

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2021

The 457th meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Web Ex, on May 6, 2021. Mr. Christopher Lloyd called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Ms. Jennifer Berkley, Mr. Louis D'Ambrosio, Dr. Debi Gartland, Mr. Charles Hagan, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Mr. Christopher Lloyd, Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Kelli Midgley, Dr. Kindel Nash, Ms. Debra Poese, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Dr. Winona Taylor, and Ms. Geralda Thompson.

The following members were absent: Mr. Peter Baily, Ms. Linda Chinnia, Ms. Karen Saar, Dr. Patricia Saelens and Dr. Jack Smith.

The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present: Ms. Alexandra Cambra, Mr. Robert Eccles, Dr. Hsin-Yuan Chen, 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

Ms. Tina Dove, MSEA
Ms. Geraldine Duval, MSEA

Public Comment

None

Announcements

Mr. Lloyd introduced the newest PSTEB member, Ms. Amy Wilson. Ms. Wilson was appointed as the nominee by the Senate President.

Chair Christopher Lloyd announced his retirement from Montgomery County Public Schools at the end of June 2021. This effectively will end his tenure on the PSTEB.

Ms. Jennifer Berkley announced that the June meeting will be her last meeting. Her term will be ending with the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board.

State Board Update

Mr. Lloyd presented the summary of the Maryland State Board Meetings for the months of March and April. He asked the PSTEB members to review the reports and if they have any questions, to please send them to him and he will reach out to Dr. Simpson to get the information.

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Legislative Update

Mr. Hands informed the PSTEB members that none of the legislation pertaining to the PSTEB passed in regard to HB 651, HB 1166, and HB 1376.

Mr. Hands provided a high-level overview of Blueprint, which is now law. There has been a statutory change to the regulatory process between the PSTEB and the SBOE. Recommendations by both boards shall be implemented solely if both boards agree.

Six focus areas of statute:

- (1) 6-120 Both boards shall adopt regulations with the Accountability Board regarding implementation of teacher training practicums, alternative preparation programs, and definition of mentor teachers in preparation process
- (2) 6-121 Use of certain assessments (national portfolios); grad courses for school leadership programs
- (3) 6-1002 Approve program of study pursuing Level II on Career Ladder
- (4) 6-1006 Establish criteria to meet licensed principal on career ladder and the waiver too
- (5) 6-1013 adopt regulations to establish career ladder and criteria for each career ladder
- (6) 6-704 regulatory change to the process

Accountability Implementation Board – Nominations are sent to the Governor for appointment. There are 7 total seats with 6 year terms to conclude by 2032.

Communications Update

Mr. Lloyd has notified the SBOE President and Vice President about his transition. They expressed a desire for a smooth transition and wish to communicate further in June. No firm statement regarding providing public comment to State Board.

The PSTEB took a vote at the last meeting and agreed to send the revised competencies and an email from Dr. Nash to the State Board for Public Comment. The State Board is in receipt of that written public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of February 25, March 4, and March 17, 2021 Minutes

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to approve the February 4, March 4, and March 17, 2021 minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Debi Gartland to approve the February 25, March 4, and March 17, 2021 minutes. The minutes were approved without objection.

Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for June 3, 2021

- Executive Session
- Approval of Minutes
- State Board/Legislative Update
- Communication Update

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- Regulations, as appropriate
- Review summer meeting dates

Mr. Lloyd entertained a motion to tentatively adopt the agenda items for the June 3, 2021 meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Mr. Louis D'Ambrosio to approve the June 3, 2021, meeting agenda with the listed items. The June 3, 2021, PSTEB agenda was approved without objection.

COMAR 13a.12.01-07 Educator Licensure/COMAR 13A.07.06 Programs for Professionally Licensed Personnel

Members discussed the process of going forward and reviewing sections that may be misaligned with the Blueprint.

The Board members questioned if there is a timeline regarding when both boards are supposed to come to an agreement?

There is no described timeline in the statute. Both boards still have 60-day windows to respond. It is not clear what happens if one doesn't. It is important to act with deliberate speed because otherwise you could have things stall.

It is unclear what occurs when the originating board moves regulations and then the other board, subsequently, does not act within 60 days. Does that constitute a tacit agreement or not? We will have to get better legal advice than I'm providing right now.

Discussion around timeline and relationship with the Accountability Implementation Board.

Review of 6-121 (p.111-113) PSTEB and SBOE have oversight over teacher preparation but have to consult with Accountability Board.

Board discussed whether PSTEB has implied room to comment on admission process (testing) for teacher preparation programs and questioned whether there should be standing appointments from all boards on each agenda.

The Board requested that MSDE provide a crosswalk to list the areas of the Blueprint that PSTEB is responsible for and delineate which are for action, which are for consultation, and which need to go to the Accountability Implementation Board.

Board discussed how to have a conversation with SBOE about standard operating procedures and implement the new statute to rework the relationship? There is this underlying process question that the boards need to resolve to ensure the content doesn't clash and result in an impasse.

Discussion:

A suggestion was put forth to press for a liaison or staffing to staff the PSTEB.

Mr. Lloyd will follow-up with the President of the SBOE, related to a potential director or part-time director for the PSTEB. He stated that the Board really wants to focus on an Executive Director role, like Dr. Simpson for the State Board. The resources are allocated by the SBOE and this is more important than ever.

Board members discussed whether the certification and program approval regulations need to be paired for promulgation. The Board recognized the risk in amending one that affects the other then having to pull one back. With both sets in front, you are forced to look at impact of both together. Could have the scenario where we go forward with one first, but the MSDE has recommended they stay together.

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The Board decided that in June, the following would occur:

- Review a chart that details the authority of the sections of the Blueprint.
- Review the regulations for misalignment.
- Develop a process for communication with the State Board and the Accountability Board.

Mr. Lloyd will let the President of the State Board know of the process for electing a new chair for PSTEB and what the next steps would be following the election.

Mr. Lloyd will provide public comment at the May 25 State Board of Education meeting.

Adjourned

Mr. Lloyd adjourned the PSTEB meeting without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.