

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

Board Present

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

Administrator's Present

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.
Dorian Turner, ESQ., Board Attorney
Larrissa Harris, ESQ., General Counsel
Earl Burke, CFO

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Mrs. Hilliard, Board President, called the Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on March 3, 2026, at 5:33 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with seven (5) members, namely, Barbara Hilliard, Burbette Taylor, Jeanne M. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, and Akilah Irvin, attending the meeting in person. Lee Scott and Frank Figgers had not yet joined the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was made by Mitch McGuffey and seconded by Jeanne M. Hairston. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Lee Scott and Frank Figgers had not yet joined the meeting. There were no votes cast against the motion.
- PASSED**

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes

- A. February 17, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item A as presented. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor and seconded by Akilah Irvin. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Lee Scott and Frank Figgers had not yet joined the meeting. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

V. Superintendent's Remarks

Lee Scott and Frank Figgers joined the meeting in person during the Superintendent's remarks.

VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Issues:

Luz Ceballos signed up to address the Board to discuss her employment by the District. This matter was tabled for consideration to discuss in executive session.

VII. Information Items Only:

A. Student Board Presentation (Callaway High School):

B. Review of Legal Action and Data:

C. Review of Engagement with The Law Offices of Anne T. Nguyen, Attorneys at Law, for H-1B Visa Renewals:

D. Review of the Field Site Affiliation Agreement between Truman State University and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):

E. Review of Agreement between the Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center (JHCHC) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):

VIII. Information / Action Items:

A. Approval of the Cancellation and Release of the Agreement between Jackson Public School District (Lessor) and CDE Integrated Systems, Inc. (Lessee): The Board voted to approve item A. 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, Jeanne M. Hairston, Burbette Taylor, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

B. Approval of Agreement for Architectural Services with Duvall Decker Architects, P.A. for Professional Architectural and Engineering Services for the Hardy-Hughes Sports Academy Project: The Board voted to approve item B. The motion was made by Burbette Taylor and seconded by Jeanne M. Hairston. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Jeanne M. Hairston, Burbette Taylor, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

C. Approval of Professional Consulting Agreement with Duvall Decker Architects, P.A. for Central Office Programming, Planning, and Feasibility Services: The Board voted to

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

B. Request for Approval to Reject Bid 3269 - Central Warehouse General School and Computer Supply: 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, Jeanne M. Hairston, Burbette Taylor, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

C. Approval to Accept Donations from Various Donors: 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, Jeanne M. Hairston, Burbette Taylor, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion.
PASSED

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

A. Approval 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): The Board voted to approve item A. 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, Jeanne M. Hairston, Burbette Taylor, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

B. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Honest Game and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): 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, Jeanne M. Hairston, Burbette Taylor,

and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion.

PASSED

Burbette Taylor left the meeting room during the discussion of and voting on this item.

- C. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between 100 Black Men of Jackson and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item C. 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, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Burbette Taylor recused herself from this item and was absent during the vote. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

Burbette Taylor returned to the meeting room.

- D. Approval 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 CCLC): The Board voted to approve item D. 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, Jeanne M. Hairston, Burbette Taylor, and Lee Scott. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

Burbette Taylor left the meeting room during the discussion of and voting on this item.

- E. Approval of the Agreement between the Kirkland Group & the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Equity Analytics and Related Professional Development: The Board voted to approve item E. 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, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Burbette Taylor recused herself from this item and was absent from the vote. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

Burbette Taylor returned to the meeting room.

- F. Approval of Easement with Project H Lake Hico Property: The Board voted to approve item F. 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, Jeanne M. Hairston, Burbette

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

G. Approval of District-to-District Transfers

(Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item G. 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, Jeanne M. Hairston, 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 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, Frank Figgers, Akilah Irvin, Jeanne M. Hairston, Burbette Taylor, and Lee Scott. 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 the need to go into executive session. The motion was approved by all seven members present.

In Closed Session: Mitch McGuffey moved, and Lee Scott seconded the motion to go into executive session to (1) take up a student discipline matter, and (2) hear from Luz Ceballos, a former employee, who signed up for public participation to discuss her eligibility for employment by the District, which matter was moved to executive session.

In Executive Session, the Board took up the Superintendent's recommendation of expulsion for one calendar year of Student No. 001414747 for possession of a weapon and physical assault of District staff and student. The Board heard from the parent of Student No. 001414747 and district administration. After discussion, Mitch McGuffey moved, and Akilah Irvin seconded the motion, to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation. Votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akila Irvin, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Vote cast against the motion was: Frank Figgers. The motion passed and the Superintendent's recommendation was upheld 6-1.

Finally, the Board heard from Luz Ceballos, the former employee who signed up for public participation to discuss her employment eligibility. The Board took no action.

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 Mitch McGuffey seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Barbara T. Hilliard
Signature of Board President

3/17/2024
Date

Barbara M. Taylor
Attested by Board Secretary

3/17/2026
Date