

Regular Board Meeting
Jackson Public Schools
May 19, 2026
05:30 PM

Board Members Present

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

Administrators Present

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dorian Turner, ESQ., Board Attorney
Larrissa Harris, ESQ., General Counsel
Earl Burke, CFOO
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, May 19, 2026, at 5:32 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as all seven (7) board members were present in person, namely: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as printed. Jeanne M. Hairston moved, Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes:
 - A. May 5, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: 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. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Remarks
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Issues

Multiple persons signed up to address the Board, but they all wished to address the Board regarding personnel and student issues. The board determined to hear these persons in executive session.
- VII. Information Items Only:
 - A. School Improvement Monthly Updates for Identified Schools
 - B. Review of Various Policies for Amendment: DEGB - Admission and Gate Receipts, GADT - Professional Leave for Consultant Purposes, JBH - Transfers Inside District Policy & Procedures, JBL - Compulsory School Attendance, JCDACC - First Time Drug Policy Violation Program, JIAA - Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy, JKC - Alternative School Program, JRD - Detention Facility Records
 - C. Review of the Renewal Agreement between American Medical Response (AMR) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
 - D. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Hinds Community College and Jackson Public School District for a Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment Program

VIII. Information / Action Items:

- A. National Education Opportunity Network (NEON), formerly National Education Equity Lab, and Jackson Public School District for a Dual Enrollment Program: The Board voted to approve item A. Lee Scott moved, Frank Figgers 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. **PASSED**
- B. Approval of the Amended Agreement between Corporation for Global Community Development and the Jackson Public School District (JPSPD) for the Summer Program at Van Winkle Elementary School: 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. **PASSED**
- C. Approval of Agreement between Starship Travel, LLC and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item C. Akilah Irvin moved, Jeanne M. Hairston 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. **PASSED**
- D. Approval of the Expert Citizen License Application (939-Advanced Manufacturing) DHL: The Board voted to approve item D. Frank Figgers moved, Jeanne M. Hairston 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. **PASSED**
- E. Approval of the Expert Citizen License Application (974-Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) DM: The Board voted to approve item E. Jeanne M. Hairston 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. **PASSED**
- F. Approval of Change Order #1 (+\$239,593 Increase) - Districtwide Camera Project (Schneider Electric, RFQ 2023-03): The Board voted to approve item F. 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. **PASSED**
- G. Approval of the Renewal Letter of Engagement Between Jackson Public School District and Teller, Hopson & Schrader, LLP for Legal Services for Sixteenth Section Properties: The Board voted to approve item G. 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. **PASSED**
- H. Approval of Three-Year Contract between Jackson Public Schools and JD CPA, PLLC for Audit Services Covering FYE 2026-2028: The Board voted to approve item E. Burbette Taylor 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. **PASSED**

- I. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended April 30, 2026 (FY2025-2026): The Board voted to approve item I. Mitch McGuffey moved, Frank Figgers 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. **PASSED**

IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

- A. Approval to Award Produce Bid 26-3278 to Sunrise: The Board voted to approve item A. Lee Scott moved, Frank Figgers 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. **PASSED**
- B. Approval to Designate Specified Property as Surplus Property and Approve Disposal: The Board voted to approve item B. Lee Scott moved, Frank Figgers 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. **PASSED**
- C. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Fund Claims for April 24 through May 07, 2026: The Board voted to approve item C. Lee Scott moved, Frank Figgers 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. **PASSED**

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

- A. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra (MSO) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for the Strings in the Schools Program for the 26/27 School Year: The Board voted to approve item A. Akilah Irvin 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. **PASSED**
- B. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Parents for Public Schools (Ask for More Jackson) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for the 26/27 School Year: The Board voted to approve item B. Akilah Irvin 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. **PASSED**
- C. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Alliance Technology Group/Evolv and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for the 2026/2027 School Year: The Board voted to approve item C. Akilah Irvin 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. **PASSED**
- D. Approval of Agreement between Full Spectrum ABA of Mississippi and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item D. Akilah Irvin 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. **PASSED**
- E. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Special Olympics and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) 26/27 SY: The Board voted to approve item E. Akilah Irvin 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. **PASSED**

- F. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Canopy - Cares School and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) 26/27 SY: The Board voted to approve item F. Akilah Irvin 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. **PASSED**
- G. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Hinds County Human Resource Agency (HCHRA) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) 26/27 SY: The Board voted to approve item G. Akilah Irvin 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. **PASSED**
- H. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Millcreek Schools, LLC of Magee and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) 26/27 SY: The Board voted to approve item H. Akilah Irvin 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. **PASSED**
- I. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Millcreek Schools, LLC of Pearl and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) 26/27 SY: The Board voted to approve item I. Akilah Irvin 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. **PASSED**
- J. Approval of the Agreement between Teach For America, Inc. & Mississippi Reading and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item J. Akilah Irvin 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. **PASSED**
- K. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Sogolytics and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item K. Akilah Irvin 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. **PASSED**
- L. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between the Jackson Convention Complex (JCC) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) 12th Annual Consolidated Military GALA: The Board voted to approve item L. Akilah Irvin 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. **PASSED**
- M. Approval of District-to-District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item M. Akilah Irvin 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. **PASSED**

XI. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel

- A. Approval of Personnel: The Board voted to approve item A. Burbette Taylor 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.

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) hear from P. Fowler, M. Butler-Henson, and J. Adams, who all signed up to address the Board during public participation regarding concerns with the coaches of the Jim Hill Tigerettes, (2) to hear from R. Berry who signed up for public participation to address the Board regarding concerns with her grand-daughter's academic progress, and (3) to discuss a board member's concerns regarding personnel item A.5, the recommendation regarding A. Benson.

In executive session, the Board heard from P. Fowler, M. Butler-Henson, J. Adams, and R. Berry, all of whom signed up to address the Board as public participants, regarding their respective concerns, and the Board discussed with Dr. Greene some concerns regarding the recommendation in personnel item A.5, regarding A. Benford. The Board took no action.

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 Jeanne M. Hairston seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

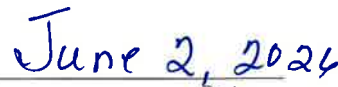


Signature of Board President


Date



Attested by Board Secretary


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