

Regular Board Meeting
Jackson Public Schools
March 17, 2026
05:30 PM

Board Members Present

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

Administrators Present

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dorian Turner, ESQ., Board Attorney
Larrissa Harris, ESQ., General Counsel
Earl Burke, CFO
Dr. William Merritt, IV, Chief of Staff
Assistant Superintendents ES, MS & HS

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Barbara T. Hilliard, Board President, called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 5:31 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as all board members were present, namely: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Frank Figgers joined the meeting at 5:36 p.m.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as printed. Burbette Taylor moved, and Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. Frank Figgers had not yet arrived at the meeting.
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
- A. March 3, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item A. Mitch McGuffey moved; Lee Scott seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. Frank Figgers had not yet arrived at the meeting.
- V. Superintendent's Remarks
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Issues: Jennifer West addressed the Board regarding Brown and Rowan school buildings.
- VII. Information Items Only
- A. School Improvement Monthly Updates for Identified Schools
- VIII. Information / Action Items
- A. Approval of the Agreement between Corporation for Global Community Development and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item A. Burbette Taylor moved; Akilah Irvin seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none.
- IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance
- A. Approval of Change Order 001 for Bid 3267 | Add \$17,123.32 Powell Middle School HVAC and Electrical Improvements: The Board voted to approve item A. Mitch McGuffey moved; Lee Scott seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers; Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none.

- B. Approval to Award Bid 26-3276 Powell Perimeter Fence to Howell Fencing: The Board voted to approve item B. Mitch McGuffey moved; Lee Scott seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none.
- C. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item C. Mitch McGuffey moved; Lee Scott seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none.

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

- A. Approval of Engagement with The Law Offices of Anne T. Nguyen, Attorneys at Law for H-1B Visa Renewals: The Board voted to approve item A. Akilah Irvin moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none.
- B. Approval of the Field Site Affiliation Agreement between Truman State University and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item B. Akilah Irvin moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none.
- C. Approval of the Agreement between the Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center (JHCHC) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item C. Akilah Irvin moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none.
- D. Approval of the Use of Facility for the Agreement between Rising, Corp & the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item D. Akilah Irvin moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none.

XI. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel

- A. Approval of Personnel: The Board voted to approve staff personnel as presented: Burbette Taylor moved; Lee Scott seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none.

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

In closed session, Frank Figgers then moved, and Mitch McGuffey seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to take up one employee suspension recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board took up the superintendent's recommendation of the suspension of C. Dantzler. 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, Frank Figgers moved, and Lee Scott seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned.



Signature of Board President



Date



Attested by Board Secretary



Date