

Teacher Education Advisory Council Committee

March 1, 2023

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Zoom

Welcome (**Dean Hill-Clarke**)

Attendees: Dr. Rebecca Adams, Dr. Celia Anderson, Dr. Bryna Bobick, Dean Kandi Hill-Clarke, Dr. Carol Irwin, Dr. Sandra Cooley-Nichols, Dr. Tiffany Bates, Dr. Brian Wright, Dr. Logan Caldwell Dr. Nichelle Robinson

Scribe: Dr. Ayanna Perkins

Updates:

- **Greetings, Dean Kandi Hill-Clarke**
 - Positive results on the State Report Card ([TDOE Report Card link](#))
 - The [UofM Strategic Plan](#) has been released.
 - There are currently four finalists for the Director of Assessment position who will be interviewed on campus
 - Dean Hill-Clarke will begin tours with superintendents and district leaders.
 - Spring Tours: Dr. Stevens- Bartlett, Dr. Lily, Collierville and Dr. Robinson- MSCS and Lakeland
 - President Hardgrave will be hosting a luncheon with the superintendents and Education leaders. Dean Hill-Clake and Sally Parrish will attend.
- **River City Scholars Contract Signing Day Celebration**
 - The Inaugural group of RCP candidates (former MSCS students) signed to affirm their commitment to return to MSCS as teachers when they graduate in May.
 - The celebration involved the high school level teachers as professional (TAP) students, faculty and staff from COE, family and friends of RCP candidates, and MSCS staff and administration.
- **ICL Program Redesign (Dr. Cooley-Nichols)**
 - Undergraduate programs are approved at the university level.
 - Graduate programs will be voted on, Friday, March 3, 2023.
- **GYO/Apprenticeship (Dr. Celia Anderson)**
 - The Grow Your Own program will cover the expenses of teacher assistants seeking to be teachers.
 - The UofM was also awarded a subgrant to ensure that the program is no-cost.

- The first cohort of teacher assistants will start as juniors in our TALN program. The second cohort will include teacher assistants with Bachelor's degrees who are interested in STEM fields and will enter our MAT Secondary program as well as teacher assistants interested in Elementary and SPED who will enter our Elementary program and add a SPED endorsement.

Office of Teacher Ed & Clinical Placements (Robinson)

1. Introducing Dr. Ayanna Perkins (Celebration)
 2. EOY Celebration: Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 - a. We will celebrate residency candidates, mentor teachers, district partners and other key stakeholders who have made this year a success.
 - b. Teacher candidates who were admitted to the TEP program recently will also be recognized at the celebration.
- **TDOE – (Robinson)**
 1. edTPA Policy Change for JEP Candidates – MAT teacher candidates who are teachers of record teaching on an initial teaching license will not be required to complete the edTPA portfolio effective June 1, 2023.
 - a. Discussion:
 - i. Dr. Irwin- The new edTPA policy is uneven, considering that undergraduate students still need to take the examinations.
 1. Dr. Robinson added that she expressed her concern at the TACTE conference about the undergraduates and MAT-level permit candidates not receiving the same opportunity to waive the testing requirements.
 - ii. Dr. Frizzell expressed that the EdTPA rubrics are subjective.
 1. Dr. Robinson explained that the state is exploring alternatives to that align with the Music subject area.
 2. MAT candidates with content degrees in the Core Academic areas: (English, Math, History, and Science) as well as candidates with a World Languages degree will not be required to take and pass Praxis Content exams as long as they are enrolled in a MAT program for their content area.
 3. [SBE Policy link](#)
 - **Open Discussion/Additional topics**
 - The University of Memphis College of Education has been accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).