

Regular Board Meeting
Jackson Public Schools
September 01, 2026
05:30 PM

Board Members Present

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

Administrators Present

Errick L. Greene, Ed.D., Superintendent
Dorian Turner, ESQ., Board Attorney
Larrissa Harris, ESQ., General Counsel
Earl Burke, CFOO
Dr. William Merritt, IV, Deputy Superintendent
Assistant Superintendents ESN, MSN, HSN & AS

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Barbara T. Hilliard, Board President, called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 5:32 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with all six (6) board members present in person, namely: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers and Jeanne M. Hairston.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Board Member Frank Figgers moved, seconded by Board Member Mitch McGuffey, to approve the agenda as presented: votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. Board Member Lee Scott was not present for the vote. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
A. August 18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve the August 18, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Mitch McGuffey moved, Akilah Irvin seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Votes cast against the motion: none. Board Member Lee Scott was not present for the vote. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Remarks
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and / or Proposed Issues
- VII. Information Items Only:
A. Review to Purchase Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy for Jackson Public Schools for 2026-2027 School Year
B. Review for Approval of Additional Pay Rate for Child Nutrition Employees Participating in After-School and Summer Feeding Program
- VIII. Information / Action Items:
A. Approval of the Annual Dropout Prevention Plan and Restructuring Plans for the 2026-2027 School Year: The Board voted to approve item A. Lee Scott moved, Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
B. Approval of the Subrecipient Agreement between Community In Schools and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item B. Mitch McGuffey moved, Akilah Irvin seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- C. Approval of the Agreement with Advantage Business Systems (ABS) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item C. Lee Scott moved, Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- D. Approval of the Agreement with Delta Electronics and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item D. Lee Scott moved, Akilah Irvin seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- E. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Institute of Montessori 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, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- F. Approval of the Revised Educational Data Sharing and Protection Addendum with Sogolytics: The Board voted to approve item F. Akilah Irvin moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- G. Approval of the 2026 - 2027 Instructional Management System: The Board voted to approve item G. Lee Scott moved, Akilah Irvin seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- H. Approval of Agreement between the University of Michigan (U-M) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item H. Frank Figgers moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- I. Acceptance of Grant Agreement between Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item I. Akilah Irvin moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- J. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Hinds County Sheriff's Office and Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item J. Mitch McGuffey moved, Lee Scott seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- K. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Austin Security and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item K. Akilah Irvin moved, Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- L. Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Educational Staffing with Kelly Services, Inc.: The Board voted to approve item L. Lee Scott moved, Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- M. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended July 31, 2026 (FY2026-2027): The Board voted to approve item M. Lee Scott moved, Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- N. Approval to Award Bid 3277-26 (03-03-26) for the Sale of Vacant Surplus Land (Parcels 401-27 and 401-30) to Old School LLC (George McGee): The Board voted to approve item N. Mitch McGuffey moved, Lee Scott seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, 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. Akilah Irvin moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- B. Approval to Reject Bid No. 3280-27 for the Bow Hunting Lease on Sixteenth Section Public Land: The Board voted to approve item B. Akilah Irvin moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

- A. Approval of the Amended Agreement between Grand Canyon University (GCU) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item A. Lee Scott moved, Akilah Irvin seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, 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. Mitch McGuffey moved to approve all Personnel items except item G3; item G will be discussed in executive session; Akilah Irvin seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Mitch McGuffey moved, and Akilah Irvin seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider the need to go into executive session. The motion was approved by all six members present.

In closed session, Mitch McGuffey moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to enter executive session regarding 1) public comment from Kirsten Dyck regarding her employment separation, and 2) retaining a firm to join a social media litigation. The motion was unanimously approved by all six members present.

In Executive Session, the Board heard from Kirsten Dyck, whose request for public comment was moved to executive session. After hearing from Ms. Dyck, Mitch McGuffey moved, and Akilah Irvin seconded the motion, to approve Personnel item G-3, the resolution requesting MDE to revoke Ms. Dyck's license for one year. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next, the Board received an update from Attorney Larrissa Harris, General Counsel, regarding a request to retain a firm to join a social media litigation. After discussion, Lee Scott moved, and Mitch McGuffey seconded the motion, to approve entering into litigation upon negotiation of the agreement by counsel. The motion was unanimously approved by all six members present.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Lee Scott moved, and Jeanne M. Hairston seconded the motion to exit executive session. The motion was unanimously approved by all six members present.

- XIII. Adjournment: There being no further business, Frank Figgers moved, and Lee Scott seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by all six members present and the meeting was adjourned.



Signature of Board President



Date



Attested by Board Secretary



Date