

## **MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Monday, April 26, 2021  
Maryland State Board of Education  
200 W. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The Maryland State Board of Education met via WebEx videoconference on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The following members participated in the videoconference: Mr. Clarence Crawford (President); Ms. Jean Halle (Vice President); Mr. Shawn Bartley; Ms. Gail Bates; Mr. Charles R. Dashiell, Jr., Esq.; Dr. Susan Getty; Dr. Vermelle D. Greene; Dr. Rose M. Li; Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy; Ms. Rachel McCusker, Ms. Lori Morrow; Brigadier General (BG) Warner Sumpter; Dr. Holly Wilcox; Mr. Jason Wu, Student Representative; and State Superintendent Dr. Karen B. Salmon.

The following staff members also participated: Elliott L. Schoen, Assistant Attorney General; Dr. Sylvia Lawson, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of School Effectiveness; Amalie Brandenburg, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of Finance and Administration; Dr. Carol Williamson, Deputy State Superintendent, Office of Teaching and Learning; and Dr. Miya T. Simpson, Executive Director, Office of the State Board.

President Crawford called the meeting to order and asked Dr. Simpson to conduct the roll call. Mr. Schoen declared the presence of a quorum.

President Crawford explained the virtual meeting procedures and provided opening remarks.

### **ORAL ARGUMENT**

Mr. Schoen reviewed procedures for the oral argument and introduced legal counsel for each party.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to § 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and upon motion of Mr. Dashiell, seconded by General Sumpter, and with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session. All board members were present. Also in attendance were Dr. Karen B. Salmon, State Superintendent, Dr. Miya T. Simpson, Executive Director, Office of the State Board and Assistant Attorneys General Elliott Schoen and Jackie LaFiandra. The Executive Session commenced at 1:38 p.m.

Counsel to the Board gave legal advice regarding a proposed Board resolution and answered questions.

The Executive Session ended at 2:19 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned from Executive Session at 2:19 pm.

Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.  
Secretary/Treasurer

Date: May 25, 2021

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT") UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

1. Recorded vote to close the meeting.

Date: April 26, 2021

Time: 1:40 pm

Location: Virtual

Motion to close meeting made by: Mr. Dashiell

Seconded by: Gen. Sumpter

Members in favor: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 0

2. The meeting was closed under authority of Section 3-305(b) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (check all provisions that apply). This meeting will be closed under General Provision Art. § 3-305(b) only.

- 1. To discuss: (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.
- 2. To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business.
- 3. To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.
- 4. To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.
- 5. To consider the investment of public funds.
- 6. To consider the marketing of public securities.
- 7. To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.
- 8. To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.
- 9. To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations.
- 10. To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans.
- 11. To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination.
- 12. To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct.
- 13. To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.
- 14. Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion to topic
§ 3-305(b)(7)	Legal advice regarding In-Person Instruction for 2021-2022 School Year	Consult with legal counsel and obtain legal advice

4. This statement is made by Clarence Crawford, Presiding Officer.