

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Baltimore, MD 21201

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

The 450th 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 9:32 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: 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 members were absent: Mr. Peter Baily, Ms. Jennifer Berkley and Dr. Jack Smith.

The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present: Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Alexandra Cambra, Mr. Robert Eccles 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. Cheryl Bost, MSEA
Ms. Geraldine Duval, MSEA
Ms. Tina Dove, MSEA
Ms. Clara Haskell Botstein, Bard Baltimore
Dr. Francesca Gamber, Bard Baltimore
Dr. Helene Coccagna, Bard Baltimore
Dr. Jennifer Frank, MICUA
Dr. Nancy Shapiro, USMD

Public Comment

Ms. Clara Haskell Botstein, Bard Baltimore

- Requested the PSTEB to consider adding a pathway to initial licensure for college professors. See attached document.

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Announcements

None

State Board Update

Ms. Sarah Spross presented the summary of the August 24th, 25th and September 1, 2020 State Board meetings to the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) in the absence of Dr. Miya Simpson who was unable to attend. Ms. Spross also shared the SBOE president's intention to meet with the newly elected Chair of PSTEB.

Legislative Update

None

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of August 6, 2020 Minutes

Mr. Lloyd stated that the August 6, 2020 minutes would be tabled until the October 8, 2020 meeting for review and approval. A discussion took place regarding how much specificity the meeting minutes should contain. Members requested that additional language be added to provide additional context to the minutes.

Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for September 17, 2020

- Approval of August and September Minutes
- State Board Updates
- Regulations as Appropriate
- Induction Program Review
- Election of Officers
- Qualifications for Media Specialist- Overview of current regulations

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to tentatively adopt the items for the October 8, 2020, agenda.

MOTION: Dr. Debi Gartland/Dr. Winona Taylor to approve the October 8, 2020, meeting agenda with the listed items. The October 8, 2020, PSTEB agenda was approved without objection.

COMAR 13A.12 Licensure

(Repeal and Replace – Permission to Publish)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to request permission to publish the repeal and replacement of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.12.01-.07 *Educator Licensure*. This regulatory language is aligned to the Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE) comprehensive plan to increase the rigor and accountability of educator certification and preparation programs in Maryland.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In December 2018, the SBOE approved an action plan to address the recommendations of the MSDE's

comprehensive plan to increase the rigor and accountability of educator certification and program approval. The amended regulations presented incorporate recommendations by the SBOE subcommittee, Kirwan Commission's interim report, and the State Superintendent's Educator Preparation and Certification Advisory Committee, and are designed to increase educator effectiveness in Maryland. On August 25, 2020 the SBOE granted permission to repeal and replace COMAR 13A.12.01-.07 *Educator Licensure*.

ACTION

Request permission to publish the repeal and replacement of the COMAR 13A.12.01-.07 *Educator Licensure*. After discussion, no vote was taken.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Spross provided an updated presentation on COMAR 13A.12.01-.07 Educator Licensure to the PSTEB members. Several questions were presented to Ms. Spross for clarification and understanding. One of the main concerns shared by some PSTEB members centered on the belief that the SBOE is not being provided with the appropriate information regarding PSTEB's positions. Specifically, board members shared that it is important for the SBOE to understand that specificity of their meeting discussions. This led to discussion regarding the structure of the meeting minutes and what should or should not be put in the minutes. Ms. Carla Boyd of the Attorney General's Office stated that the Open Meetings Act requires that the minutes reflect three things: Each item that the public body considered, the action that the Board took, and each vote that was recorded. Ms. Boyd also shared with the Board that if the Board would like to include other additional information, the Board will need to consider how much more information is appropriate.

Other concerns/issues discussed were:

- Internships for out-of-state teachers and the possibility of requesting a waiver for this
- The timeline associated with the promulgation process;
- Ways in which the PSTEB can communicate with the State Board, to include writing a letter, providing public comment, and requesting a joint conference meeting.
- The possibility of a staff member from the PSTEB representing the Board at the SBOE meetings.
- Establishing a subcommittee to make recommendations to the PSTEB regarding how to communicate the PSTEB's position on the proposed regulations to the SBOE.

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to establish a subcommittee of the PSTEB to recommend a plan for communicating with the SBOE. This plan would be considered by the entire PSTEB.

MOTION: Dr. Patricia Saelens/Mr. Louis D'Ambrosio to establish a subcommittee to develop a communication plan. The motion was approved.

COMAR 13A.07.06 Programs for Professionally Licensed Personnel (Repeal and Replace – Permission to Publish)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to request permission to publish the repeal and replacement of the COMAR 13A.07.06 *Programs for Professionally Licensed Personnel*. This regulatory language is aligned to the MSDE's comprehensive plan to increase the rigor and accountability of educator certification and

preparation programs in Maryland.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In December 2018, the SBOE approved an action plan to address the recommendations of the MSDE's comprehensive plan to increase the rigor and accountability of educator licensure and program approval. The amended regulations presented incorporate recommendations by the Kirwan Commission's interim report, and the State Superintendent's Educator Preparation and Certification Advisory Committee, and are designed to increase educator effectiveness in Maryland. On August 25, 2020, the SBOE granted permission to Repeal and Replace – Permission to Publish COMAR 13A.07.06 *Programs for Professionally Licensed Personnel*.

ACTION

Request permission to publish the repeal and replacement of the COMAR 13A.12.07.06 *Programs for Professionally Licensed Personnel*. After discussion, no vote was taken.

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to establish a subcommittee of the PSTEB to recommend a plan for communicating with the SBOE. This plan would be considered by the entire PSTEB.

MOTION: Dr. Debi Gartland/Dr. Patricia Saelens to approve the motion to develop a subcommittee to develop a communication plan. The motion was approved.

NEXT STEPS

Mr. Lloyd stated that the next steps would be to identify a subcommittee of five individuals from the PSTEB to develop a plan for communicating with the SBOE. The following were nominated and accepted: Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Dr. Patricia Saelens, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Dr. Debi Gartland and Ms. Sarah Spross. These members, along with Ms. Carla Boyd, Esq., will meet to develop a communication plan to work with the SBOE. Mr. Lloyd will work with Ruth to get a meeting date and time for the subcommittee to meet.

Adjourned

Mr. Lloyd adjourned the PSTEB meeting without objection.

Meeting adjourned 12:21 p.m.

Attachments:

Public Comments
State Board Summary
August Minutes