

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

April 4, 2019
Minutes

The 434th meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held at the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 on March 7, 2019. Ms. Maleeta Kitchen called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Ms. Jennifer Berkley, Ms. Linda Chinnia, Dr. Debi Gartland, Mr. Charles Hagan, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Dr. John Mayo, Dr. Kristine McGee, Ms. Kelli Midgley, Ms. Debra Poese, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Ms. Sarah Spross, Dr. Winona Taylor, Ms. Geralda Thompson and Dr. Jamey Tobery-Nystrom.

The following members were absent: Dr. C. Mae Alfree, Mr. Peter Baily, Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Dr. Kindel Nash and Ms. Karen Saar.

The following Maryland State Department of Education staff members were present:

Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Alexandria Cambra, Ms. Ruth Downs (Recorder) and Mr. Derek Simmons, Esq., Attorney General's Office.

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Recognition of Guests

Ms. Geraldine Duvel, MSEA

Public Comment

None

Announcements

None

State Board Update (Attachment I)

Dr. Miya Simpson presented a summary of the March 26, 2019 Maryland State Board of Education meetings.

Legislative Update

Ms. Tiffany Clark presented a summary of the Maryland General Assembly 2019 Session on Senate Bill 1030 (House Bill 1413) to the PSTEB. This bill establishes The Blueprint for Maryland's Future as State education policy, based on the recommendations of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (Kirwan Commission). Ms. Clark stated that Senate Bill 1030 passed 43 to 1. House Bill 1413 was floor favorable with amendments. For more information on the bills, you may go to the Maryland General Assembly website: mgaleg.maryland.gov.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of March Minutes

Ms. Maleeta Kitchen entertained a motion to approve the March 7, 2019 minutes with one correction.

MOTION: Ms. Debi Gartland /Dr. John Mayo

To approve the March 7, 2019 minutes with one correction.

Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for May 2019

- Approval of Minutes
- State Board Update
- Certification Assessment: For Information
- Suspension and Revocation Draft Regulatory Language
- Teachers: Draft Regulatory Language
- Program Approval: Draft Regulatory Language

Ms. Maleeta Kitchen entertained a motion to adopt the items on the May agenda as presented.

MOTION: Mr. Charles Hagan/Ms. Sandra Skordalos

To approve the May meeting agenda.

Out of State Pathways Draft Regulatory Language (Discussion Only) (Attachment II)

Ms. Kelly Meadows provided an updated presentation on the out-of-state pathways regulatory language.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to provide draft regulatory language to the PSTEB members for discussion pertaining to out-of-state pathways leading to initial Maryland teacher certification. This regulatory language is aligned to the MSDE comprehensive plan to increase the rigor and accountability of educator certification and teacher preparation programs in Maryland.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The regulatory language provided for discussion identifies the future out-of-state pathways leading to Maryland educator certification.

ACTION:

For discussion only.

Educator Preparation Program Requirements Draft Regulatory Language (Discussion Only) (Attachment III)

Ms. Kelly Meadows and Ms. Alexandria Cambra provided an updated presentation on the Educator Preparation Program Requirements Regulations.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to provide draft regulatory language to the PSTEB members for discussion pertaining to program requirements. This regulatory language is aligned to the MSDE comprehensive plan to increase the rigor and accountability of educator certification and teacher preparation programs in Maryland.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The regulatory language provided for discussion establishes the program requirements for educator preparation programs leading to initial Maryland teacher certification.

ACTION:

For discussion only.

Transforming Certification: Teacher Licensure (For Discussion and Approval) (Attachment IV)

Ms. Sarah Spross provided an updated presentation on Transforming Certification: Teacher Licensure.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to provide information to the PSTEB members for discussion and ultimately, determination of which licenses, formerly referred as certificate types, will be available to Maryland educators. Once again, assuring that the proposed licenses are aligned to the MSDE comprehensive plan to increase the rigor and accountability of educator certification and teacher preparation programs in Maryland.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This item provides the necessary information for the PSTEB members to engage in a discussion and ultimately, make decisions about what will be the future licenses available to Maryland educators. The presentation provides specific decision points that will assist the MSDE staff in developing policy and/or regulations related to the certification action plan. The action plan includes items identified by the MSDE, the State Board of Education, the PSTEB, and recommendations of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education and the Teacher Induction, Retention, and Advancement Act of 2016 Workgroup.

ACTION:

For discussion and approval.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Spross outlined the changes that will be made to move away from the current eight (8) licenses down to five (5) licenses.

The new licenses are:

- Conditional: 5 year validity – No renewable.
- Temporary Professional: 2 year validity – Not renewable.
- Initial Professional: 5 year validity – Is renewable.
- Professional: 5 year validity – Is renewable.
- Adjunct: 1 year validity – Is renewable.

The PSTEB members asked very in-depth questions and expressed their concerns in regards to the changes to the licenses. Ms. Spross answered all the questions and concerns that were asked by the PSTEB members. Ms. Maleeta Kitchen stated that she would like to take the information back to the organization that she represents to get their input. Ms. Spross agreed with this suggested and recommended that each member speak with the organization that they represent. Further discussion on the teacher licenses will continue at the May meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Ms. Maleeta Kitchen entertained a motion to adjourn the April PSTEB meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Debi Gartland/Dr. Winona Taylor

To adjourn the April 4, 2019 meeting.

Meeting adjourned 12:45 p.m.