

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

Wednesday, September 8, 2021  
Maryland State Board of Education  
200 W. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The Maryland State Board of Education held a special virtual meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at the Maryland State Department of Education, 200 W. Baltimore Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor State Board Room, Baltimore, Maryland. The following members participated via WebEx: 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; Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy; Brigadier General (BG) Warner Sumpter; Dr. Holly Wilcox; Mr. Kevin Bokoum, Student Representative; and State Superintendent Mohammed Choudhury.

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 opened the meeting in public session.

Mr. Schoen declared the presence of a quorum.

President Crawford provided opening remarks and the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to § 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and upon motion of Delegate Bates, seconded by Mr. Dashiell, and with unanimous approval, the Maryland State Board of Education met in closed session on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 via WebEx. All board members were present. Also in attendance were Superintendent Choudhury, Dr. Miya Simpson, Executive Director, and Assistant Attorney General, Elliott Schoen. The Executive Session commenced at 4:30 p.m.

Superintendent Choudhury presented four personnel candidates for the State Board's review and appointment. Deann Collins for Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Krishnanda Tallur for Deputy Superintendent for Operations; Dustin Dayhoff for Assistant Superintendent for Financial Planning, Operations, and Strategy; and Mike Herschenfeld, Senior Executive Director- Office of Strategic Planning and Continuous Improvement.

The State Board unanimously appointed the personnel.

The Executive Session ended at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mohammed Choudhury  
Secretary/Treasurer

Date: October 26, 2021

*The information included here provides a brief summary of the agenda items presented and actions taken during the meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education. The video recordings of the meetings are the official record of the meetings and can be located at: <http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Pages/Meetings-2021.aspx>*

Meeting materials, Opinions, and Orders can be found at:  
<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Pages/Meetings-2021.aspx>

**The next Maryland State Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.** Appropriate accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Eight business days notice prior to the event is required. Please contact Charlene Necessary at (410) 767-0467 or TTY at (410) 333-6442 so arrangements can be made.

**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: September 8, 2021  
 Time: 4:35 pm  
 Location: 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201  
 Motion to close meeting made by: Sen. Bates  
 Seconded by: Mr. Dashiell  
 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.

<b>Citation (insert # from above)</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reason for closed-session discussion to topic</b>
§3-305(b)(1)	Personnel Matter	Discuss personnel matters
§3-305(b)(7)	Legal Advice	Obtain legal advice on personnel matters

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