

Regular Board Meeting
Jackson Public Schools
June 02, 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
Larissa 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 5:34 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 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve the May 19, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Mitch McGuffey 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**
- V. Superintendent's Remarks
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Issues
- VII. Information Items Only:
 - A. Review to Purchase Insurance Coverages for Jackson Public Schools for the 2026-2027 School Year:
 - B. Review of the Renewal Software Agreement between Badge Hub and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):
 - C. Review of the Renewal Agreement with IndentiMetrics and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):
- VIII. Information / Action Items:
 - A. Approval to Rename Powell Middle School to Brinkley Middle School: The Board voted to approve item A. Frank Figgers 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 Service Agreement between New Horizon Ministries, Inc. (Freedom Schools) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item B. Jeanne M. Hairston 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 the Service Agreement between Bean Path and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item C. Frank Figgers 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**
- D. Approval of the Service Agreement between Briarwood Arts Center and Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item D. 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**
- E. FY26 School Improvement Plan: 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**
- F. Approval of the 16th Section Assignment and Assumption between Jackson Public School District, BASF Corporations, and BASF Catalysts LLC: The Board voted to approve item F. 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**
- G. Approval to Award RFP 2026-08026 for ERate Network Modernization: The Board voted to approve item G. 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**

IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

- A. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: 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 Reject RFP 2025-04-26 - JPS Teacher Certification Program: 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**

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

- A. Approval 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: The Board voted to approve item A. Lee Scott 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**

B. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between American Medical Response (AMR) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item B. Lee Scott 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**

C. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Hinds Community College and Jackson Public School District for a Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment Program: The Board voted to approve item C. Lee Scott 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**

D. Approval of the Use of Facility (Rental Agreement) between the Jackson Convention Complex and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for the 2026 Convocation: The Board voted to approve item D. Lee Scott 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**

E. Approval of District-to-District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item E. Lee Scott 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**

XI. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel

A. Approval of Personnel: The Board voted to approve item A. Mitch McGuffey moved, Burbette Taylor 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 Akilah Irvin seconded the motion, to go into executive session to take up the Superintendent's recommendation of suspension of Jonas James. The motion was unanimously approved.

In Executive Session, the Board took up the superintendent's recommendation to suspend Jonas Jones. After discussion, Mitch McGuffey moved, and Lee Scott seconded the motion, to uphold the superintendent's recommendation to suspend Jonas Jones for two (2) days. 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 Lee Scott 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.

Barbara T. Willard
Signature of Board President

June 16, 2026
Date

Denbette Taylor
Attested by Board Secretary

June 16, 2026
Date