

# MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 W. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

### Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2021

The 460<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Web Ex, on August 5, 2021. Ms. Maleeta Kitchen called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**The following members were in attendance:** Dr. Dionne Curbeam, Mr. Louis D'Ambrosio, Mr. Corey Gaber, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Ms. Kelly Meadows, Dr. Kindel Nash, Ms. Debra Poese, Ms. Monica Roebuck, Dr. Patricia Saelens, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Ms. Joy Lee Spain, Dr. Winona Taylor, Ms. Geralda Thompson, Ms. Amy Wilson and Ms. Karen Yoho.

**The following members were absent:** Mr. Peter Baily, Dr. Debi Gartland, Mr. Charles Hagan, Mr. Christopher Lloyd (retired), Ms. Kelli Midgley, and Dr. Jack Smith (retired).

**The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present:**

Ms. Alexandra Cambra, Mr. Robert Eccles, Dr. Hsin-Yuan Chen, and Ms. Ruth Downs (Recorder).

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

### PRELIMINARY ITEMS

#### Recognition of Guests via Web Ex

Ms. Tina Dove, MSEA

Ms. Geraldine Duval, MSEA

Mr. Evan West, MSEA

Ms. Danielle Jones, MSEA

Ms. Deborah Euzebio, MSEA

Ms. Queen Nwafor, MSEA

Ms. Robin Fairall

#### Public Comment

**None**

#### Announcements

None

#### State Board Update

Ms. Kelly Meadows presented the summary of the Maryland State Board Meeting for July 27, 2021. Ms. Meadows asked the PSTEB members to review the reports and if they have any questions, to please send them to her and she will reach out to Dr. Simpson to get the information.

Ms. Meadows informed the PSTEB members that both Boards have granted permission to publish COMAR 13A.07.06 and COMAR 13A.07.01-.07 for public comment. It will first go to the AELR and then go out for publication. The question was asked, once it goes out for public comment, do we discuss it or wait until it comes back? Ms. Meadows stated that there is a 30 day period for individuals to review and make comments. The MSDE will receive the comments and organize

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the comments to present to the Board.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### Approval of July 1, 2021, Minutes

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to approve the July 1, 2021, minutes with the one minor correction.

**MOTION:** Dr. Winona Taylor/Ms. Geraldina Thompson to approve the July 1, 2021, minutes with the one minor correction. The minutes were approved without objection.

#### Approval of Proposed Agenda Items for August 5, 2021

- Approval of Minutes
- State Board Update
- Communication Update
- Regulations, as appropriate
- PSTEB Procedural Manual

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to adopt the agenda items for the September 9, 2021 meeting.

**MOTION:** Ms. Deb Poese/Dr. Winona Taylor to approve the September 9, 2021, meeting agenda. The September 9, 2021, PSTEB agenda was approved without objection.

#### Communication Plan

Ms. Kitchen informed the Board members that she had sent a letter over to the State Board of Education to clarify PSTEB's role and about there being a holdup with regulations. Dr. Nash suggested that the communication plan be shared with the new members. Ms. Kitchen asked Ms. Downs to send a copy of the plan to the members.

Ms. Kitchen informed the new members that the communication plan was a collaboration that was worked on with the State Board. The communication plan was created for PSTEB's communication with the State Board. There was a need to have a clear understanding of how PSTEB communicated with the State Board of Education. Dr. Saelens stated that the communication plan was developed to increase communication between the State Board of Education and PSTEB and can lend itself to other communications. Ms. Wilson inquired about the people chosen to be on the Accountability and Implementation (AIB). Ms. Kitchen stated that the AIB has not been established yet and that PSTEB can update or change the Communication Plan as needed.

#### Staff Member/Streaming Capability

Ms. Kitchen stated that PSTEB would like to make a request to have a staff member to represent them at the State Board meetings and to have the PSTEB meetings be streamed as the State Board meetings are done. The Professional Standards and Education Board will take a vote to ask the State Board about having a staff member assigned to represent them at the meetings and to have the PSTEB meetings streamed. Ms. Meadows shared that historically, MSDE staff from the Division of Educator Certification and Program Approval have provided staffing for the PSTEB. Ms. Wilson asked if PSTEB should list what they would want the staff member to do. Mr. Hornbeck stated that previously a review from the legal counsel stated that the State Board must provide a staff member for the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board. He stated that the topic of a staff member for PSTEB has been discussed at previous meetings and should be referenced that we have been asking for a staff member. After further discussion, a decision was made to take action and make a formal request for a staff person. Ms. Kitchen stated that the Communication Committee will schedule a meeting to define the role of the staff person. The members of the Communication Committee are Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Dr. Debi Gartland, Dr. Kindel Nash and Dr. Patricia Saelens.

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**MOTION:** Mr. Darren Hornbeck/Dr. Winona Taylor to approve the motion to adopt that the Communication Committee come together to define the role of the staff member assigned to the Professional Standards and Education Board.

**Vote:**

Yes: 12

No: 1

Abstain: 1

Ms. Kitchen stated to the members to wait until after the committee meets, then in September continue the discussion.

Ms. Kitchen inquired about the streaming capabilities and if there was a financial part to this. Ms. Meadows informed the Board that there was no budget in place for this and she would find out how much it would cost.

**Adjourned**

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to adjourn from the PSTEB monthly meeting at 11:34 a.m. to enter into Executive Session.

**MOTION:** Dr. Winona Taylor/Ms. Geralda Thompson approved the motion to adjourn from the PSTEB monthly meeting at 11:34 a.m. to enter into Executive Session.

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to adjourn from Executive Session @12:32 p.m.

**MOTION:** Dr. Winona Taylor/Ms. Geralda Thompson approved the motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 12:32 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.