



**MACTE Meeting Minutes**  
**March 5, 2025**  
**Table 100, Flowood, MS**

In Attendance: Teresa Jayroe, LaShundia Carson, Stephanie Henderson, David Hand, Mariella Simons, Ashley Coleman, Harley Gonzales, Merideth Van Namen, Anjanette Powers, Tony Latiker, Cindy Melton, Jennifer Stafford, Kim Hall, Theresa Dumas, Kalanya Moore, Mechickia Brooks, Martha Stovall, David Rock, Teresa Poole, Eddie Peasant, Trent Gould (Virtual)

Guests: Dr. Lance Evans, Dr. Paula Van Cleave

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

- A. Dr. Teresa Jayroe welcomed everyone.
- B. Everyone gave introductions.

**II. Mississippi Department of Education**

- A. Updates from MDE – Dr. Vanderford
  - 1. Changes in leadership.
  - 2. Willing to reserve space at MDE for meetings.
  - 3. Senate Bill 2612 died on calendar yesterday.
    - a. Next year, develop a companion bill to have one in both committees.
    - b. Revisit bill with MACTE to determine language for future proposal.
  - 4. MDE hired two contract workers, Dr. Kim Benton and Dr. Mitzy Johnson, to review all state laws, guidelines, and EPP processes and make recommendations for improvement.
  - 5. Process Reviews, Program Reviews
    - a. Considering a tier process – example of PK-12 Review. What would we use to exempt some institutions from certain reviews?
    - b. For assessment – working internally for “in lieu of” opportunities.

6. Program requests –the forms are more of a checklist to make sure everything is covered for both IHL and MDE.
7. Establish an Advisory Committee with MACTE comprised of five to seven members (one public dean, one private dean, and three to five other members) to discuss issues.

B. Updates – Dr. Evans

1. We are a leadership state and open to doing things differently if it is not working.
2. Initiatives:
  - a. Focus on leadership - MS Superintendents Institute. Required training would be 9-10 models over a year; when you are hired, you must complete training in order to receive certificate which is required to keep the job. First cohort will start in July or August. Working to create a position to lead the leadership part. This person would work with MACTE and IHL. Wants MDE to play a large role in leadership development of superintendents.
  - b. Synchronous Instruction for classes with no teacher – MS Public Broadcasting. Hire 12 teachers at MDE – Algebra I, Biology I, English 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – to meet needs of 5400 students. In the next two years, begin to involve student teachers - MDE would pay interns for synchronous teaching.
  - c. Each year get superintendents together to show them MDE so they can meet people and see offices.
  - d. Van Cleave, Stoulig, Benton, Johnson, Vanderford, and Evans would like to meet with the new Advisory Board to gather information on what needs to be examined.
  - e. Dr. Lance Evans (Cell) 662-538-5226  
Do not email.
  - f. Dr. Paula Vanderford (Cell) 601-259-6541

C. Q&A Session

1. Performance Based Licenses  
Response: 5-year Performance Based Licenses issued in 2023 were 27, in 2024 were 30, and 2025 is one to date. The desire is to eventually expand.
2. MDE 5-year Vision  
Response: Increase partnership between MDE, universities, and school districts; address teacher shortages; look at pipeline and licensure options.
3. In the past we were at the table for Process and Performance but then were not at the

table and the process continued to grow. Previously MACTE knew something was going to the licensure commission before it was presented.

Response: This piece and discussion have been missing; hoping the previously mentioned advisory committee will help address this.

### **III. MACTE Executive Committee**

- A. Three positions up for election:
  - 1. Treasurer
  - 2. Secretary
  - 3. President-elect
- B. Dr. Jayroe called for nominations for Treasurer. Dr. David Rock nominated Dr. Trent Gould. There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion to approve Dr. Trent Gould as Treasurer was made by Dr. David Hand. It was seconded by Dr. Teresa Poole. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.
- C. Dr. Jayroe called for nominations for Secretary. Dr. David Hand nominated Dr. Kim Hall. There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion to approve Dr. Kim Hall as Secretary was made by Dr. David Rock. It was seconded by Dr. Teresa Poole. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.
- D. Dr. Jayroe called for nominations for President-elect. Dr. Trent Gould nominated Dr. David Rock. There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion to approve Dr. David Rock as President-elect was made by Dr. David Hand. It was seconded by Dr. Teresa Poole. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.
- E. Officers serve 2-year terms July through June; however, these officers begin serving immediately and will serve a 2 ½ year term.
- F. It was also noted that Dr. Cindy Melton and Dr. Jenetta Waddell were no longer MACTE officers in the organization. As such, both individuals should be removed from the Trustmark checking account. The only current member of the MACTE Executive Board that is on the Trustmark bank account is Dr. Trent Gould. Dr. Terry Jayroe will be added at the earliest convenience.

### **IV. MACTE Dues**

- A. Dues are \$500 per membership year.
- B. Invoices for the 2024-2025 membership year are due now.
- C. Invoices for the 2025-2026 membership year will be sent in July.

**V. MACTE Awards**

- A. Nominations are due April 15.
- B. Awards ceremony will be held in June or possibly at the end of May.

**VI. AACTE Affiliation -Dr. Jacqueline King**

- A. By-laws will be sent as attachment.
- B. Please review State Affiliations – will share information about what other states are doing; faculty members can join; have state conferences and meetings.

**VII. CAEP Training for Site Reviewers**

- A. Send number of people who would like to be trained as a Site Reviewer to Dr. Terry Jayroe.
- B. Two-day site training – there will be pre-work and post-work.

**VIII. Senate Bill 2612 Discussion**

- A. Drs. Trent Gould, David Rock, and Terry Jayroe met with Dr. Evans, Dr. Vanderford, and Holly Spivey about admission information, exit exams, etc.
- B. Met December 17th, sent bill to mark up, sent it back, did not hear back; found out the bill had moved forward in February. The bill was not passed.
- C. Line 66 added; lines 142-144 are wrong.

**IX. Mississippi Code Title 37. Education 37-10-29**

- A. IHL's Report not MDE.
- B. Required in statute to report A-G to IHL, not all the items are currently being required by MDE.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.