

# MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 W. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

### Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2020

The 451<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Web Ex, on October 8, 2020. Mr. Christopher Lloyd called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**The following members were in attendance:** Mr. Louis D' Ambrosio, Ms. Jennifer Berkley, 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 Poesse, Ms. Karen Saar, Dr. Patricia Saelens, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Ms. Sarah Spross, Dr. Winona Taylor and Ms. Geralda Thompson.

**The following members were absent:** Mr. Peter Baily and Dr. Jack Smith.

**The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present:** Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Alexandra Cambra, Dr. Hsin-Yuan Chen 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. Laurie Mullen, Towson University

#### Public Comment

Dr. Laurie Mullen, Towson University

- Opposed the publication of COMAR 13A.12 and COMAR 13A.07.06. See attached document.

Ms. Tina Dove submitted written comment on behalf of several organizations

- Opposed the publication of COMAR 13A.12 and COMAR 13A.07.06. See attached document

#### Announcements

None

#### State Board Update

Dr. Miya Simpson was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a summary of the September 21 and September 22, 2020, State Board of Education (SBOE) meetings to the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB). Mr. Christopher Lloyd requested that the Board members review the summary and if they had any questions, to please let him know and he would contact Dr. Simpson on their behalf to get clarification on the question.

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**Legislative Update**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of August 6 and September 17, 2020 Minutes**

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to approve the August 6 and September 17, 2020, minutes with the suggested revisions.

**MOTION:** Dr. Winona Taylor/Dr. Debi Gartland to approve the August 6 and September 17, 2020, minutes as revised. The August 6 and September 17, 2020, PSTEB minutes were approved without objection.

**Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for November 5, 2020**

- Approval of October Minutes
- State Board Updates
- Regulations as Appropriate
- Communication Update (Standing Item)
- Staffing Needs
- Induction Program Review
- Qualifications for Media Specialist- Overview of current regulations
- Virtual Education Pedagogy – Culturally Responsive

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to tentatively adopt the November 5, 2020, agenda with the possibility of some items being excluded.

**MOTION:** Ms. Maleeta Kitchen/Ms. Geralda Thompson to approve the November 5, 2020, meeting agenda with the listed items. The November 5, 2020, PSTEB agenda was approved without objection.

**Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

The process for the elections of new officers for the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board was reviewed. Nominations for both the Chair and Vice Chair officers were made. Dr. Debi Gartland and Dr. Winona Taylor nominated Christopher Lloyd for the position of Chair. Mr. Lloyd accepted the position for one more year. A vote was taken and approved unanimously without any objection. Dr. Winona Taylor and Ms. Geralda Thompson nominated Ms. Maleeta Kitchen for the position of Vice Chair. Ms. Kitchen accepted the position. A vote was taken and approved unanimously without any objection.

**Communication Plan**

Mr. Lloyd informed the members that a subcommittee of five individuals from the PSTEB was formed to develop a plan for communicating with the SBOE. The communication subcommittee members were: Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Dr. Patricia Saelens, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Dr. Debi Gartland, and Ms. Sarah Spross. These members,

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along with Ms. Carla Boyd, Esq., met to develop a communication plan to work with the SBOE. The Communication Subcommittee met virtually on October 5, 2020, to outline the various ways that the PSTEB may communicate with the SBOE. Dr. Patricia Saelens presented the members with an overview of what the subcommittee discussed to include the recommendations for communicating with the SBOE. After a thorough discussion amongst the members, it was decided that another subcommittee be formed to further outline the topics that were discussed at the previous meeting and present them in a format that can be shared with the SBOE. It was suggested to use the letters and public comments received from various organizations to create a chart to summarize the specific issues shared by stakeholders. This chart can be shared at a meeting between both the PSTEB chair and the SBOE chair.

The new subcommittee members are: Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Dr. Patricia Saelens, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen and Dr. Kindel Nash. Mr. Lloyd and the other subcommittee members, along with Ms. Carla Boyd, will be meeting within the next two weeks to create the chart that will be used for Mr. Lloyd's meeting with the chair of the SBOE.

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to adopt the communication plan that was written and presented.

**MOTION:** Dr. Patricia Saelens/Dr. Winona Taylor to adopt the communication plan that was written and presented. The motion was voted on and approved without objection.

The communication plan as written will become official as of October 8, 2020.

### **COMAR 13A.12.01 Licensure/COMAR 13A.07.06 Programs for Professionally Licensed Personnel**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Lloyd shared his estimation with the PSTEB members on both COMAR 13A.12.01 and 13A.07.06. He informed the members that the reason to have a communication plan presentation prior to taking action is to present the plan and get the opinions of the PSTEB members. Mr. Lloyd stated that there are two boards by statute that deal with certification and program approval. Both of these boards have members who are appointed by the Governor and these boards have to work together. Mr. Lloyd recalled that about a year ago he was called before the Kirwan Commission because of challenges associated with the regulations. Mr. Lloyd outlined his plan of action with the PSTEB members. He stated that it is really important that everyone be invested in a plan and be able to compromise. The members had a thorough conversation in regards to their concerns and issues with communicating with the SBOE and working on the regulations. The PSTEB members agreed with the plan that Mr. Lloyd had outlined to better communicate with the SBOE:

1. Set-up an appointment with the chair of the State Board to discuss the issues and concerns of the PSTEB members.
2. Establish another subcommittee to build talking points from the letters and comments received from the various organizations and stakeholders about their concerns and issues.

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to accept the subcommittee for building the chart with the talking points.

**MOTION:** Dr. Winona Taylor/Mr. Louis D'Ambrosia to accept the subcommittee for building the chart.

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The motion was voted on and approved without objection.

**Adjourned**

Mr. Lloyd adjourned the PSTEB meeting without objection.

Meeting adjourned 11:57 a.m.