

## MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, January 23, 2019  
Maryland State Board of Education  
200 W. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The Maryland State Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nancy S. Grasmick State Education Building. The following members were in attendance: Dr. Justin M. Hartings, President; Ms. Stephanie R. Iszard, Vice President; Dr. Chester E. Finn, Jr.; Mr. Bryce Awono; Dr. Vermelle Greene; Dr. Rose M. Li; Ms. Jean Halle; Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy; Mr. Michael Phillips; Brigadier General (BG) Warner Sumpter (Ret.); and State Superintendent Dr. Karen B. Salmon. (Dr. David Steiner was absent).

The following staff members were present: Liz Kameen, Esq., Assistant Attorney General; Dr. Sylvia Lawson, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of School Effectiveness; Amalie Brandenburg, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of Finance and Administration; Dr. Carol Williamson, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of Teaching and Learning; and Dr. Miya T. Simpson, Executive Director, Office of the State Board.

Dr. Hartings opened the meeting and welcomed Board Members, panelists, and guests.

State Board members received a briefing and engaged in discussions on the work of the Kirwan Commission and an overview of each workgroups recommendations, as outlined in the draft report. Panelists included:

- *Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Vice Chair of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee; Moderator, Working Group 2 – High Quality Teachers and Leaders*
- *Ms. Margaret E. Williams, Member, Working Group 1 – Early Childhood Education*
- *Dr. Chester Finn, Moderator, Working Group 3 – College and Career Pathways*
- *Ms. Joy Schaefer, Moderator, Working Group 4 - More Resources for At-Risk Students*

Senator Pinsky began the discussion with an overview and description of the Kirwan Commission's planning process and structure. Board members engaged moderators in discussion around each working group and key policy areas to include teacher preparation, career ladders, finance, preK, school reorganization, teacher preparation, professional development, and resources for at-risk students. Board members also inquired about the governance and accountability recommendations and shared thoughts and concerns about the purpose and need for an additional education policy governing body to provide oversight and monitoring of the implementation of the Commission's recommendations.

*ACTION: None. For information and discussion only.*

Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.  
Secretary/Treasurer

Date: February 26, 2019