

Regular Board Meeting Jackson Public Schools

February 17, 2026
05:30 PM

Board Present

Barbara Hilliard, President
Burbette Taylor, Secretary
Frank Figgers, 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

Board Member via Teleconference

Mitch McGuffey, Vice-President
Akilah Irvin, Member

Board Absent

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Mrs. Hilliard, Board President, called the Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on February 17, 2026, at 5:37 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with six (6) members, namely Barbara Hilliard, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers, attending the meeting in person. Akilah Irvin and Mitch McGuffey attended via teleconference. Jeanne M. Hairston was absent from the meeting. Lee Scott was absent from the room when the meeting convened.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was made by Frank Figgers and seconded by Burbette Taylor. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. Lee Scott remained absent during the adoption of the agenda. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
 - A. February 3, 2026 - 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, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers. Lee Scott remained absent during the adoption of the minutes. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Remarks:

Lee Scott joined the meeting in person during the Superintendent's remarks.
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Issues: None.
- VII. Information Items Only:
 - A. Review of the One-Year Extension of the Service Agreement with Zayo Education, LLC (formerly known as ENA Services, LLC), Procured through

RFP 2022-19 and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):

- B. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Honest Game and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):
- C. Review of the Renewal Agreement between 100 Black Men of Jackson and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):
- D. Review of the Agreement with Little Lambs Academy and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) to Provide Comprehensive Out-of-School Programming under the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC0;
- E. Review of the Agreement between the Kirkland Group & the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Equity Analytics and Related Professional Development:
- F. School Improvement Monthly Updates for Identified Schools:
- G. Review of Easement with Project H Lake Hico Property:

VIII. Information / Action Items:

- A. Approval of RFP 2025-05-26 English Language Arts & English II High Impact Tutoring: The Board voted to approve item A. The motion was made by Lee Scott and seconded by Burbette Taylor. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- B. Approval of the 16th Section Lease Agreement between Jackson Public School District (Lessor) and S&S Apache Camping Center, Inc. (Lessee): The Board voted to approve item B. 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, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- C. Approval of Emergency Closure of Schools and District Offices Due to Winter Weather and Freezing Temperatures, Declaration of a State of Emergency, and Authorization of Administrative Leave with Pay: The Board voted to approve item C. The motion was made by Lee Scott and seconded by Burbette Taylor. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- D. Approval of Resolution Awarding Lease-Purchase Financing for Energy Services Projects: 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, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- E. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended January 31, 2026 (FY2025-2026): The Board voted to approve item E. 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, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

- A. Approval to Designate Specified Property as Surplus Property and Approve Disposal: The Board voted to approve item A. 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 Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- B. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item B. 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 Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

- A. Approval to Apply for a Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) Grant: 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, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- B. Approval of the Agreement between University of Alabama School of Social Work the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item B. 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, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- C. Approval of the Agreement between Tougaloo College Upward Bound Program and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item C. 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, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- D. Approval of Agreement between Tougaloo College Upward Bound Math & Science Program and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item D. 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, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**
- E. Approval of Agreement between Tougaloo College Educational Talent Search Program & the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item E. 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, and Lee Scott. 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 Burbette Taylor and seconded by Lee Scott. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: None

XIII. Adjournment: Lee Scott moved, and Burbette Taylor seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Barbara T. Hilliard

Signature of Board President

3/3/24

Date

Burbette M. Taylor

Attested by Board Secretary

3/3/26

Date