

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes August 6, 2020

The 449th meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Web Ex, on August 6, 2020. Mr. Christopher Lloyd called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Ms. Jennifer Berkley, Ms. Linda Chinnia, Mr. Louis D' Ambrosio, Mr. Charles Hagan, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Dr. Kindel Nash, Ms. Debra Poese, Ms. Karen Saar, Dr. Patricia Saelens, Ms. Sarah Spross, Dr. Winona Taylor and Ms. Geralda Thompson.

The following members were absent: Mr. Peter Baily, Dr. Debi Gartland, Dr. Kristine McGee, Ms. Kelli Midgley, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, 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 member was present: Ms. Carla Boyd, Esq., Assistant Attorney General

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Recognition of Guests via Web Ex

Ms. Geraldine Duval, MSEA
Ms. Tina Dove, MSEA
Dr. Mary Pat Salmon, PSSAM

Public Comment

None

Announcements

None

State Board Update

None

Legislative Update

None

Action Items

Approval of June 4, 2020 Minutes

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to approve the June 4, 2020 minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Ms. Geralda Thompson to approve the June 4, 2020 minutes.

The June 4, 2020 PSTEB minutes were approved without objection.

Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for September 17, 2020

- Approval of Minutes
- State Board Updates (May through August)
- Regulations as Appropriate
- Induction Program Review
- Discuss Qualifications for Media Specialist

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to adopt the items for the September 17, 2020, agenda.

MOTION: Ms. Debra Poese/Ms. Maleeta Kitchen to approve the September 17, 2020, meeting agenda with the listed items. The September 17, 2020, PSTEB agenda was approved without objection.

COMAR 13A.12.01.14 Waivers and Special Certification Provisions (EMERGENCY ADOPTION)

The purpose of this memorandum is intended to provide an update regarding an emergency regulation, approved by the State Board of Education on April 28, 2020.

Ms. Kelly Meadows informed the Board members that there was an emergency regulation that went to the State Board on April 28, 2020. This regulation is an amendment to Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR) 13A.12.01.14 - Waivers and Special Certification Provisions, and was approved by the Board. The regulation then went to the Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR) Committee. Ms. Meadows stated that the regulation was approved by the AELR on May 26, 2020, and is now effective. Ms. Spross stated that the proposed action will be published in the Maryland Register on June 19, 2020, for public comment from June 19 through July 20, 2020. The State Board will act on this regulation in September. The Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board needs to approve the regulation, or it will go back to the State.

Ms. Meadows explained that the regulation is temporary and creates an emergency certificate, valid for six months from the date that the State of Emergency is lifted and is available only to those individuals that meet the requirements of the regulation. It must be noted in COMAR that this is not a certification that can be issued by anyone but the Superintendent when a State of Emergency is declared by the Governor. Ms. Meadows stated that the November 20, 2020, end date is due to the fact that this is an emergency regulation that is good for 180 days. She reiterated that the Board needs to act on this because that is the deadline to take action. She also informed the Board that as of August 6, there have only been two requests for the certificate.

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to approve the adoption of COMAR 13A.12.01.14.

MOTION: Mr. Louis D'Ambrosio/Dr. Patricia Saelens to approve the adoption of COMAR 13A.12.01.14. There was no debate or objection. COMAR 13A.12.01.14 was approved for adoption without objection.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Educator Preparation/Certification Advisory Committee Update

Ms. Meadows gave an update of the Educator Preparation/Certification Advisory Committee that was held on June 24, 2020, virtually to the Board members, using the Power Point from February to do the presentation. Some PSTEB members expressed concerns about moving these regulations forward without approval of the Maryland Blue Print legislation. They reviewed all of the regulations that were made in January. Ms. Spross informed the Board that the Advisory Committee has met three times (December, January and June) to focus on the regulations. Ms. Meadows spoke briefly on the history and background of the Advisory Committee's conception for the new members of the PSTEB.

Points of Discussion:

Educator Preparation Regulations
Standards and Competencies
Clinical Internship
Credit Hour Requirement
Performance Assessment and Dual Enrollment
Miscellaneous Recommendations and Changes
Licensure Recommendations

Mr. Lloyd requested that the Power Point be shared with the Board members. He stated that all the old information in the regulations will be bracketed and the new information is in italics. He also stated that it would be helpful for the PSTEB members to have the regulations sent to them before the September meeting. Ms. Spross concurred with his request to have the information beforehand.

September 2020 Meeting Date

Mr. Lloyd stated that based upon the discussion, the Board members had discussed three dates for the September meeting.
September 3 – Which falls in the week prior to Labor Day.
September 10 – The first Thursday after Labor Day and falls during the first week of school.
September 17 – No objection to this date. Twelve members voted yes for this date.

Mr. Lloyd stated that the next September PSTEB meeting will be held on September 17, since that date was more convenient for the majority of the members.

Adjourned

Mr. Lloyd adjourned the PSTEB meeting without objection.

Meeting adjourned 11:27 a.m.