

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

Tuesday, November 16, 2021  
Maryland State Board of Education  
200 W. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The Maryland State Board of Education held a special meeting via WebEx on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 1:00 pm to gather feedback on the state's emergency school mask requirement. The following members were present: Mr. Clarence Crawford (President); Mr. Charles R. Dashiell, Jr., Esq. (Vice President); Mr. Shawn Bartley; Ms. Gail Bates; Ms. Chuen-Chin Chang; Dr. Susan Getty; Dr. Vermelle D. Greene, Ms. Jean Halle; Ms. Lori Morrow; Ms. Rachel McCusker; Brigadier General (BG) Warner Sumpter; Dr. Holly Wilcox; Mr. Kevin Bokoum, Student Representative; and State Superintendent Mohammed Choudhury. Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy was absent.

The following staff members also participated: Elliott L. Schoen, Assistant Attorney General and Dr. Miya T. Simpson, Executive Director, Office of the State Board.

President Crawford called the meeting to order.

Mr. Schoen called the roll and declared the presence of a quorum.

President Crawford welcomed speakers and members of the public and provided opening remarks.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals provided comments during the extended public comment period.

- Jared DeCoste
- Raymond Russell
- Kristen Caminiti
- Jenni Kim
- Daniela Seminara
- Katie Hama
- Jessica Garland
- Heather Coley
- Veronica Golden
- Margaret Barnes
- Melissa Idleman
- Kit Hart
- Sharon Nuzback
- Wendy Novak
- Eileen Truong

- Judy Deese
- Amy Adams
- Janelle Windlow
- Chantale Muller
- Elaine Lewis

## **STAKEHOLDER PANELS**

State Board members heard comments and perspectives from the following panelists:

- **State Overview and Update**
  - Dr. Jinlene Chan, Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Health provided remarks by video regarding *Maryland COVID-19 Updates and Pediatric Vaccinations*.
  - Ms. Mary Gable, Assistant State Superintendent, provided an updates on *Reopening Logistics and Transmission Rates in Schools*.
- **Parents and Students**
  - Free State PTA - Marla Posey-Moss, President, Laura Steward, Vice President for Advocacy; Ashlee Potts, Parent Member
  - Maryland Association of Student Councils – Justin Peleska, President; Toku Adeyemo, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
  - The Parent’s Place – Rene Averitt-Sanzone, Executive Director
  - Benjamin Heiser, Parent
- **State Organizations**
  - Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE)
    - Virginia McGraw, MABE President, Charles County Board of Education
    - Marsha Herbert, Carroll County Board of Education
    - Makeda Scott, Baltimore County Board of Education
    - Melissa Williams, Washington County Board of Education
  - Maryland State Educators Association (MSEA)
    - Cheryl Bost, President
  - Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland  
Dr. Simpson read a letter submitted by Dr. Patricia Saelens, President, PSSAM
- **National Experts**
  - Dr. Lucy McBride, Practicing Internist
  - Dr. Monique Soileau-Burke, Vice-President, Maryland Chapter, American Academic of Pediatrics
  - Professor Lawrence Gostin, Director, O’Neil Institute for National Global Health Law, Georgetown University

President Crawford thanked all speakers for their feedback and provided closing remarks. He encouraged State Board members to consider all of the information for further discussion in December as the State Board considers a thoughtful and appropriate way to move forward.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mohammed Choudhury  
Secretary/Treasurer

Date: December 7, 2021

*The information included here provides a brief summary of the agenda items presented. The video recordings of the meetings are the official record and can be located at:*

<https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Pages/meeting-agendas/2021/2021-11-16.aspx>

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