



Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 10th, 2024 | 11 AM – 1 PM

In-Person | Talbot County Education Center
12 Magnolia St., Easton, MD 21601

Attendees

Rebecca Aiken Tempe Beall Nina Carr, Rachel Deitch, Donovan Dennis, Matt Golonka, Will Gray, Brian Griffith, Erin Hager, Colby Haines, James Hitchner, Luke Hollis, Bill Keswick, Rayheen Merani, Justin O'Brien, Michael Page, Kirstin Roller, Amy Sexton, Britta Sparks, Nick Thompson, Christiana Walsh, Suzannah Ward, and Amy Wiley

Greetings and Introductions

Christiana Walsh Co-Chair

- Called to order at 11:05 AM
- Roll call and member introductions
- Reviewed and approved the Fall 2023 minutes
 - Motion to approve Brian Griffith, Seconded by Amy Wiley
 - The motion was unanimously approved
- Reviewed the Council's Goals, Mission, and Vision

Maryland State Department of Education Update

Jason Semanoff, Director of Comprehensive Health and Physical Education

- Membership update – For SY 23-24, the Council had 33 formal members nominated by their respective organizations. This fall, Jason will send letters to the Council's member organizations to nominate someone to serve a 3-year term.
- Professional Learning Labs—MSDE partnered with Cairn Guidance and Frederick County, Charles County, and Howard County to host three comprehensive health education professional learning labs. Pending funding, MSDE will host physical education professional learning labs next year.
- Standards and Frameworks Validation Committees—MSDE is accepting applications to join the social studies, English language arts, mathematics, health education, and physical education committees. The volunteers will meet monthly for the next 12-18 months to make recommendations to the State Board of Education on if and how the standards and frameworks should be revised.
- Comprehensive Health Education FAQ Document—The attorney general's office and several council members assisted with the creation of the [interactive website](#) and accompanying PDF. If and when the health education standards and/or framework are revised, this document will also be revised.

SHAPE Maryland & SHAPE America Update

Brian Griffith, Executive Director

- SHAPE Maryland will not host a State convention in SY 24-25.
- A webinar on how to apply to present at SHAPE America's National Convention in Baltimore is forthcoming.
- The awards banquet will take place on Oct 26th at the Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel.
- The Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at Woodlands Golf Center in Baltimore County
- SHAPE Maryland will host a webinar in the Fall to discuss the Health Education Instructional Leaders (HEIL) and Physical Education Demo Schools programs.
- SHAPE America published new national health and physical education standards in March. They are hosting a summer institute in Minneapolis. The SHAPE Maryland Board has agreed to compensate two members to attend, and they will report back to the organization on their findings.
- SHAPE Maryland will support the SFVCs in any way possible.
- SHAPE Maryland will host a State convention in SY25-26. It will take place in Ocean City in November of 2025.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Update

Rayhann Merani, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

- Over the last year, work has been done to strengthen programs and partnerships with the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition.
- Changes to the Presidential Fitness Assessment are forthcoming.

Council Business

Christiana Walsh and Carly Colman, Co-Chairs

- Reviewed the action items from the meeting with MSDE leadership.
 - Data about licensed and unlicensed Health Education teachers is needed to further advocate for the advancement of PreK-12 skills-based programs
 - Kirsten Roller and Tempe Beall volunteered to lead presentations.
 - Rachel Deitch, from the MSSHC, offered her assistance in advocating for a recess regulation, i.e., speaking with a member of the general assembly to introduce a recess bill.
- Christiana Walsh's term as co-chair will end this summer.
 - Nick Thompson, Supervisor of Health and Physical Education in Wicomico County, was nominated by Suzannah Ward and seconded by Amy Wiley to serve as co-chair from Fall 2024 to Spring 2026.
 - The motion was approved unanimously.

All Member Update

- Maryland State School Health Council: An in-person meeting will occur on Monday, June 10, at UMBC. Each LEA should bring five members plus a student. Parking and lunch will be provided.
- Leveling the Playing Field: Grant applications for schools to receive free equipment can be found on their website. Delivery arrangements can be made. Contact [Donavan Dennis](#), Program Director, for more information.

Public Comment

None

Closing Remarks

Christiana Walsh

- Please complete the survey and evaluation
- Motion to Adjourn at 12:57 PM by Bill Keswick, seconded by Amy Wiley