



“Strengthening Educator Preparation Collaboratively”

**MACTE Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2025
Virtual Meeting**

Members Present: Terry Jayroe, Kim Hall, Teresa Duke, Kalanya Moore, LeTina Guice, Martin Hatton, Sandra Barnes, Trent Gould, Theresa Dumas, Vicki Davidson, Merideth Van Namen, Andrea Montgomery, Chris Washam, Tony Latiker, Anjanette Powers, Teresa Poole, Kelly Ballard, David Rock, Ashley Coleman, Harley Gonzales

- I. Welcome by Dr. Terry Jayroe
- II. Dr. Jayroe provided updates from the Mississippi Department of Education
 - a. Foundations of Reading Exam – July Commission Meeting
 - i. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code: 4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to require all candidates seeking initial licensure in the area of Elementary Education (K-3/K-6/4-6) to earn a passing score on either the Foundations of Reading assessment or Pathways to Proficient Reading following a Foundations of Reading assessment attempt and to establish a Three-Year Entry-Level Elementary Education Non-Renewable License option to allow completion of the Pathways to Proficient Reading while in-service for the purpose of obtaining a standard renewable five-year license.
 - ii. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code: 7-4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to amend the Foundations of Reading assessment requirement by removing the assessment from being required as one condition for obtaining licensure in the endorsement area of Special Education Mild/Moderate (licensure codes: 221 (K-12) and 223 (K-8)).
 - iii. Members discussed the true need for the Foundations of Reading exam when candidates are already required to take numerous literacy courses, particularly considering that Mississippi has risen in ranks related to literacy.

- iv. Concern was expressed that this did not apply to alternate route students. Additionally, requirements (i.e., GPA, testing, etc.) vary between traditional and alternate routes, which does not make sense to the committee.
- III. MELFA Request
 - a. MELFA submitted a letter to MDE requesting a change from the SLLA to the Praxis 5412. The SLLA costs \$425, while the Praxis costs \$130.
- IV. MACTE Dues
 - a. Budget began at \$9,455. Collection of membership dues for 2024-2025 from 13 out of 14 EPPs and 7 out of 14 EPPs for 2025-2026 resulted in \$10,000 for income; however, we had expenses from the previous year at Mississippi College as well as those over the summer, resulting in a net income of \$573. The balance as of August 1st is \$10,028.
- V. CAEP Training for Site Reviewers – September 25-26
 - a. Malina sent out the CAEP Training Modules, which are about 15 hours. The Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience will stay open on Thursday night until 6:00 pm so that participants can attend for free. There is also a concert at the Riley Center. Information was sent to all participants.
- VI. Other Business
 - a. Members discussed the survey sent by MDE as well as issues with the recent grant proposal request.
 - b. Continued concern that MDE shows a lack of trust in our academic institutions that are nationally accredited.
 - c. Members requested to meet with Dr. Lance Evans, State Superintendent, to discuss several concerns.
 - d. Dr. Terry Jayroe will meet with Dr. Evans on Tuesday and request an in-person meeting. She will email all members to set up the time and place for the meeting.
- VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.



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

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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 10th 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.