

Regular Board Meeting
Jackson Public Schools
February 03, 2026
05:30 PM

Board Present

Barbara Hilliard, President
Mitch McGuffey, Vice-President
Burbette Taylor, Secretary
Frank Figgers, Member
Akilah Irvin, Member
Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member
Lee Scott, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
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

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Mrs. Hilliard, Board President, called the Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on February 3, 2026, at 5:32 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with all seven (7) members, namely, Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Akilah Irvin, attending the meeting in person. Jeanne M. Hairston attended via teleconference. Frank Figgers arrived at 5:55 p.m.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was made by Mitch McGuffey and seconded by Burbette Taylor. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Lee Scott, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Frank Figgers had not yet arrived at the meeting. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
 - A. January 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item A as presented. The motion was made by Lee Scott and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Frank Figgers had not yet arrived at the meeting. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Remarks: by Dr. Greene.
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Issues: None.
- VII. Information Items Only:
 - A. Update on SY 2025 - 2026 Benchmark Data I & II
 - B. Review of the District's Intent to Apply for a Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) Grant
 - C. Review of the Agreement between the University of Alabama School of Social Work and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
 - D. Review of the Agreement between Tougaloo College Upward Bound Program and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
 - E. Review of Agreement between Tougaloo College Upward Bound Math & Science Program and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
 - F. Review of Agreement between Tougaloo College Educational Talent Search Program & the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)

VIII. Information / Action Items:

- A. Approval of the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar for the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item A. The motion was made by Lee Scott and seconded by Frank Figgers. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- B. Approval of the District Test Security Plan for the 2025/2026 School Year: The Board voted to approve item B. The motion was made by Mitch McGuffey and seconded by Burbette Taylor. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, 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 Frank Figgers and seconded by Mitch McGuffey. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

- A. Approval of Grant Agreement between the Mississippi Arts Commission and Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item A. The motion was made by Lee Scott and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- B. Approval of the Everon-Intrusion/Alarm System to Implement at Lanier Jr. and Sr. High School: The Board voted to approve item B. The motion was made by Lee Scott and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- C. Approval of the Agreement Between Jackson Public School District and Omnigo Software, LLC: The Board voted to approve item C. The motion was made by Lee Scott and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- D. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between RSVP ICE HOUSE use and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Forest Hill High School's 2026 Prom: The Board voted to approve item D. The motion was made by Lee Scott and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- E. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between RSVP ICE HOUSE and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Provine High School's 2026 Prom: The Board voted to approve item E. The motion was made by Lee Scott and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette

Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

- F. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between E-Center and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Jim Hill High School's 2026 Prom: The Board voted to approve item F. The motion was made by Lee Scott and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- G. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between E-Center and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Callaway High School's 2026 Prom: The Board voted to approve item G. The motion was made by Lee Scott and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- H. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between Old Capitol Inn and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Murrah High School's 2026 Prom: The Board voted to approve item H. The motion was made by Lee Scott and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- I. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between Fondren Hall and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Lanier High School's 2026 Prom: The Board voted to approve item I. The motion was made by Lee Scott and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- J. Approval of District-to-District Transfer (Incoming): The Board voted to approve item J. The motion was made by Lee Scott and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

XI. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel

- A. Approval of Personnel: The Board voted to approve item A. The motion was made by Akilah Irvin and seconded by Mitch McGuffey. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Frank Figgers moved, and Mitch McGuffey seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

In closed session, Mitch McGuffey then moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to consider granting certain settlement authority to General Counsel, Larrissa Harris, in connection with the M. Dearman workers' compensation claim. The motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board took up the general counsel's request to grant her certain settlement authority in connection with the M. Dearman workers' compensation claim. After discussion, Lee Scott moved, and Frank Figgers

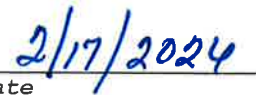
seconded the motion, to grant General Counsel, Larissa Harris, certain requested settlement authority in connection with the M. Dearman workers' compensation claim. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Frank Figgers moved, and Mitch McGuffey seconded the motion, to exit executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

XIII. Adjournment: Back in open session, there being no further business, Frank Figgers moved, and Akilah Irvin seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



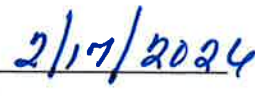
Signature of Board President



Date



Attested by Board Secretary



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