



**Minutes from the MACTE Pre-retreat  
Plymouth Bluff  
June 4, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Richard Blackburn, President.

Members in attendance: Richard Blackburn, MSU; Debbie Burson, Millsaps; Leslie Griffin, DSU; Sue Jolly-Smith and Martin Hatton, MUW; David Hand, Belhaven; Lula Collier, MSVU; Julette Bingham, JSU; Ben Burnett, William Carey; Ann Blackwell, USM; David Rock, UM; Janetta Waddell, Blue Mt.; and Crystal Womack, MDE representative.

Dr. Blackburn began by welcoming everyone. He expressed his appreciation to all for taking the time to attend this important meeting. Everyone shared an introduction. This was followed by a discussion and approval of the agenda. It was noted that Dr. Susan Lee was unable to attend because of illness, and that Dr. Cerissa Neal would not be attending; Crystal Womack represented MDE.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved. Dr. Rock made the motion and Dr. Jolly-Smith seconded.

The treasurer's report was presented by Debbie Burson.

**Discussions:**

State Protocol CAEP Partnership:

Dr. David Hand has been undergoing training to be a visit team member. He will be in Louisville, KY next week for intensive training sessions. There was conversation regarding complaints about CAEP training for team visitors.

Dr. Rock shared information about the CAEP Board meeting that resulted in Cibulka's dismissal. It was mentioned that there may be dissension among CAEP Board members that were formerly TEAC members verses those formerly NCATE. Some former TEAC representatives do not agree with CAEP standards. There is concern that disagreements are still on-going regarding the CAEP Standards.

Dr. Rock suggested that if given a choice, institutions should elect to have an NCATE legacy visit. This is allowable through spring 2016.

Dr. Blackwell made the suggestion that we need state-wide assessments. She also stated that because of the minimal value seen in accreditation the state may need to seek alternative options with a focus on what the state needs.

It was mentioned that Georgia has been working for 15 years on assessments and are now able to tie P-12 student learning outcome data to teacher preparation programs.

State-wide common assessments should be a focus for MACTE's retreat in fall.

Dr. Rock posed the question of whether or not the state has to partner with CAEP. He suggested we go to Dr. Boyce for input.

A discussion regarding SPAs followed. Dr. Rock stated that we should all be on the same page regarding SPAs—either we do them or we don't.

CAEP will be allowing deans/chairs in the BOE meeting when the institution is being reviewed.

Dr. Burnett shared that William Carey will be hosting an NCATE legacy visit.

Ms. Womack from MDE shared information about NASDTECs Multi-Member Educator Look-up System. MACTE is in favor its implementation.

NCTQ was addressed. Dr. Blackburn shared that Mississippi State is only providing information via freedom of information access only. MUW received an open record request from NCTQ.

Dr. Boyce is writing a letter to NCTQ and stating that the state will not be compliant until methodologies get better.

Two Mississippi funders have pulled funding from NCTQ (Barksdale and Hardin)

Alternative National Recognition:

Meet with Dr. Boyce and a committee to formulate a plan.

Logistics for fall retreat were discussed. All agreed upon the Jackson metro area for location. Eagle Ridge was mentioned.

Topics for retreat included inviting a CAEP representative to address MACTE, legislative concerns with possible legislators in attendance, common assessment development, and looking into alternatives to CAEP accreditation.

With no further items to discuss Dr. Blackburn adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra B. Burson