

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201**

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

DECEMBER 4, 2014

Minutes

The 393rd meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held at the Maryland State Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 on October 2, 2014. Mr. Darren Hornbeck called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Ms. Merlyn Bell, Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Dr. Colleen Eisenbeiser, Ms. Ayana English-Brown, Mr. Ronald Goldblatt, Dr. Lisa Grillo, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Dr. Alyssia James, Mr. Philip Kauffman, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Dr. Mary Ellen Lewis, Dr. Donna Newcomer, Ms. Dawn Pipkin, Ms. Jean Satterfield, Ms. Valerie Saxton Sharpe, Dr. Theresa Stafford, and Dr. Jamey Tobery-Nystrom.

The following members were absent: Ms. Cathy Cerveny, Dr. Lorraine Cornish-Harrison, Ms. Louise DeJesu, Dr. Barbara Martin-Palmer, Dr. Bryan Powell, and Dr. Karen Roe.

The following Maryland State Department of Education staff members were present: Ms. Ruth Downs (Recorder), Dr. Joann Ericson, and Derek Simmons, Esq., Attorney General's Office.

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Recognition of Guests

Ms. Geraldine Duval, Maryland State Educator Association (MSEA).

Public Comment

None

State Board

The State Board did not meet in November

Action Items

Approval of November 6, 2014 Minutes:

Mr. Darren Hornbeck entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Philip Kaufman/Ms. Mary Ellen Lewis

To approve the November 6, 2014 minutes.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for January 8, 2014

- Approval of December Minutes
- State Board Report
- Elementary Panel on Mathematics Content
- COMAR 13A.12.01, General Provisions

Mr. Darren Hornbeck entertained a motion to approve Proposed Agenda for January 8, 2015 meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Ron Goldblatt/Ms. Valerie Saxton Sharpe

To approve the Proposed Agenda for January 8, 2015.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Discussion/Action Items

COMAR 13A.12.01 UPDATE

Dr. Joann Ericson and Mr. Derek Simmons presented an update COMAR 13A.12.01, General Provisions.

Mr. Simmons asked the PSTEB to approve the proposed changes to COMAR 13A.12.01 so that it may go to the State Board for their approval.

Mr. Christopher Lloyd asked questions in regards to the term “Credential” and other definitions used for COMAR 13A.12.01. Dr. Ericson explained the difference in the wording and why it was necessary to use the term and definitions.

Page 2 (11) - Credential is the umbrella term that includes both certificate and license. *“Credential” means a license issued to individuals not required to hold a certificate or a certificate issued to individuals to hold certification as stated in §.03B(1) – (3) of this chapter.*

Page 5 (40) – “Specific [certification] *credential* area”; credential is the umbrella term used in the proposed changes wherever certificate currently appears. Special Education (A, B, & C) under 40 could have both (a) & (b).

- (a) Content area or subject area such as English, music, or physical education;
- (b) Grade level such as early childhood, elementary, middle, secondary, or PreK—12; or
- (c) Job specific designation under COMAR 13A.12.02, 13A.12.03, and 13A.12.04.

Page 7- [D] E. Personnel not Eligible.

(2) Personnel under investigation for a cause under COMAR 13A.12.05 shall remain ineligible for a [certificate] *credential* pending the result of the investigation.

Page 15- .07 Resident Teacher Certificate

(B) The Resident Teacher Certificate shall be issued [initially] for 2 school years and [may] *shall* not be renewed.

Pages 20-21 **All** references to Reading Content were deleted, which included types of reading courses.

Page 22- .12 Reinstatement of a [Certificate] *Credential*

(2) *An initial Professional Certificate may be reinstated upon request by the local superintendent of schools for an applicant who fails to meet the experience requirement under §.06C(1)(b) of this chapter.*

On page 12, the language needs to be reviewed for “Initial Professional Certificate”. Mr. Simmons stated that the language needs to be in an active voice. A validity period also needs to be added in the Renewal/Reinstatement of credentials. Definitions for renewal and reinstatement also need to be added.

Mr. Simmons told the PSTEB that a new copy will be sent out with all the changes prior to the January meeting. (The clean copy will have all the changes highlighted in yellow.)

STATE BOARD AND PSTEB JOINT MEETING

Mr. Hornbeck informed PSTEB that he and Dr. Lorraine Cornish-Harrison along with members of MSDE will be meeting with the State Board on December 12th. A summary of the meeting will be provided to PSTEB at the January meeting.

Break 11:10

DISCUSSION REGARDING DIFFERENTIATION

During the past year, there have been several discussions on differentiation. The following were areas of consideration by the board:

- Teacher preparation in meeting the needs of at-risk learners
- Areas for in preparing pre-service teachers in differentiation of instruction
- Opportunities for students going through a preparation program to have experiences in differentiation
- The value of dually certified teachers

- National recommendations for preparation for pre-service and in-service teachers in this area
- Barriers in Higher Education to assisting pre-service teachers in this work
- Quality control with CPD courses.

Mr. Darren Hornbeck adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.