

# MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 W. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

### Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2021

The 454<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Web Ex, on January 7, 2021. 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 Poese, Dr. Patricia Saelens, Ms. Karen Saar 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, Mr. Robert Eccles, 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

### Public Comment

None

### Announcements

Ms. Carla Boyd, Esq. from the Attorney General's Office announced that she will be no longer the attorney for the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) and will be moving on to work with another organization. Mr. Lloyd expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the Board, for the work and counsel Ms. Boyd provided. Ms. Boyd shared that a new AAG will be assigned to the PSTEB.

### State Board Update

There was no State Board update for January.

### Legislative Update

None

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to move into Executive Session.

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**MOTION:** Dr. Deborah Gartland/Dr. Winona Taylor Motion to move into Executive Session.

**9:35 a.m. - Adjourned to Executive Session**

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to adjourn from Executive Session.

**MOTION:** Dr. Winona Taylor/Ms. Geralda Thompson Motion to adjourn from Executive Session.

**9:57 a.m. – Adjourned from Executive Session.**

## ACTION ITEMS

### Approval of November 20 and December 3, 2020 Minutes

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to approve the November 20 and December 3, 2020 minutes.

**MOTION:** Dr. Winona Taylor/Dr. Debi Gartland to approve the November 20 and December 3, 2020 minutes. The November 20 and December 3, 2020 PSTEB minutes were approved without objection.

### Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for February 4, 2021

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

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

**MOTION:** Dr. Patricia Saelens/Dr. Winona Taylor to approve the February 4, 2021, meeting agenda with the listed items. The February 4, 2021, PSTEB agenda was approved without objection.

### Library Media Specialist Update

Ms. Kelly Meadows provided an overview of the current regulatory requirements for certification as a Library Media Specialist at the request of the members. Ms. Meadows outlined the two pathways an individual can take to become a Library Media Specialist. She stated that this is one of the most prescribed regulations in place and reminded the PSTEB that in the draft regulations that are currently being discussed, this area was modified to allow for more pathways to certification. Additionally, Ms. Meadows reiterated that the original plan laid out when beginning the work of repealing and replacing the certification regulations was that phase two of that process would be to amend the specialist and administrator/supervisor areas of certification to ensure they are current. This phase will require forming work groups of experts based on the area of certification to make recommendations to the Boards. Mr. Lloyd stated that at this time the Board would not seek to accelerate the timeline, but wait until phase 2 as planned.

### Communication and Public Comment Workgroup Update

Mr. Lloyd informed the PSTEB members that since the last meeting, a letter was sent to President Crawford at the

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directions of the PSTEB related to the regulations and provided public comment. Mr. Lloyd stated that he also forwarded a copy of the communication plan that PSTEB had developed. The State Board did have on the agenda actions regarding the regulations. The State Board requested that the State Superintendent seek to put PSTEB's concerns in the revision of the document. The desire of the State Board to address the revisions. Mr. Lloyd stated that he expects that January will provide the State Board and PSTEB a review of the proposed regulations.

Mr. Lloyd stated that after the PSTEB meeting and prior to the State Board meeting, he would reach out to President Crawford to discuss the items discussed at today's meeting. It was recommended that since the communication with the State Board has been recently positive, that will PSTEB participate in Public Comment at the January 26 State Board meeting. Mr. Lloyd stated that he will participate in Public Comment and asked Ms. Downs to schedule him for that Public Comment at the January 26 State Board meeting.

### **Approval of the 2021 Meeting Calendar**

The 2021 calendar was revised to show the following changes:

- Move the April 1 meeting to April 8.
- Move the September 2 meeting to September 9.

All the other dates will remain the same, and the Board will determine in June whether to have a meeting in July.

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to adopt the 2021 calendar as amended.

**MOTION:** Dr. Winona Taylor/Mr. Charles Hagan to adopt the 2021 calendar as amended. The 2021 calendar was approved without objection.

### **Adjourned**

Mr. Lloyd adjourned the PSTEB meeting without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.