

# MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 W. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

### Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2021

The 455<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Web Ex, on February 4, 2021. Mr. Christopher Lloyd called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**The following members were in attendance:** Ms. Jennifer Berkley, Dr. Debi Gartland, Mr. Charles Hagan, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Ms. Debra Poesse, Dr. Patricia Saelens, Ms. Karen Saar, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Ms. Sarah Spross, Dr. Winona Taylor, and Ms. Geraldina Thompson.

**The following members were absent:** Mr. Peter Baily, Mr. Louis D'Ambrosio, Ms. Linda Chinnia, Ms. Kelli Midgley, Dr. Kindel Nash and Dr. Jack Smith.

**The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present:** Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Alexandra Cambra, Mr. Zachary Hands and Ms. Ruth Downs (Recorder).

**The following Attorney General Staff member was present:** Ms. Christle Sheppard-Southall, Esq., Assistant Attorney General.

## PRELIMINARY ITEMS

### Recognition of Guests via Web Ex

Dr. Mary Pat Fannon, PSSAM

Ms. Geraldine Duval, MSEA

Ms. Tina Dove, MSEA

### Public Comment

None

### Announcements

Ms. Sarah Spross announced that she will be leaving the Maryland State Department of Education and will be moving on to work as a School District Leader in Cooperstown, New York. Mr. Lloyd and the Board members congratulated her and wished her the best in her new job.

### State Board Update

Ms. Sarah Spross presented the summary of the Maryland State Board for the January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meetings. Going forward, Dr. Miya Simpson will not be presenting the summary but will submit the report to the PSTEB members to review and discuss. Mr. Lloyd informed the members to review the report and if they have any questions, to please send them to him and he will reach out to Dr. Simpson to get the information.

### Legislative Update

Mr. Zachary Hands presented Senate Bill 464 – *Educational Interpreter Certification Requirements* to the

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PSTEB members. He informed the PSTEB members that SB464 did not get of the House of Delegates. Mr. Hands also stated that any testimony must be provided within 48 hours before placement on the Maryland General Assembly website.

The purpose of this bill is to require 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 on or before a certain date; providing that certain individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may not be denied the right to receive certain credentials or a contract for work for which the individual is otherwise qualified because the individual is deaf or hard of hearing.

### **DISCUSSION**

Ms. Spross stated that this bill was presented last legislative session and PSTEB voted to oppose the bill. She stated that the bill requires MSDE to reimburse the individuals for their assessment fees and this would lead to only one of many certification areas to be reimbursed, which would not be seen as a fair practice. Ms. Spross also informed the members that MSDE does not currently license paraprofessionals, and other support personnel, that are identified as required services on an Individualized Education Program. After discussing the bill, Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to of objection to Senate Bill 464. He instructed the members to answer “Yes” if they do not support the bill or “No” if they do support the bill.

**MOTION:** Ms. Debra Poesse/Mr. Charles Hagan entertained a motion to oppose Senate Bill 464. The motion was voted on and approved. **Vote:** Favor: 12                      Opposed: 0                      Abstain: 1

Mr. Lloyd stated that he will draft a letter from a procedural stand point to accurately show what the PSTEB voted and decided on today. He will send the completed letter to Ms. Downs. The letter is due by February 9 (between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.) to the Maryland General Assembly.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Approval of January 7, 2021 Minutes**

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to approve the January 7, 2021 minutes.

**MOTION:** Dr. Debi Gartland/Dr. Winona Taylor to approve the January 7, 2021 minutes. The January 7, 2021 PSTEB minutes were approved without objection.

#### **Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for March 4, 2021**

- Approval of Minutes
- State Board/Legislative Update
- Communication Update
- Regulations as Appropriate
- Induction Update

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to tentatively adopt the agenda items for the March 4, 2021 meeting.

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**MOTION:** Dr. Winona Taylor/Mr. Charles Hagan to approve the March 4, 2021, meeting agenda with the listed items. The March 4, 2021, PSTEB agenda was approved without objection.

### **COMAR 13A.12.01-07 Educator Licensure (Repeal and Replace – Permission to Publish)**

Ms. Kelly Meadows presented to PSTEB a brief and thorough update to the State Board's amendments to COMAR 13A.12.01-07 Educator Licensure. Ms. Meadows shared the chart that was created by the PSTEB at the January meeting showing the recommendations of MSDE and the State Board's decision for each item. She outlined the chapters that the proposed regulations included and discussed the reasoning behind MSDE's recommendations. Ms. Meadows also informed the members where in the regulations that they could find the information that was being discussed. Ms. Meadows informed the members that of all of the amendments to the regulations that the State Board granted permission to publish.

B. Pathways to Teacher Licensure (See attached chart for information/comments)

- COMAR 13A.12.02.02.B.1a(iii)
- COMAR 13A.12.02.02.B.1b(vii)
- COMAR 13A.12.02.02.B.1b(vii)
- COMAR 13A.12.02.02.B.2a(iii)
- COMAR 13A.12.02.02.B.2b(iii)

Types of Licenses (See attached chart for information/comments)

- COMAR 13A.01.04C
- COMAR 13A.02.02A
- COMAR 13A.03.02A
- COMAR 13A.04.02A
- COMAR 13A.05.02A

**BREAK 10:57 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.**

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

Ms. Alex Cambra presented to PSTEB a brief and thorough update on COMAR 13A.07.06 Programs for Professionally Licensed Personnel. Ms. Cambra shared the chart that was created by PSTEB at the January meeting showing the recommendations of MSDE and the State Board's decision for each item. She outlined the chapters that the proposed regulations included and discussed the reasoning behind MSDE's recommendations. Ms. Cambra informed the members that of all of the amendments to the regulations that the State Board granted permission to publish.

Incorporated by Reference – Page 4 (See attached chart for information/comments)

- COMAR 13A.07.06.03A(11)(d)

Clinical Experiences – Page 8 (See attached chart for information/comments)

- COMAR 13A.07.06.08D(5)(a)

State Program Review and Reporting – Page 11 (See attached chart for information/comments)

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- COMAR 13A.07.06.10A(2)

Teacher Preparation Competencies: Literacy Competencies – Page 16 (See attached chart for information/comments)

- COMAR 13A.07.06.13B(4)

Teacher Preparation Competencies: Cultural Responsiveness – Page 17 (See attached chart for information/comments)

- COMAR 13A.07.06.15

### **Communication Update**

Mr. Lloyd informed the PSTEB members that he had provided public comment at the January State Board meeting. He also had a conversation with President Crawford before and after the Board meeting and will have another one with him after today's PSTEB meeting.

Mr. Lloyd reminded the Board that the State Board had the option of overriding PSTEB's suggestions at the January meeting. The State Board instead chose to amend the regulations based on PSTEB's suggestions and MSDE's recommendations. The State Board was clear that they would like the PSTEB to discuss the amendments and if there are specific concerns, they should be articulate. Mr. Lloyd stated that he believed that the PSTEB should review the amendments and focus on these amendments rather than the entire regulations.

Mr. Lloyd instructed the members to discuss the amendments with their respective organizations and be prepared to discuss as a Board during a special meeting in February. Mr. Lloyd stated that another meeting would be convened on either February 24, 25, or 26, at either 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon or 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. to discuss the regulations that were amended. He stated that a Doodle Poll would be sent out with six options to see which date and time would be the best option for the meeting. Mr. Lloyd will also be speaking at the February State Board detailing the process of the Professional Standards Teacher Education Board.

### **Adjourned**

Mr. Lloyd adjourned the PSTEB meeting without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.