

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

**May 7, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

The 447th meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Web Ex, on May 7, 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. Karen Saar, Dr. Patricia Saelens. Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Ms. Sarah Spross. Dr. Winona Taylor and Ms. Geralda Thompson.

The following member s were absent: Mr. Peter Baily, Dr. Kristine McGee, and Dr. Jack Smith.

The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff member s 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, MS
EA

Public Comment

None

Announcements

None

State Board Update

Ms. Sarah Spross presented the April 28, 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. She informed the PSTEB members that the meeting was brief, because of the additional meeting held on April 14, 2020.

Legislative Update

None

Action Items

Approval of April 2, 2020 Minutes

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to approve the April 2, 2020 minutes with one amendment.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Ms. Geralda Thompson to approve the April 2, 2020 minutes with one amendment.

The April 2, 2020 PSTEB minutes were approved without objection.

Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for June 4, 2020

- Approval of Minutes
- State Board
- Regulations as Appropriate
- Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Implementation
- MSDE Recovery Plan

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to adopt the items for the June 4, 2020 agenda.

MOTION: Dr. Debi Gartland/Dr. Patricia Saelens to approve the June 4, 2020 meeting agenda with the listed items. The June 4, 2020 PSTEB agenda was approved without objection.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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 COMAR 13A.12.01.14 - Waivers and Special Certification Provisions, and was approved by the Board. The regulation will now go to the Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR) committee. Ms. Meadows stated that if approved, this regulation will be in effect for a temporary time and it is MSDE's intention to go through the regular promulgation process.

The emergency regulation creates an emergency certificate, valid for 6 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.

There were questions in regards to the 6 months validity of the certificate and the expiration date of the certificate during the middle part of the school year. Ms. Meadows explained that there are always certificates that expire in January given the current regulation that outlines validity periods.

The PSTEB members also asked about the status of ETS testing. Ms. Meadows will forward a copy of the Praxis @ Home webinar Slide Deck to the Board members.

Ms. Spross informed the members that Dr. Salmon announced that the school systems will be closed for the

remainder of the school year. Dr. Salmon presented a draft copy of Maryland's Recovery Plan for Education. Ms. Spross stated that the plan aligns with Governor Hogan's plan for the phases I, II and III.

Blueprint for Maryland's Future – Implementation

Mr. Lloyd informed the members that we would know by the end of the day whether or not the Governor will sign the bill and put it into law and/or could put it on his desk and let it lapse and it could become a law or could veto the bill and it not become a law. He recommended that the Board wait for the decision to discuss. At the June meeting, if it has become a law, then the Board will have a discussion.

Adjourned

Mr. Lloyd adjourned the PSTEB meeting without objection.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.