

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

**February 6, 2020
Minutes**

The 444th 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 February 6, 2020. Mr. Christopher Lloyd called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Ms. Jennifer Berkley, Mr. Louis D’Ambrosio, Ms. Linda Chinnia, Dr. Debi Gartland (via telephone), Mr. Charles Hagan, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Ms. Kelli Midgley, Ms. Karen Saar, Dr. Patricia Saelens, Ms. Sarah Spross, and Dr. Winona Taylor.

The following members were absent: Mr. Peter Baily, Dr. Kristine McGee, Dr. Kindel Nash, Ms. Debra Poese, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Dr. Jack Smith and Ms. Geralda Thompson.

The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present:

Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Alexandra Cambra, Mr. Robert Eccles, Dr. Hsin-Yuan Chen 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 Duval, MSEA

Ms. Garima Bhatt Handley, TNTP/BCTR

Ms. Leslie Faylor, Teach for America – Baltimore

Mr. Corey Gaber, BTU

Public Comment

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Mr. Gaber’s public comment was in reference to **SB275: Education – Community and Local Accountability for Struggling Schools (CLASS) Act of 2020 – Innovation Schools**

Announcements

Dr. Patricia Saelens addressed the members in regards to the protocol and procedural process for the Board.

Ms. Spross informed the Board members that all of the PSTEB minutes for 2018 and 2019 are now accessible and available on the website. Beginning with January 2020 agendas and minutes will be on the website in an accessible format. Individuals seeking minutes 2017 and prior will be available by contacting the Division of Educator Certification and Program Approval. The Division is now focused on the certification section of the website.

State Board Update

Dr. Miya Simpson presented the January 28, 2020 State Board summary to the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB).

Legislative Update

Ms. Spross presented the legislative update in the absence of Ms. Tiffany Clark. A brief summary was provided for each of the following items.

- **SB267 – AP Opportunities Act of 2020**

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- **SB275** – Education – Community and Local Accountability for Struggling Schools (CLASS) Act of 2020 – Innovation Schools
- **SB322** – Public Schools – Health Education – Gambling Dangers and Addiction
- **HB19** – Education – Required Number of School Days or Hours
- **HB284** – Education - Maryland High School Diploma - Civics Test Requirement
- **HB476** – Certification in Secondary Education Content Areas – Expanded Grade Range
- **HB508** - Education - Public High Schools - Financial Literacy Curriculum and Graduation Requirement
- **HB1** - Built to Learn Act of 2020
- **SB1** – Built to Learn Act of 2020
- **HB338** – Building Opportunity Act of 2020
- **HB277** -State Department of Education - Guidelines on Trauma-Informed Approach
- **SB367** - State Department of Education - Guidelines on Trauma-Informed Approach
- **HB328** - State Department of Education - School Discipline - Data Collection
- **HB331** - Public Schools – Medical Cannabis – Guidelines for Administration to Students (Connor’s Courage)
- **SB533** - Education - Teacher Certification - Montessori Schools
- **HB794** - Education - Educational Interpreters - Certification Requirements

The Board focused discussions on the following Bills.

- **HB476** - Education - Certification in Secondary Education Content Areas - Expanded Grade Range
Requiring the State Board of Education to authorize a teacher certificated in secondary education to provide instruction in the teacher's content area to students in grades 6 through 12; and requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations.

Mr. Lloyd asked the Board members if there was a motion in regards to taking a stand on HB476. There was no action requested for HB476.

- **SB533** - Education - Teacher Certification - Montessori Schools
Making an individual eligible for a certificate to teach students in a Montessori school if the individual holds a Montessori-related credential from a certain organization and a bachelor's degree; authorizing the State Board of Education to require an individual to successfully pass an examination to be certified under the Act. Mr. Lloyd asked if the Board wished to take a position on SB533, because it will affect 69 schools.

A motion was put forth in regards to taking a vote on whether or not the members were in favor of supporting this bill or if they were opposed to supporting this bill.

Vote: Favor: 1 Opposed: 9 Abstain: 1

The motion failed, so the Board will take no position.

- **HB794** - Education - Educational Interpreters - Certification Requirements
Requiring the State Board of Education and the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to develop certain rules and regulations for the certification of educational interpreters; providing that certain individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may not be denied the right to receive certain credentials or contract for work for which the individual is otherwise qualified because the individual is deaf or hard of hearing; requiring certain educational interpreters to obtain certification on or before July 1, 2027. This bill was introduced on February 3, 2020.

Discussion Points to be included in the letter of opposition:

- Unfunded
- Does not grandfather
- Reimbursement from State

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- Potentially limit the pool
- Clarifying parent interpreter to interpreter for students.

Mr. Lloyd asked if there was a motion in support of HB794 or oppose HB794.

Motion: Dr. Winona Taylor/Ms. Jennifer Berkley To adopt a move to support HB794.
Vote: Favor: 2 Opposed: 9 Abstain: 1

Motion Failed

Second Motion: Mr. Charles Hagan/Mr. Louis D'Ambrosio To adopt a move to oppose HB794.
Vote: Favor: 11 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1

Motion Carried

Mr. Lloyd will write a letter stating PSTEBs opposition to HB794. Once the letter is complete, it will be shared with the Board members for their review and approval via a scheduled conference call.

Finally, Mr. Lloyd informed the Board members that HB2 would drop on February 7, 2020 and that he has heard that it is 300 pages. The hearing for this bill is scheduled for February 17, 2020. Once the bill drops, Mr. Lloyd will transmit it to PSTEB.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of January 2020 Minutes

Mr. Lloyd deferred the approval of the January minutes until the Board can have an Executive Session.

Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for March 2020

- Approval of Minutes
- State Board Update
- Regulations as Appropriate
- Legislative Update
- HB2 (Kirwan Commission)

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to adopt the items on the March 2020 agenda as stated with the five items.

MOTION: Dr. Patricia Saelens/Dr. Debi Gartland To approve the March 2020 meeting agenda with the five items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Educator Preparation/Certification Advisory Committee Update

Ms. Spross provided a verbal update regarding the January 22, 2020, meeting of Dr. Salmon's Educator Preparation/Certification Advisory Committee. Committee discussion during the January 22, 2020, meeting focused on the proposed educator licensure regulations and the educator preparation regulations. Participants were provided the concern, proposed challenge to focus discussions, and items for consideration on each of the identified topics:

Educator Licensure Regulations:

- Basic Skills Assessment

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- Master's Degree
- Renewal Requirements

Educator Preparation Regulations:

- Instruction/classroom management of a roster of students requirement

Ms. Spross was unable to complete her update presentation on the Educator Preparation/Certification Advisory Committee due to time restraints. Mr. Lloyd asked Ms. Spross to continue her presentation at the March meeting. The next meeting of the Educator Preparation/Certification Advisory Committee is scheduled for March 5, 2020.

Due to time restraints, the following topics were unable to be discussed:

- State Board of Education Update
- Regulations
- Adjourn to Executive Session

The three topics will be discussed at the March 5, 2020 PSTEB meeting.

Adjourned

Mr. Lloyd adjourned the PSTEB meeting without objection.

Meeting adjourned 12:28 p.m.

Attachments:

- Summary of January State Board Report
- Educator Preparation and Licensure: Regulatory Update
- Chapter 06 Programs for Professionally Certified Personnel