frank Figgers and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

- A. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item A. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor and seconded by Frank Figgers. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

- A. Approval of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP): The Board voted to approve item A. The motion was made by Frank Figgers and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- B. Approval of the Renewal of the Scholar Blanket Liability Insurance for Students at Lanier: The Board voted to approve item B. The motion was made by Frank Figgers and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- C. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the DMN Behavioral and Counseling Group, LLC, and Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item C. The motion was made by Frank Figgers and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers,

Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

- D. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Beth Roach, Education Consultant and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item D. The motion was made by Frank Figgers and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- E. Approval of Various Policies for Amendment | GAAA - Reimbursement of Training and Educational Expenses, Payment of Salary Incentives and Salary Supplements to Employees: The Board voted to approve item E. The motion was made by Frank Figgers and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- F. Approval of the Grant Agreement between Phil Hardin Foundation, Community Foundation for Mississippi (Fiscal Agent) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) to support the Community School Strategy: The Board voted to approve item F. The motion was made by Frank Figgers and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- G. Approval of the Grant Agreement between Phil Hardin Foundation, Community Foundation for Mississippi (Fiscal Agent) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) to support the Jackson Middle College Program: The Board voted to approve item G. The motion was made by Frank Figgers and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- XI. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel
Approval of Personnel: The Board voted to approve item A. The motion was made by Akilah Irvin and seconded by Frank Figgers. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: None
- XIII. Adjournment: There being no further business, Akilah Irvin moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Barbara T. Willard

Signature of Board President

12-16-2025

Date

Barbette Taylor

Attested by Board Secretary

12-16-2025

Date