

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that a Special Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was convened in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 9:00 a.m. on November 8, being the second Wednesday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: Charles Tillman, Council President, Ward 5; Melvin Priester, Jr., Vice-President, Ward 2; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; De'Keither Stamps, Ward 4; Aaron Banks, Ward 6 and Virgi Lindsay, Ward 7. Directors: Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor; Kristi Moore, City Clerk; Angela Harris, Deputy City Clerk; Allice Lattimore, Deputy City Clerk and Monica Allen, City Attorney.

Absent: Kenneth Stokes, Ward 3.

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The meeting was called to order by **President Charles Tillman**.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF ED SIVAK TO THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Public School Board consists of seven (7) members, for a term of five (5) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Sivak, resident of Ward 1, after evaluation of his qualifications, has been nominated by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Ed Sivak to the Jackson Public School Board be confirmed with said term to expire on June 30, 2020.

**Vice President Priester** moved adoption; **Council Member Banks** seconded.

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**President Tillman** recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of **Ed Sivak** for consideration to the Jackson Public School Board for the City of Jackson, Mississippi. **Ed Sivak** read his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members.

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Thereafter, **President Tillman** called for a vote:

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- Stokes.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF LETITIA JOHNSON TO THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Public School Board consist of seven (7) members, for a term of five (5) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Letitia Johnson, resident of Ward 2, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been nominated by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Letitia Johnson to the Jackson Public School Board be confirmed with said term to expire on June 30, 2021.

**Council Member Stamps** moved adoption; **Vice President Priester** seconded.

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**President Tillman** recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of **Letitia Johnson** for consideration to the Jackson Public School Board for the City of Jackson, Mississippi. **Letitia Johnson** read her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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Thereafter, **President Tillman** called for a vote:

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.  
Nays- None.  
Absent- Stokes.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF BARBARA HILLIARD TO THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Public School Board consist of seven (7) members, for a term of five (5) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara Hilliard, resident of Ward 3, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been nominated by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Barbara Hilliard to the Jackson Public School Board be confirmed with said term to expire on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Council Member Stamps** moved adoption; **Vice President Priester** seconded.

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**President Tillman** recognized **Council Member Stamps** who moved, seconded by **Council Member Banks** to change Ward 3 to Ward 4. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.  
Nays- None.  
Absent- Stokes.

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**President Tillman** recognized **Monica Allen**, City Attorney, who stated that an amendment was needed to insert a term expiration date of June 30, 2022. **Council Member Stamps** moved, seconded by **Council Member Lindsay** to set the term expiration date as June 30, 2022. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.  
Nays- None.  
Absent- Stokes.

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**President Tillman** recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of **Barbara Hilliard** for consideration to the Jackson Public School Board for the City of Jackson, Mississippi. **Barbara Hilliard** read her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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Thereafter, **President Tillman** called for a vote on item as amended:

**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF BARBARA HILLIARD TO THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Public School Board consist of seven (7) members, for a term of five (5) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara Hilliard, resident of Ward 4, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been nominated by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Barbara Hilliard to the Jackson Public School Board be confirmed with said term to expire on June 30, 2022.

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- Stokes.

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**President Tillman** left the meeting and **Vice President Priester** presided over the meeting.

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**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF JEANNE HAIRSTON TO THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Public School Board consists of seven (7) members, for a term of five (5) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Jeanne Hairston, resident of Ward 5, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been nominated by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Jeanne Hairston to the Jackson Public School Board be confirmed with said term to expire on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Vice President Priester** moved adoption; **Council Member Banks** seconded.

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**Vice President Priester** recognized **Monica Allen**, City Attorney, who stated that an amendment was needed to insert a term expiration date of September 30, 2022. **Council Member Stamps** moved, seconded by **Council Member Banks** to set the term expiration date as September 30, 2022. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester and Stamps.

Nays- None.

Absent- Stokes and Tillman.

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**President Tillman** returned to the meeting.

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**President Tillman** recognized **Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba** who provided a brief presentation on the qualifications of **Jeanne Hairston** for consideration to the Jackson Public School Board for the City of Jackson, Mississippi. **Jeanne Hairtson** read her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

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Thereafter, **President Tillman** called for a vote on item as amended:

**ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF JEANNE HAIRSTON TO THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson Public School Board consists of seven (7) members, for a term of five (5) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Jeanne Hairston, resident of Ward 5, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been nominated by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Mayor's appointment of Jeanne Hairston to the Jackson Public School Board be confirmed with said term to expire on September 30, 2022.

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- Stamps and Stokes.

**Note: Council Member Stamps** left the meeting prior to voting.

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The following reports/announcements were provided during the meeting:

- **Dr. Robert Blaine**, Chief Administrative Officer, provided the Council with a report of the first meeting of Better Together Commission consisting of members selected by the Governor of Mississippi, the Mayor of Jackson and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Dr. Blaine stated the following:
  1. The commission has created a website: [www.bettertogether.org](http://www.bettertogether.org)
  2. The commission will create a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a third party evaluator that will look at all the data where JPS currently stands along with all the data from the community
  3. The commission will compose an action plan that would bring JPS from its current status into the desired vision of the commission and school board.

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the next Zoning Council Meeting to be held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2017 and at 12:38 p.m., the Council stood adjourned.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

*Justi Moore*  
CITY CLERK

*Chokwe G. Lumumba* <sup>1500</sup> 12/4/17  
MAYOR DATE

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