



**Minutes from the MACTE Meeting  
Mississippi College Lowrey Hall  
Friday, February 19, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Rock. Dr. Rock thanked Mississippi College, Dr. Locke, and Dr. Melton for hosting the meeting and providing lunch. Introductions were made by all at.

**Members in attendance:** Debbie Burson, Millsaps; Ann Blackwell, USM; Representative from William Carey; Juetta Bingham, JSU; Leslie Griffin, DSU; Monica Riley, MUW; Don Locke, Miss. College; David Hand, Belhaven; Lula Collier, MSVU; Donna Shea, MSU; David Rock, UM; Janetta Waddell, Blue Mt.; Susan Lee, IHL representative.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved. The motion for approval was made by Dr. Blackwell; a second was made by Dr. Carr

Treasurer's report was provided by Dr. Burson

**Glen East, Superintendent of the Gulfport School District,** requested feedback regarding teacher retention issues. He noted in the last two or three years his district has lost teachers in early fall. He indicated that this had not occurred in the past. He suggested that EPPs begin earlier clinical field placements to ensure candidates have a greater depth of involvement in schools with a more behind the scenes look prior to student teaching.

**Kelly Butler, The Barksdale Reading Institute,** shared the statewide data report regarding the inconsistencies in Early Literacy I and II instruction among the EPPs. The statewide report was provided to all EPPs. Individual institution reports will be emailed early March.

**IHL Updates and Discussions:** Dr. Susan Lee provided updates from IHL. She noted transitions in personnel at IHL. Dr. Lee's title is now Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs; she will continue to work with EPPs. A new department for external relations has been created to work with business/university relations and public relations. Casey Turnage is now working with community colleges, and Kim Gillespie will continue to work with legislative issues. A technical amendment to House Bill 89 is needed; the language is not right. Bill should read *state approved cut score*. Dr. Lee is having difficulty getting MDE to respond to the request. Dr. Lee gets legislative updates each Friday. If EPPs want this update they should let her know.

**MDE Updates and Discussions:** No one from MDE attended the MACTE meeting.

With no other items to discuss, Dr. Blackwell made a motion to adjourn; Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Rock.

Respectfully submitted: Debbie Burson, Secretary/Treasurer