

Regular Board Meeting
Jackson Public Schools
January 20, 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
Larrissa 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 January 20, 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, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, Lee Scott, and Akilah Irvin, attending the meeting in person.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was made by Jeanne M. Hairston and seconded by Frank Figgers. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Lee Scott, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
 - A. December 16, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item A 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, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. 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. Review of Grant Agreement between the Mississippi Arts Commission and Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
 - B. Review of the Everon-Intrusion/Alarm System to Implement at Lanier Jr. and Sr. High School
 - C. Review of the Agreement between Jackson Public School District and Omnigo Software, LLC
 - D. Student Board Presentation (JTECHS)
 - E. Review School Improvement Monthly Updates for Identified Schools
- VIII. Information / Action Items:
 - A. Approval of Agreement between US Department of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) and Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item A. The motion was made by Frank Figgers and seconded by

Lee Scott. 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 to Authorize Participation in the National School Lunch Program: The Board voted to approve item B. The motion was made by Mitch McGuffey 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 Engagement Letter between Jackson Public Schools and Brown CPA, PLLC for Audit Services for FYE 2025: The Board voted to approve item C. The motion was made by Jeanne M. Hairston 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**

- D. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended December 31, 2025 (FY2025-2026): The Board voted to approve item D. The motion was made by Mitch McGuffey and seconded by Lee Scott. 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 Appraisal Services Agreement with Appraisal Research Company, LLC for the Landmark Building: The Board voted to approve item E. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor 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**

- F. Approval of Renewal of Commercial Exclusive Client Listing Agreement with Estes Bush Real Estate, LLC: The Board voted to approve item F. The motion was made by Jeanne M. Hairston 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**

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 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**

- B. Approval to Designate Specified Property as Surplus Property and Approve Disposal: 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**

- C. Approval of Contract Change Order 004 ESSER Renovations for Bailey APAC School (Bid 3225) | Decrease \$33,750.00: The Board voted to approve item C. 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**

- D. Approval of Final Contract Adjustment for Bid 3261 ESSER Renovations for Timberlawn Elementary School | Decrease \$14,788.05: The Board voted to approve item D. 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**

Mr. Figgers recused himself from the following item and left the room.

- E. Approval of Rejection of All Bids - Sale of Surplus Undeveloped Real Property (Vacant Land): The Board voted to approve item E. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor and seconded by Lee Scott. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Frank Figgers was absent from the vote. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

Mr. Figgers returned to the meeting.

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

- A. Approval of Updated Adult Meal Pricing: The Board voted to approve item A. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor 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 Renewal Agreement between Hinds County Sheriff's Office and Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item B. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor 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 Renewal Agreement between Hinds Behavioral Health Services (HBHS) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item C. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor 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 Renewal Agreement between Mississippi Smiles and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item D. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor 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**

Lee Scott recused himself from the following item and left the room.

- E. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Marion Counseling Service, PLLC and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item E. The motion was made by Mitch McGuffey and seconded by Frank Figgers. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Lee Scott was absent from the vote. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

Lee Scott returned to the meeting.

- F. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between SlateXP LearnSafe and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item F. The motion

was made by Burbette Taylor 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 Renewal Agreement between Medcor (Nurse Triage Services) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item G. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor 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

Approval of Personnel: The Board voted to approve item A. The motion was made by Akilah Irvin and seconded by Lee Scott. 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 (1) to take up three student discipline matters, and (2) to take up one employee suspension recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board first took up the matter of Student No. 001361081 who was recommended for placement at CCAS for the remainder of the SY26 school year for theft (\$500 or more). Student No. 001361081 and parents appeared before the board, along with district administration. After discussion, Burbette Taylor moved, and Lee Scott seconded the motion, to deny the superintendent's recommendation of placement at CCAS for 90 days, and instead, place Student No. 001361081 at CCAS for 45 days. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Burbette Taylor, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Mitch McGuffey and Akilah Irvin voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Next, the board took up the matter of Student No. 001410838 who was recommended for placement at CCAS for 90 days for participation in a group fight. After discussion, Mitch McGuffey moved, and Jeanne M. Hairston seconded the motion, to approve the superintendent's recommendation of placement at CCAS for 90 days. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next, the board took up the matter of Student No. 001474683 who was recommended for placement at CCAS for 180 days for disorderly conduct and physical assault on a student. After discussion, Mitch McGuffey moved, and Jeanne M. Hairston seconded the motion, to approve the superintendent's recommendation of placement at CCAS for 180 days. The motion was unanimously approved.

Finally, the board took up the superintendent's recommendation of suspension of Gregory Cox. The board's findings and decision are set out in the order attached to these minutes.

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

- XIII. Adjournment: Back in open session, there being no further business, Lee Scott moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Barbara T. Willard

Signature of Board President

1/20/2026

Date

Burbette M. Taylor

Attested by Board Secretary

1/20/2026

Date