

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson Public Schools
August 04, 2026
05:30 PM

Board Members Present

Barbara Hilliard, President
Akilah Irvin, Member
Mitch McGuffey, Vice President
Lee Scott, 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, Deputy Superintendent
Assistant Superintendents ES, MS & HS

Board Member Absent

Frank Figgers
Jeanne M. Hairston

- I. Call to Order: Barbara T. Hilliard, Board President, called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 5:32 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with four (4) board members present in person, namely: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Frank Figgers and Jeanne M. Hairston were absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Board Member Mitch McGuffey moved, seconded by Board Member Lee Scott, to approve the agenda as presented: votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott; votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
 - A. July 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve July 21, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Lee Scott moved, Akilah Irvin seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. 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 of the Renewal Agreement between DMN Behavioral & Counseling Group and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
 - B. Review of Service Agreement with Herman Sanders
 - C. Review of Memorandum of Agreement between Arkansas State University (ASU) the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
 - D. Review of the Renewal Agreement between The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
 - E. Review of JPS Recruitment and Retention Incentive Contract Addendum for School Year 2026-2027
 - F. Repurposing Initiative Update
 - G. Review of the 2026-2027 English Learner (EL) District Plan

VIII. Information / Action Items:

- A. Approval of the Service Agreements for RFP 2026-01-26, Professional Development and Coaching Support for Teachers: The Board voted to approve item A. Akilah Irvin moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- B. Approval of the Service Agreement for Lobaki: The Board voted to approve item B. Lee Scott moved, Akilah Irvin seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- C. Approval of the Service Agreement for Progress Learning for Online Assessment Preparation and Instructional Support Services: The Board voted to approve item C. Mitch McGuffey moved, Akilah Irvin seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- D. Approval of RFP 2026-13-26 Renewal of Agreement between Imagine Learning (Edgenuity) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Online and Blended Learning 2026-2027 School Year: The Board voted to approve item D. Lee Scott moved, Akilah Irvin seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- E. Approval of the Renewal of the Grant Agreement between the Save the Music Foundation, Inc. and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item E. Lee Scott moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- F. Approval of the Risk Management Consulting Agreement with the Evans Agency: The Board voted to approve item F. Mitch McGuffey moved, Lee Scott seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- G. Approval to Award RFP #2026-05-26 to Office of Teaching and Learning Education Materials Specialist K-12 Assessment Platform for Formative and Summative Assessments: The Board voted to approve item G. Akilah Irvin moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- H. Approval of The National Center of Teacher Residencies (NCTR) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item H. Mitch McGuffey moved, Akilah Irvin seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- I. Approval of Boundless Educators Initiative (BEI) Grantee Agreement with The National Center of Teacher Residencies Year 2026-2027: The Board voted to approve item I. Lee Scott moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- J. Approval of Organizational Realignment and Associated Position Descriptions for the Office of Talent Management and Development: The Board voted to approve item J. Mitch McGuffey moved, Lee Scott seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

- K. Approval of Preliminary Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended June 30, 2026 (FY2025-2026): The Board voted to approve item K. Mitch McGuffey moved, Lee Scott seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- L. Approval of Transfer Sixteenth Section Revenue to District Maintenance: The Board voted to approve item L. Akilah Irvin moved, Lee Scott seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. 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. Mitch McGuffey moved, Lee Scott seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

- A. Approval of Legacy Scholars Grant Agreement with Equal Justice Initiative and Jackson Public Schools (CDC): The Board voted to approve item A. Lee Scott moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- B. Approval of Legacy Scholars Grant Agreement with Equal Justice Initiative and Jackson Public Schools (Jim Hill): The Board voted to approve item B. Lee Scott moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- C. Approval of Policy GADJ (Personal Leave Policy & Chart) for Amendment and GADQ (Vacation & Paid Leave) for Deletion: The Board voted to approve item C. Lee Scott moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- D. Approval of Round XII Repurposing Initiative and Declaration of Surplus Properties: The Board voted to approve item D. Lee Scott moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- E. Approval of the Agreement between Crafting Engaging Science Environments (CESE) and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item E. Lee Scott moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- F. Approval of the Renewal Agreements between Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) Network: The Board voted to approve item F. Lee Scott moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- G. Approval of District-to-District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item G. Lee Scott moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

XI. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel

A. Approval of Personnel: The Board voted to approve item A. Akilah Irvin moved, Lee Scott seconded. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: None.

XIII. Adjournment: Mitch McGuffey moved, and Lee Scott seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by the four members present and the meeting was adjourned.



Signature of Board President

August 19, 2026

Date



Attested by Board Secretary

August 19, 2026

Date