

**Minutes of the Education Achievement Council Meeting
Thursday, October 26, 2017**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Education Achievement Council (EAC) met in the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning Board Room in Jackson, Mississippi at 10:30 a.m. on October 26, 2017.

Council Members Present:

Dr. Jay Allen, President, Itawamba Community College
Mr. Milton Anderson, President, Mississippi Association of Proprietary Colleges
Dr. Glenn Boyce, Commissioner of Higher Education, Institutions of Higher Learning
Mr. Lee Bush, Board Member, Mississippi Community College Board
Dr. William Bynum, President, Jackson State University
Dr. E. Harold Fisher, Executive Director, Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
The Honorable Josh Harkins, Chairman, Mississippi Senate Universities and Colleges Committee
Dr. Andrea Mayfield, Executive Director, Mississippi Community College Board
The Honorable John Moore, Chairman, Mississippi House of Representatives Education Committee
Mr. C.D. Smith, Trustee, Institutions of Higher Learning via teleconference
Dr. Billy Stewart, President, East Central Community College.
Mrs. Cheryl Thurmond, Board Member, Mississippi Community College Board via teleconference
Ms. Vickie Powell representing Mr. Scott Waller, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mississippi Economic Council

Council Members Absent:

Ms. Rosemary Aultman, Chair, Mississippi Board of Education
Dr. Jim Borsig, President, Mississippi University for Women
The Honorable Eugene Clarke, Chairman, Mississippi Senate Appropriations Committee
Mr. Tom Duff, Trustee, Institutions of Higher Learning
Dr. Jim Haffey, President, Holmes Community College
The Honorable Nolan Mettetal, Chairman, Mississippi House of Representatives Universities and Colleges Committee
Mr. Adam Moore, Mississippi Department of Mental Health
The Honorable John Read, Chairman, Mississippi House of Representatives Appropriations Committee
Dr. Laurie Smith, Education Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Phil Bryant
The Honorable Gray Tollison, Chairman, Mississippi Senate Education Committee
Dr. Carey Wright, State Superintendent, Mississippi Department of Education

Others Present:

Ms. Caron Blanton, Communications Director, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

Mrs. Stephanie Bullock, Complete 2 Compete Project Coordinator, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

Ms. Kim Gallaspy, Director of Legislative Services, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
Dr. Jim Hood,

Ms. Audra Kimble, Assistant Executive Director for Academic and Student Affairs, Mississippi Community College Board

Ms. Heather Morrison, P-20 Project Coordinator, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

Ms. Kim Verneuille, Director of Proprietary Schools, Mississippi Community College Board

Ms. Shanell Watson, Associate Program Officer, Woodward Hines Education Foundation

I. Welcome

Dr. Glenn Boyce opened the meeting and invited Dr. Andrea Mayfield to introduce a new member of the Council.

Dr. Mayfield introduced Dr. Jay Allen, President of Itawamba Community College, who was recently appointed to the Council by the Mississippi Community College Board.

II. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Boyce presented the minutes for approval. Dr. Harold Fisher moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Lee Bush seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. Presentation of Annual Report Cards

Dr. Mayfield presented the annual Report Cards for the individual Community Colleges and a Statewide Summary of the Report Cards. A copy of the Community College Report Cards is attached to these minutes.

Dr. Boyce presented the IHL Report Cards. A copy of the IHL Report Cards is attached to these minutes.

Dr. Harold Fisher presented a report on the degrees awarded by the Independent Colleges and Universities from 2007 to present.

Mr. Milton Anderson gave an update on a project to track degrees and certificates awarded by the Proprietary Schools. He thanked MCCB for assistance in obtaining a software program to enable detailed tracking of enrollment and degrees/certificates awarded by the more than 50 Proprietary Schools operating in the state. Mr. Anderson called on Ms. Kim Verneuille who explained that the Commission on Proprietary Schools adopted a new regulation that requires collecting enrollment and graduation data from the schools. Currently, available IPEDS data only includes enrollment data and degrees awarded that are eligible for Title 4 funding. Half of the schools registered by the Commission are not eligible for Title 4 aid. Preliminary numbers will be available at the next meeting of the Council.

Chairman John Moore moved to approve the Community College and IHL Report Cards. Dr. Mayfield seconded the motion. The motion carried. The IHL and Community College Report Cards are posted on the EAC website, www.mississippi.edu/eac.

IV. Opportunities in Adult Education

Dr. Boyce discussed the need for Mississippi colleges and universities to focus more on adult learners. He presented the following facts about Adult Education. Nationally, 18 to 21-year-olds make up only about one-third of the college population. Approximately 38% of all students are over 25 years of age. About 4.8 million of postsecondary students are parents, and of those, 61% have no funds to contribute to higher education, but are finding a way to go to college. Almost half of today's students are on their own financially. Forty percent attend only part-time, which puts them at risk for not completing. Students work on average 19 hours per week. Forty percent of Community College students nationally work 20 hours or more per week. Dr. Boyce emphasized that colleges and universities must be very cognizant of the needs of adult students.

Dr. Boyce discussed the Complete 2 Compete Program. The program is gaining national attention. The website has had 14,811 hits since August 15. There have been 4380 students have applied to have their transcripts reviewed. Of the applications, 2864 are at IHL, and 1,516 are at Community Colleges. Approximately 9,200 mailers promoting the program have been sent, and another 7,500 mailers will be sent out next week. There have been 108 associate degrees awarded, and 22 bachelor's degrees awarded. Seventy-seven adults have re-enrolled to complete the coursework required to earn their degrees.

Dr. Boyce discussed Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) as a tool to help adult students earn degrees more quickly. In Spring 2018 there will be a Prior Learning Assessment Task Force formed to determine how Mississippi colleges and universities can take advantage of opportunities in Prior Learning Assessment. IHL and MCCB are working with the Council on Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) to conduct training, assessments and develop pilot programs for implementation of PLA.

Dr. Jimmy Clarke, with HCM Strategists, commended work on PLA. He noted that Complete 2 Compete is in line with other states that have similar initiatives Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Indiana, Maryland, Texas, Virginia and Washington. It is a challenging effort and it is essential to build in wrap-around services to support adult learners. Resources from the state will be essential to sustained success. He offered support from the HCM Strategy Labs to make connections with others who are doing similar work to share best practices.

V. Schedule of Meetings for 2018

Dr. Boyce shared the proposed meeting dates for 2018. In lieu of a regular meeting in January, the Council will work with the Chairmen of the Education and Universities & Colleges Committees to schedule an opportunity to share information about educational attainment efforts in the state. The 2018 meeting dates will be:

January Date TBD – Presentation to Education and Universities & Colleges Committees
April 26 – Regular Meeting
October 25 – Regular Meeting to approve Report Cards and other business

The April and October meetings will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the IHL Board Room. Lunch will be provided.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business, Dr. Jay Allen moved to adjourn. Mr. Lee Bush seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.