

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

January 9, 2020
Minutes

The 443rd 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 January 9, 2020. Mr. Christopher Lloyd called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Ms. Jennifer Berkley, Mr. Louis D’Ambrosio, Dr. Debi Gartland, Mr. Charles Hagan, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Ms. Kelli Midgley, Dr. Kindel Nash, Ms. Debra Poese, Dr. Patricia Saelens, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Ms. Sarah Spross, Dr. Winona Taylor, and Ms. Geralda Thompson.

The following members were absent: Mr. Peter Baily, Ms. Linda Chinnia, Dr. Kristine McGee, Ms. Karen Saar and Dr. Jack Smith.

The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present: Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Alexandra Cambra, and Ms. Ruth Downs (Recorder)

The following Attorney General staff members were present: Ms. Carla Boyd, Esq., Assistant Attorney General

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Recognition of Guests

Ms. Geraldine Duvel, MSEA
Ms. Jennifer Frank, MICUA
Mr. Tavon Lawrence, TNTP/BCTR
Ms. Leslie Faylor, Teach for America – Baltimore
Dr. Maggie Madden, MATE
Mr. Robert Eccles, MSDE

Public Comment

None

Announcements

Ms. Spross informed the Board members that the MSDE is currently updating the website to assure that all items meet accessibility standards. As a result, the minutes and agendas need to be removed and updated to meet accessibility standards. During this period, a statement will be placed on the website informing individuals that copies of minutes and agendas may be requested through an identified individual. Beginning January 2020, all agendas and minutes will be completed in an accessible format. The MSDE will begin updating all 2019 documents, December to January, and then move to 2018 documents, December to January. The MSDE will continue to keep Board members updated regarding this process.

State Board Update

Mr. Lloyd stated that there was no State Board of Education (SBOE) meeting report. The meeting was held on December 3, 2019. The next scheduled meeting is January 28, 2020.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of November and December Minutes

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Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to adopt the approval of the November 7, 2019, and December 5, 2019, minutes with the suggested corrections.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Dr. Debi Gartland

To approve the November 7, 2019, and December 5, 2019 minutes with minor corrections.

Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for February 2020

- Approval of Minutes
- State Board Update
- Regulations as Appropriate
- Legislative Update
- Educator Preparation/Certification Advisory Committee Update
- Executive Session
- Discussion and Action of Minutes

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to adopt the items on the February 2020 agenda with some flexibility.

MOTION: Mr. Charles Hagan/Mr. Louis D'Ambrosio

To approve the February 2020 meeting agenda with some flexibility.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Educator Preparation/Certification Advisory Committee Update

Ms. Spross provided a verbal update regarding the December 11, 2019, meeting of Dr. Salmon's Educator Preparation/Certification Advisory Committee (Committee). Membership on the Committee was reviewed and confirmed; there are seven (7) individuals representing Educator Preparation and seven (7) individuals from the PreK-12 communities. Some PSTEB members expressed concern that there are no teachers on the Committee.

Committee discussion during the December 11, 2019, meeting focused on the proposed educator preparation regulations. Participants were provided the concern, proposed challenge to focus discussions, and items for consideration on each of the identified topics:

- Standards and Competencies
- Clinical Internship
- Credit Hour Requirements
- edTPA/PPAT and Dual Enrollment Programs

Additional items discussed, included:

- Educator Preparation Approval Cycle
- Program Reporting Requirements

Board members asked to have another update during the February meeting.

State Board of Education Update

Mr. Lloyd provided an updated presentation on the SBOE. The discussion included the following items:

- December 18 letter sent to the SBOE President inviting him and another SBOE member to attend a future PSTEB meeting.
- Recommended the establishment of a Joint Taskforce of K-12 Stakeholders and Higher Ed Stakeholders to discuss and review the regulations.

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- Board members discussed the possibility of requesting a Joint Conference Committee with the SBOE to discuss regulatory language.

REGULATIONS

Mr. Lloyd opened the floor for discussion pertaining to the proposed educator preparation/certification regulations. No discussion took place.

11:50 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. - Adjourned to Executive Session

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to move into Executive Session.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Ms. Geralda Thompson Motion to move into Executive Session.

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to adjourn from Executive Session.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Ms. Jennifer Berkley Motion to adjourn from Executive Session.

Members returned from executive session and Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to add a discussion regarding meeting minutes to the February agenda and to make the executive session a standing item on the agenda

MOTION: Ms. Deb Poese/Ms. Kelli Midgley To add a discussion regarding meeting minutes to the February agenda and to make the executive session a standing item on the agenda.

Adjourned

Mr. Lloyd adjourned the PSTEB meeting without objection.

Meeting adjourned 12:45 p.m.