

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2021

The 462nd meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Web Ex, on October 7, 2021. Ms. Maleeta Kitchen called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Dr. Dionne Curbeam, Mr. Louis D'Ambrosio, Mr. Corey Gaber, Dr. Debi Gartland, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Kelli Midgley, Dr. Kindel Nash, Ms. Monica Roebuck, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Ms. Joy Lee Spain, Dr. Winona Taylor, Ms. Geralda Thompson, and Ms. Amy Wilson.

The following members were absent: Mr. Charles Hagan, Ms. Debra Poese, Dr. Patricia Saelens and Ms. Karen Yoho.

The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present:

Ms. Alexandra Cambra, Ms. Danielle Clinton-Williams, Mr. Robert Eccles, Dr. Hsin-Yuan Chen, and Ms. Ruth Downs (Recorder).

The following Attorney General Staff members were present: Mr. Sean Fitzgerald, Esq. - Assistant Attorney General.

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Recognition of Guests via Web Ex

Ms. Geraldine Duval, MSEA

Ms. Danielle Jones, MSEA

Ms. Deborah Euzebio, MSEA

Ms. Queen Nwafor, MSEA

Public Comment

None

Announcements

Ms. Kelly Meadows announced that she would like to plan a retreat/information session to come together outside of the Open Meetings Act to review the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and proposed regulations. Ms. Meadows is looking at December or January for this meeting.

State Board Update

The summary of the Maryland State Board Meeting for September 28, 2021 was given to board members in writing. Ms. Meadows asked the PSTEB members to review the report and address questions to her. Ms. Meadows did a brief overview of the presentation that was delivered to the State Board in regard to the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board.

Communication Update

Ms. Kitchen informed the Board members on the meeting that she and Mr. Hornbeck had with the State Superintendent, Mr. Choudhury. The topics of the meeting was teacher recruitment, higher education, test scores, and equity across the state for all students. Additionally, Mr. Choudhury shared that the science of teaching reading is

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

extremely important to him and he will be planning how to address the preparation of teacher candidates and existing teachers to teach reading across the state.

Ms. Kitchen summarized the State Board presentation for the PSTEB members. She shared that the State Board asked both she and Mr. Hornbeck questions about the work of the PSTEB. Ms. Kitchen shared that PSTEB is in a position to work together with the State Board in implementing the Blueprint. Ms. Kitchen also shared that she does not think now is the time for PSTEB to become an independent board and subsequently, request an executive director. The MSDE will continue to explore what would be required for the PSTEB to become independent should that be a future initiative.

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to table the attempt to become an Independent Board and request for an Executive Director.

MOTION: Dr. Debi Gartland/Dr. Winona Taylor to table the attempt to become an Independent Board and a request for an Executive Director.

Vote: Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 1

Adjourn to Executive Session

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to rise into Executive Session.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Dr. Debi Gartland to rise into Executive Session. Hearing no objection, the PSTEB moved into Executive Session at 10:13 a.m.

Adjourn from Executive Session

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to rise out of Executive Session.

MOTION: Dr. Debi /Dr. Debbie Gartland to rise out of Executive Session. Hearing no objection, the PSTEB rose out of Executive Session at 10:13 a.m.

BREAK

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of September 9, 2021, Minutes

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to approve the September 9, 2021, minutes with no additions or corrections.

MOTION: Dr. Debi Gartland/Dr. Winona Taylor to approve the August 5, 2021, minutes with no additions or corrections. The minutes were approved without objection.

Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for November 4, 2021

- Approval of Minutes
- State Board Update
- Communication Update
- Regulations, as appropriate with discussion
- PSTEB Procedural Manual

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

- Miscellaneous Items
- Items identified for future meetings

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to adopt the tentative November agenda items.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Dr. Debi Gartland to approve the tentative items for the November 4, 2021, meeting agenda. The November 4, 2021, PSTEB agenda was approved without objection.

Election of Officers

The yearly election for the PSTEB Officers was held. Mr. Maleeta Kitchen will continue as the Chair and Mr. Darren Hornbeck with continue as the Vice-Chair of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board. The next election will occur in October 2022.

PSTEB Procedural Manual

Ms. Meadows informed the Board members that she reviewed the manual to see if there were any recommendations for changing and/or correcting irrelevant language. She stated that everything highlighted in yellow was new and everything in the brackets were recommendations for removal. Ms. Meadows recommended that they review each chapter one by one to see if remains reasonable or not.

Changes were recommended and the PSTEB members provided feedback. The Board will continue to review the manual during the November meeting.

Independent Board Update

Ms. Meadows informed the Board that she and Sean Fitzgerald are still researching the information. There is no update at this time.

Document Sharing

Dr. Curbeam informed the Board that should a document sharing site be utilized to share documents, there are security members that must be followed. Dr. Curbeam and Ms. Meadows will work together to test Google Drive to see if this meets the potential need. Ms. Kitchen suggested that the Board return to document sharing at the December meeting.

Adjourned

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to adjourn from the PSTEB monthly meeting at 12:19 p.m.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor/Ms. Sandra Skordolas to approve the motion to adjourn the October PSTEB meeting at 12:19 p.m. The motion was approved without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.