ORDER: SPREAD ON THE MINUTES CERTIFICATION LETTER FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE TAX COLLECTOR EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM NOTIFYING OF CERTIFICATION STATUS OF ROCKY KENNEDY-CR II, MARY GRACE MCCAIN-CR II, SOPHIA SAWIN-CR II AND KORI CUPPS-CR I

Motion was made by Scott Allen, duly seconded by John Morgan, to spread on the minutes Certification letter from the Advisory Board of the MS State Tax Collector Education & Certification Program notifying of Certification Status of Rocky Kennedy-CR II, Mary Grace McCain-CR II, Sophia Sawin-CR II & Kori Cupps-CR I.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes Supervisor John Morgan, voted yes Supervisor Tim Gordon, voted yes Supervisor Scott Allen, voted yes Supervisor Greg Bynum, voted yes

After the vote, President Larson, declared the motion carried, this the 4th day of August, 2025.

Brent Larson, President Board of Supervisors Mike Roberts, Chancery Clerk



July 17, 2025

Rocky Kennedy 300 North Lamar, Suite 103 Oxford, MS 38655

Dear Rocky Kennedy:

On behalf of the Advisory Board of the MS Tax Collector Education and Certification Program, the Center for Government and Community Development is providing notification of your office's certification status within the legislatively-mandated Mississippi Tax Collector Education and Certification Program. A list of participants and their current certification status is contained within this document.

As provided in Section 27-1-51 of the Mississippi Code, participants may now qualify for an annual increase:

- (6)(a) When any tax collector or deputy tax collector holds a valid certificate of educational recognition from the Education and Certification Board as established by Section 27-1-67 by attaining certification as a Collector of Revenue I (CR1), he shall receive an additional Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after completion.
- (6)(b) When any tax collector or deputy tax collector holds a valid certificate of educational recognition from the Education and Certification Board as established by Section 27-1-67 by attaining certification as a Collector of Revenue II (CR 2), he shall receive an additional Two Thousand Dollars (\$ 2,000.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after completion.
- (6)(c) When any tax collector or deputy tax collector holds a valid certificate of educational recognition from the Education and Certification Board as established by Section 27-1-67 by attaining certification as a Mississippi Collector of Revenue (MCR), he shall receive an additional Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$ 2,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after completion.

County	Participant	CR1=\$2000	CR2=\$2000	MCR=\$2500
Lafayette	Kori Cupps Valid through 09/30/2027	Effective 10/1/2025		
Lafayette	Rocky Kennedy Valid through 09/30/2027	Effective 10/1/2024	Effective 10/1/2025	
Lafayette	Mary McCain Valid through 09/30/2027	Effective 10/1/2015	Effective 10/1/2021	
Lafayette	Sophia Sawin Valid through 09/30/2027	Effective 10/1/2021	Effective 10/1/2022	

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Icl103@msstate.edu.

Sincerely,

Lauren Colby Nickels **Extension Specialist**

Center for Government and Community Development

Lauren Colby Nickels

C: President, Board of Supervisors, Lafayette County Chancery Clerk, Lafayette County MS Office of the State Auditor