

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Special Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2021

A special meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Web Ex, on February 25, 2021. Mr. Christopher Lloyd called the meeting to order at 11:00 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. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Kelli Midgley, Dr. Kindel Nash, Ms. Karen Saar, Dr. Patricia Saelens, Ms. Sandra Skordalos; Dr. Winona Taylor and Ms. Geralda Thompson.

The following member was absent: Mr. Peter Baily, Ms. Debra Poese, and Mr. Jack Smith.

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

Ms. Tina Dove, MSEA

Dr. Laurie Mullen, Towson State University

Announcements

Mr. Lloyd stated to the PSTEB members that the meetings this week and the following are being held to conduct work around the two sets of regulations (COMAR 13A.12.01-.07 and COMAR 13A.07.06) before the PSTEB for action. Mr. Lloyd informed the members that after the first February meeting, the House of Delegates (on February 8, 2021) overrode the Governor's veto and passed the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. The Senate approved the Bill on February 12, 2021.

Mr. Lloyd stated that he provided public comment at the February 23, 2021, State Board meeting, and provided a copy of his comments to both Dr. Simpson and Ms. Downs for their records. Mr. Lloyd stated that after today's meeting, he would go back to President Crawford and Vice President Halle of the State Board to brief them on the PSTEB's conversation and provide an update.

DISCUSSION

COMAR 13A.07.06 – Programs for Professionally Licensed Personnel

Mr. Lloyd opened the discussion up asking the members if they had any questions. A question was asked in regards to the override of the Governor's veto of the Blueprint and would that have some implications on parts of the regulations. Mr. Lloyd stated that in 2019, the Department of Legislation did a crosswalk between the drafted regulations and the Blueprint bill at that time. He informed the members that the

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proposed regulations have been updated significantly. Mr. Lloyd stated that PSTEB will need to see the crosswalk to see how it will affect the regulations. The question was asked, should PSTEB review the crosswalk along with the regulations and the Blueprint first and then discuss it? Mr. Lloyd reminded the members that the State Board passed the regulations in January for publication and that they have 60 days from receipt of the documents to act on them.

Mr. Lloyd asked legal counsel for clarification of what constitutes receipt of the documents. Legal counsel stated that she would research the answer and provide guidance. Legal counsel was also asked to clarify when a law becomes effective when the Governor's veto is overridden? Ms. Sheppard-Southall said that she would check for clarification and provide guidance.

Mr. Lloyd suggested that based upon the comments that were made at today's meeting, to postpone the discussion of the regulations until the next meeting on March 4th to get further action. Mr. Lloyd stated that the next meeting will have a closed session to receive advice of legal counsel to clarify when the 60 days comes into effect in regards to receipt of documents. He informed the members that he will speak with President Crawford in regards to the conversation at today's meeting.

Adjourned

Mr. Lloyd adjourned the PSTEB meeting without objection.
Meeting adjourned 11:40 a.m.