

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes

November 3rd, 2022

The 474th meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Zoom and in person, on November 3rd, 2022. Mr. Darren Hornbeck called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Dr. Jacob Bauer-Zebley, Ms. Janill A. Bobbitt, Dr. Dionne Curbeam, Dr. Debi Gartland, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Debra Poese, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Ms. Monica Roebuck, Dr. James Scott Smith, Ms. Joy Lee Spain, Dr. Winona Taylor, Ms. Amy Wilson, and Ms. Karen Yoho.

The following members were absent: Mr. Corey Gaber, Dr. Patricia Saelens, Mr. Louis M. D'Ambrosio and Dr. Kristine McGee

The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present: Ms. Brej'ae Green (Recorder).

The following Attorney General Staff members were present: Mr. Sean Fitzgerald, Esq. - Assistant Attorney General.

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Recognition of Guests

Ms. Lauren Lamb, MSEA

Public Comment

None

Announcements

None

State Board Update

None

Communication Update

None

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of August and September Minutes

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to approve the September 8th, 2022, and October 13th, 2022, minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Debi Gartland/Dr. Winona Taylor to approve the September 8th, 2022, and October 13th, 2022, minutes with two minor corrections.

The minutes were approved without objection.

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Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for December

- Approval of Minutes
- State Board Update
- Communication Update
- Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.12 *Educator Licensure*
- COMAR 13A.07.06 *Programs for Professionally Licensed Personnel*
- Items for Future Meetings
 - Science of Reading Instruction

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to adopt the December agenda with additions.

MOTION: December agenda was approved by the board without objections.

COMAR 13A.12 Educator Licensure (Deep Dive)

Ms. Meadows reviewed each proposed regulation in Title 13A Subtitle 12 and explained changes that had been made since the last meeting. The board asked clarifying questions and had discussion prior to providing feedback on each regulation. Several minor changes to the language were made.

Highlights

- Ms. Meadows reviewed the differentiation between renewal and advancement that was added to the regulations. MSDE recommends that the regulations clearly define the difference between renewing the same license and advancing to another license.
- Ms. Meadows explained that the types of teacher licenses and pathways to licensure are now two separate regulations rather than one due to stylistic requirements.
- The board reviewed the Reading Specialist and Reading Teacher regulations to determine if any changes need to be made prior to publication. The board recommended that amendments be made during phase one of promulgation to align both regulations to the science of reading then a deeper dive occur during phase two to determine if further changes should be made.
- Ms. Spain reminded the board that in the current regulations, three semester hours of credit are required for every specialist and administrator area of certification. Ms. Meadows stated that she would incorporate those requirements in the December version of the proposed regulations.
- The board members discussed the renewal requirements for administrators and supervisors. Mr. Hornbeck suggested that administrators should be required to complete professional development focused on strategies for increasing teacher retention and strategies for developing and facilitating teacher leadership at the time of renewal.

Ms. Kitchen entered a motion to add this language to the renewal requirements.

MOTION: Mr. Darren Hornbeck /Dr. Winona Taylor to approve the motion to endorse this language. The motion was approved.

VOTE: Yes: 13 No: 1 Abstain: 1

- The Board reviewed the regulations governing the suspension and revocation of an educator license. Ms. Meadows

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reviewed the causes for disciplinary actions and what constitutes a license being suspended vs. being revoked. Ms. Meadows informed the board that MSDE is a part of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC). She explained that NASDTEC provides an educator clearinghouse that houses disciplinary action for all states in the country. The board requested that MSDE bring back additional information regarding sex crimes in Maryland to ensure that the regulations include all causes for action that are warranted.

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to end the PSTEB monthly meeting at 3:06 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm without objections.