

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Meeting of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, was called by a majority of the City Council Members and notices having been placed by the Clerk of Council at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 16, 2025, in the Clerk of Council's Office, electronic notifications to all Council Members, on the City's website and on the public bulletin board in City Hall, relative to: (1) Order confirming the Mayor's appointment of Dr. Wanda Keahey to the Planning Board; (2) Order confirming the Mayor's appointment of Angela Brown as Director of the Department of Planning and Development for the City of Jackson, Mississippi; (3) Order confirming the Mayor's appointment of Beneta Burt to the Jackson Housing Authority Board and (4) Order confirming the Mayor's appointment of Lea A. Scott, II to the Board of Trustees for the Jackson Public School District. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers located at 219 S. President Street at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 19, 2025, being the third Friday of said month, when and where the following things were had and done to wit:

Present: Council Members: Brian Grizzell, Council President, Ward 4; Vernon Hartley, Vice President, Ward 5; Ashby Foote, Ward 1; Lashia Brown-Thomas, Ward 6 and Kevin Parkinson, Ward 7. Directors: John A. Horhn, Mayor; Shanekia Mosley-Jordan, Clerk of Council; Sabrina Shelby, Chief Deputy Clerk of Council and Chelsea Chicosky, Deputy City Attorney.

Absent: Montyne Clay, Ward 2 and Kenneth I. Stokes, Ward 3.

The meeting was called to order by **President Grizzell**.

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DR. WANDA KEAHEY TO THE PLANNING BOARD.

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends that Dr. Wanda Keahey be appointed to serve on the City of Jackson's Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021, the City Council confirmed the Mayor's reappointment of Joyce Jackson to the Planning Board with a term to expire on October 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of Dr. Wanda Keahey to the Planning Board is permitted because Section 2-419 of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances states that all appointments to the board shall be for a period of four years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, after evaluation and review of her qualifications, has appointed Dr. Wanda Keahey to fill the board vacancy for Ward 3 with a term to expire on December 16, 2029.

IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED that the council confirms the mayor's recommendation to appoint Dr. Wanda Keahey to the Planning Board.

IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED that Dr. Wanda Keahey's service shall be without compensation, and the term of her service shall expire on December 16, 2029.

Vice President Hartley moved adoption; **Council Member Brown-Thomas** seconded.

President Grizzell recognized **Mayor John Horhn**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

President Grizzell recognized **Dr. Wanda Keahey**, who gave her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

After a thorough discussion, **President Grizzell** called for a vote on said item:

Yeas – Brown-Thomas, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley and Parkinson.
Nays – None.
Absent– Clay and Stokes.

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF ANGELA BROWN AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2025, the Mayor appointed Angela Brown as the Director of Planning and Development for the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the appointment came before the City Council for confirmation as required by Section 21-8-23(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the appointment, and a majority of the Council present and voting has determined that the appointment should be confirmed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that the appointment of Angela Brown as Director of the Department of Planning and Development for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby confirmed.

Council Member Parkinson moved adoption; **Council Member Brown-Thomas** seconded.

President Grizzell recognized **Mayor John Horhn**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

President Grizzell recognized **Angela Brown**, who gave her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

After a thorough discussion, **President Grizzell** called for a vote on said item:

Yeas – Brown-Thomas, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley and Parkinson.
Nays – None.
Absent– Clay and Stokes.

ORDER CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF BENETA BURT TO THE JACKSON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD.

WHEREAS, the Jackson Housing Authority Board consists of five (5) members for a term of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for Ward 3; and

WHEREAS, Beneta Burt, resident of Ward 3, after evaluation of her qualifications, has been appointed by the Mayor to fill said vacancy.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor’s appointment of Beneta Burt to the Jackson Housing Authority Board be confirmed, with said term to expire December 16, 2030.

Vice President Hartley moved adoption; **Council Member Brown-Thomas** seconded.

President Grizzell recognized **Mayor John Horhn**, who provided a brief overview of said item.

President Grizzell recognized **Beneta Burt**, who gave her personal statement and answered questions posed to her by Council Members.

After a thorough discussion, **President Grizzell** called for a vote on said item:

Yeas – Brown-Thomas, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley and Parkinson.
Nays – None.
Absent– Clay and Stokes.

ORDER APPOINTING LEE A. SCOTT, II TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends that the governing authority for the City of Jackson confirm Lee A. Scott, II to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Jackson Public School District for Ward 6; and

WHEREAS, in municipalities designated as having a mayor-council form of government and having a population in excess of one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the 2000 federal decennial census, the boards of trustees of the municipal separate school district located in the municipality may, if authorized by ordinance of the municipal governing authority, consist of seven (7) members residing in each of the seven (7) wards in the municipality, to be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the city council . . . (Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-203(3)); and

WHEREAS, after evaluating his qualifications, the Mayor recommends Lee A. Scott, II, a Ward 6 resident, to the Board of Trustees for the Jackson Public School District, replacing Cynthia Thompson whose term expired on October 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Lee A. Scott, II shall serve for a term of five years.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Mayor's appointment of Lee A. Scott, II, to the Jackson Public School Board is confirmed, with the term to expire on June 30, 2030.

Council Member Brown-Thomas moved adoption; **Vice President Hartley** seconded.

Vice President Hartley recognized **Council Member Brown-Thomas**, who provided a brief introduction of **Mr. Lee A. Scott, II**.

Vice President Hartley recognized **Lee A. Scott, II**, who gave his personal statement and answered questions posed to him by Council Members.

After a thorough discussion, **Vice President Hartley** called for a vote on said item:

Yeas – Brown-Thomas, Clay, Hartley and Parkinson.
Nays – None.
Recusal – Grizzell.
Absent – Foote and Stokes.

Note: President Grizzell recused himself and left the meeting prior to any discussion of said item.

The following reports/announcements were provided during the meeting:

• **Council Member Parkinson** announced the following:

Deputy Clerk of Council, Esther Urbina had been accepted into the Master of Public Policy and Administration program at Jackson State University.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025 10:00 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was unanimously voted to adjourn until the Regular Council Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 30, 2025. At 11:39 a.m., the Council stood adjourned.

PREPARED BY:

Shaniqua Masley-Bjornson
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

[Signature], 12/30/2025
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DATE

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK
