

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

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD**

**April 2, 2020  
Meeting Minutes**

The 446<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Web Ex, on April 2, 2020. Mr. Christopher Lloyd called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

**The following members were absent:** Mr. Peter Baily, and Dr. Kristine McGee.

**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

**Public Comment**

None

**Announcements**

None

**State Board Update**

Ms. Sarah Spross presented the March 24, 2020 State Board summary to the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) in the absence of Dr. Miya Simpson, who was unable to attend.

**Legislative Update**

Ms. Sarah Spross presented the legislative update to the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) in the absence of Ms. Tiffany Clark, who was unable to attend.

HB794 - Education - Educational Interpreters - Certification Requirements (Did not pass).  
SB533/HB1314 - Education - Teacher Certification - Montessori Schools (Did not pass).  
SB1000/HB1300 – Kirwan Bill (Blueprint for Maryland's Future) (Passed 3/17/20)

**Action Items**

**Approval of March 5, 2020 Minutes**

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to approve the March 5, 2020 minutes with the two amendments.

**MOTION:** Dr. Debi Gartland/Dr. Winona Taylor

To approve the March 5, 2020 minutes with the two amendments.

**Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for May 7, 2020**

- Approval of Minutes
- State Board/ Legislative Update
- Regulations as Appropriate
- Blueprint for Maryland’s Future - Implementation

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to tentatively adopt the four items on the May 7, 2020 agenda.

**MOTION:** Ms. Maleeta Kitchen/Ms. Jennifer Berkley  
To approve the May 7, 2020 meeting agenda with the four items.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Communication with SBOE pertaining to Regulations and Letter Requesting Staff**

Mr. Lloyd informed the Board members that he had a discussion with Ms. Carla Boyd regarding sending a letter to the State Board requesting staff. Mr. Lloyd stated that after his conversation with Ms. Boyd, he drafted a letter to the State Board which he would like the Board members to review for their feedback and comments. The PSTEB members will need to approve the letter before it can be transmitted to the State Board. After review of the letter, it was decided that the letter was approved to be transmitted to the State Board once line 18 was corrected with the removal of the word “COMAR” and the correct language was placed in that line.

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to approve and transmit the letter to the State Board with the correction to line 18 with the removal of the word “COMAR” and the correct language was placed in that line.

**MOTION:** Ms. Kelli Midgley/Dr. Winona Taylor  
To approve the transmittal of the letter to the State Board with the suggested amendments.

**Regulations**

There were no questions in regards to the regulations.

There were questions in regards to teacher certification; suspended internships; and graduation for interns. Ms. Spross informed the Board members that Dr. Salmon sent Maryland preparation programs a memo regarding candidate internships and that all communication regarding COVID 19 will be coming from her office. Ms. Spross will send a copy of the referenced memo to the Board members.

**Norms**

Mr. Lloyd suggested that the Board members table the discussion of Norms until the Board is physically together to have a discussion. All agreed.

**Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Implementation**

Mr. Lloyd urged each Board member to spend time reading and going through the Blueprint thoroughly. He informed the members that both the State Board and PSTEB are listed throughout the implementation of the Blueprint and that they need to be very effective in implementing it.

**Adjourned**

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Mr. Lloyd adjourned the PSTEB meeting without objection.

**Meeting adjourned 10:36 a.m.**

**Attachments:**

- Summary of March State Board Report
- Copy of April 2 letter to State Board