

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

Monday, August 9, 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, August 9, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mr. Clarence Crawford (President); Mr. Charles R. Dashiell, Jr., Esq. (Vice President); Ms. Gail Bates; Ms. Chuen-Chin Chang; Dr. Susan Getty; Ms. Jean Halle; Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy; Ms. Rachel McCusker; Ms. Lori Morrow; Brigadier General (BG) Warner Sumpter; Mr. Kevin Bokoum, Student Representative; and State Superintendent Mohammed Choudhury. Mr. Shawn Bartley, Dr. Vermelle D. Greene, and Dr. Holly Wilcox were not present.

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 and asked Dr. Simpson to conduct the roll call. Mr. Schoen declared the presence of a quorum.

President Crawford provided opening remarks and read the closing statement to adjourn to Executive Session.

### **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 Senator Bates, and with unanimous approval, the Maryland State Board of Education met in closed session on Monday, August 9, 2021 via WebEx. All board members were present except Dr. Vermelle Green, Shawn Bartley, and Dr. Holly Wilcox. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mohammed Choudhury, Dr. Miya T. Simpson, Executive Director, Office of the State Board and Assistant Attorney General, Elliott Schoen. The Executive Session commenced at 4:38 p.m.

The Board discussed personnel matters and voted to approve Ari Amerikaner as Chief of Staff.

The Executive Session ended at 5:10 p.m.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned from Executive Session at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mohammed Choudhury  
Secretary/Treasurer

Date: August 24, 2021

*The information included here provides a 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:

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**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: August 9, 2021  
 Time: 4:35pm  
 Location: Virtual  
 Motion to close meeting made by: Mr. Dashiell  
 Seconded by: Sen. Gail Bates  
 Members in favor: 11  
 Opposed: 0  
 Abstaining: 0  
 Absent: 3
  
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	Personnel matter

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