

MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, March 4, 2021
Maryland State Board of Education
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The Maryland State Board of Education met via videoconference on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. The following members participated on the video conference call: 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 (Ret.); Dr. Holly Wilcox; Mr. Jason Wu, Student Representative; and State Superintendent Dr. Karen B. Salmon. President Crawford was not present.

The following staff members also participated: Elliott L. Schoen, Assistant Attorney General; 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.

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

Vice President Halle explained the virtual meeting procedures and the purpose of the special meeting, which was to revisit the Maryland State Assessment schedule and discussion from the February 23rd State Board meeting.

BOARD SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021 PRIORITIES

➤ State Assessments for 2020-2021 School Year

(Presenter: Dr. Carol Williamson, Deputy State Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Dr. Dara Shaw, Executive Director for Research and Strategic Data Use)

Dr. Salmon provided updated information regarding state assessments since the discussion and action taken at the February 23rd State Board meeting, and reviewed the guidance provided the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Salmon proposed delaying the assessments until Fall, 2021 and requested approval of an adjusted schedule for administration of the modified, statewide English language arts and mathematics assessments for grades 3-8 and high school.

***ACTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Dashiell, and seconded by General Sumpter, the State Board granted permission to publish the regulation. (In Favor: 12; Opposed: 1 - McCusker; Abstained: 0. President Crawford was not present.)*

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm.

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

Date: February 23, 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:

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