

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2024

The 487th Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) meeting was held virtually on December 7, 2023. Ms. Kitchen called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Dr. Keisha Allen, Ms. Joy Bacon, Dr. Jacob Bauer- Zebley, Dr. Sean Bulson, Ms. Melissa Carpenter (virtual), Dr. Dionne Curbeam, Ms. Stephanie Farmer, Dr. Debi Gartland, Dr. Kristine McGee, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Amy Poirer, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Joy Lee Spain (virtual), Dr. Winona Taylor, Ms. Karen Yoho

The following members were absent: Ms. Monifa McKnight, Ms. Monica Roebuck, Dr. Ebony Terrell Shockley

The following Attorney General Staff member was present: Mr. Sean Fitzgerald, Esq. -Assistant Attorney General

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

Dr Juanita Ashby-Bey, Tamara Deshields-Burns, Ms. Nichole Crowder (Recorder), Keith Krempel
Ms. Kelly Meadows, Alexandra Cambra(virtual)

Guest: Ms. Frank Skinner, Maryland State Education Association

Public Comment

None

State Board of Education Updates

None

Announcements

-Ms. Meadows announced that Ms. Amy Wilson has resigned from her seat on the PSTEB board.

-Ms. Meadows reminded those board members that are being re-nominated to the PSTEB board to make sure that they make arrangements to be sworn in as soon as possible. She also asked that they copy herself and Ms. Crowder on any letters that they receive from the Governor's Appointment Office.

-Dr. Curbeam announced that she is a part of a state board that is looking at Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education and the impact it has on K-12 schools. She asked if anyone has any examples, comments or concerns on how AI is being used in schools to submit them to her.

-Ms. Meadows introduced Dr. Juanita Ashby-Bey and Mr. Keith Krempel, who are the new Educator Preparation Coordinators for the Program Approval Branch. She also informed the board that on January 11th, 2024, Mr. Jason Keys will be joining Program Approval as the Educator Preparation Manager.

-Mr. Hornbeck reminded new members of the board that they should be receiving an ethics form to complete. He stated to complete it as soon as possible.

Communication Update

None

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Assessment Discussion

- Dr. Bulson asked where the state stood in terms of the use of portfolio assessments.
- Ms. Kitchen asked the higher education members to answer that question.
- Dr. Garland stated that Towson University has been using edTPA. They have been using their own expected score because there is no cut off score. She stated that if an educator does not meet the expected score, they have the student do internal mediation.
- Dr. McGee stated that Frostburg University has been using edTPA for 5 plus years and they have configured the \$300 fee for edTPA into the students cost so that they could receive financial aid to cover it. Frostburg are also looking at a generic score between 35 and 45.
- Dr. Bulson asked if there was a statewide expectation for edTPA and are independent institutions using it.
- Ms. Meadows stated that MSDE track what assessments Maryland institutes are using and although they still have time it is time for a decision to be made. She does not believe that all institutions will support both assessments. As of the last survey conducted, there are eight institutions using edTPA and four using the PPAP.
- Ms. Meadows reminded the board that beginning July 1st 2025 these assessments and cut score will be required. A cut score will be chosen real soon.
- Ms. Meadows went over the private institutions and the assessments that are currently using.
- Ms. Meadows stated that it may be helpful to reach out to the testing vendors and bring them in for an overview of the assessments as well as technical assistance.
- Mr. Hornbeck asked if successfully completing the edTPA or PPAP a requirement for getting your degree
- Dr. Garland stated that getting the expected score is a requirement for graduation.
- Dr. McGee stated that Frostburg requires completion without conditions on your edTPA submissions, which will have to change once the cut scores are implemented.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of December 7, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to approve the, me December 7, 2023, meeting minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Winona Taylor moved to approve December 7, 2023, meeting minutes and it was seconded by Dr. Keisha Allen. The minutes were approved without objection with corrections.

- Ms. Meadows suggested that the board use the inclement weather day for February so that board members would be able to attend the Teacher Education Summit at University of Maryland. The board agreed that the meeting for February will be held on February 8, 2024

Review COMAR 13A.07.06, Programs for Professionally Licensed Personnel

- Ms. Meadows identified all amendments made to definitions in COMAR 13A.07.06 during the 2023 legislative session.
- Ms. Meadows identified all amendments that were made in COMAR 13A.07.06.08 State Program Approval Requirements.

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BREAK

Review COMAR 13A.12.06, Disciplinary Action and Denial

- Mr. Fitzgerald gave a brief history and due process of suspension in CMOAR 13A.12.06
- Fitzgerald went through the definitions that needed clarification.

(3) "Dismissed" means termination of a teacher, principal, supervisor, assistant superintendent, or other professional assistant under Education Article § 6-202, Annotated Code of Maryland.

(4) "Misconduct" means unlawful, dishonest, or improper behavior in dereliction of an educator's duty.

(5) "Moral turpitude" means conduct contrary to justice, honesty, or morality.

(8) "Summary suspension" means the indefinite suspension of a license under State Government Article, § 10-226(c)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland, taken if the State Superintendent of Schools believes the action is necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

Proposed Agenda Items January's Meeting

- Call to order
- Public comment
- Announcements
- Legislative Update
- Communication Updates
- Approval of January Minutes
- Language for Disciplinary Action and Statutory Alignment
- Portfolio Base Assessment Discussion
- Federal Military Spouse Regulations
- Performance base assessment data

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.