

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201**

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2024

The 492nd meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Zoom, on March 8, 2024. Ms. Maleeta Kitchen called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Janill Bobbitt (virtual), Dr. Jacob Bauer- Zebley, Dr. Sean Bulson, Dr. Dionne Curbeam, Dr. Kristine McGee, Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Dr. Ebony Terrell Shockley (virtual), Ms. Joy Lee Spain (virtual), Dr. Winona Taylor, Ms. Karen Yoho

The following members were absent: Ms. Joy Bacon, Ms. Melissa Carpenter, Ms. Stephanie Farmer, Dr. Debi Gartland, Ms. Amy Poirier

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

Alexandra Cambra, Ms. Nichole Crowder (Recorder), Sophia Fitzpatrick, Keith Krempel, Joseph Smith

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

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Recognition of Guests

None

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Public Comment

None

State Board Update

Mr. Hands announced that on May 21, 2024, the State Board recognized the 2024-2025 Maryland Teachers of the Year. He stated that the full list and ceremony will be provided via the website.

Mr. Hands stated that the Board also recognized Bradley Abshire and Maggie Arnold as recipients of the 2023 Milken Educator Award.

Mr. Hands stated that the State Board also voted unanimously to approve the use of \$350,000 credited to the public education partnership fund to support the administration of best instructional practices in the science of reading as part of the Maryland State Department of Education comprehensive literacy plan.

Mr. Hands indicated the State Board also voted unanimously to adopt a joint implementation policy with the Accountability and Implementation Board to provide a timeline for Local Education Agencies to meet the minimum school funding requirement as mandated in the blueprint for Maryland's future.

The State Board received an overview from Ms. Meadows of the current educator Workforce in Maryland

The State Board received an update on recommendations from the special education workgroup and an overview of the Maryland State Department of Education 2025 education budget.

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Communication Update

Dr. Allen discussed the items that Dr. Terrell Shockley had remitted via email. She brought to the board's attention that Montgomery County is undergoing a budget review which may include not honoring open contracts to recent graduate hires.

Dr. McGee wanted to recognize the Program Approval Team, especially Dr. Ashby-Bey for coming out to Frostburg to meet with her team. Frostburg was impressed with the visit's outcome.

Ms. Roebuck shared concerns with her administrator on whether they had to complete National Board Certification under their position.

Ms. Meadows updated the board on the Administrator Licensure Workgroup. She said the workgroup met twice and expects it to meet three more times. The charge of the workgroup is to make recommendations to the State Board of Education to establish the criteria to move to the licensed principal tier and the circumstances when those criteria may be waived.

Announcements

Dr. Allen announced that the University of Maryland College Park, in collaboration with Prince George's County Public Schools, will be hosting the Network Improvement Communities Showcase & Conference on June 25, 2024.

Dr. Zebley announced that today would be his last day as a board member. Dr. Zebley thanked the board for the opportunity to serve. He stated it was a great opportunity and pleasure to be on this board.

Ms. Roebuck also said this would be her last day as well. Her term has ended. She stated that it was a wonderful experience working on this board and working with everyone.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that starting June 17th he will be taking the remainder of his parental leave to be home with his family and will return in September.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes

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April's meeting minutes were approved with the necessary corrections

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Education Preparation Review Process

Dr. Keys gave a Presentation of the Educator Preparation Program Review Process. Dr. Keys walked through the design, the development, and the implementation of what his team will be doing. Dr. Keys provided background on the design and how the team worked to develop the process.

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Background

- 2021 – Blueprint for Maryland’s Future becomes law
- 2023 – Regulations adopted by the State Board of Education and Professional Standards for Teacher Education Board
- COMAR 13A.07.06, Programs for Professionally Licensed Personnel
- COMAR 13A.12, Educator Licensure
- 2024 – Design, Development, and Implementation of State Approval and Review Processes for Educator Preparation Programs

Dr. Keys acknowledged the team that carried out the design development and implementation.

Program Approval Team

- Dr. Jason Keys – Manager
- Dr. Juanita Ashby-Bey – Coordinator
- Mr. Keith Krempel – Coordinator

36 Providers

- 22 Traditional/14 Alternative
- 706 total programs (and growing)

Dr. Keys stated that providers have a choice to seek national accreditation or traverse a state review. He stated that 13/36 providers are nationally accredited and operate with their accreditor, keeping the Department informed. Those providers are still responsible for annual reporting.

Research-Informed Design

Dr. Keys stated that the criteria were grounded in scholarly research, best practices, and feedback

- Peer-reviewed journals, U.S. Dept of Education, and professional publications
- Connecting with the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification partners

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- Insight into best practices
- Determined what is “normal practice” in program reviews
- Templates and exemplars for all aspects of educator preparation program (EPPs) reviews
- Review of artifacts from State Departments of Education nationwide
- Procedural guidance
- Regulations
- Protocols used within reviews
- Feedback from EPP leaders (ongoing)
- Blueprint Criteria, Regulations, State Priorities

BREAK

ACTION ITEMS

Permission to Publish: COMAR 13A.07.06.08 State Program Approval Requirements

Ms. Meadows went through all the amendments made to COMAR 13A.07.06.08 State Program Approval Requirements to align with 2024’s legislative session specifically to Senate Bill 771.

Ms. Meadows said there will need to be a motion to withdraw permission to publish the old regulation.

Mr. Fitzgerald indicated there should be an immediate motion for permission to publish the amended version.

Ms. Meadows continued walking the board through the amendments to COMAR 13A.07.06.08.

MOTIONS

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Dr. Taylor moved to rescind permission to publish COMAR 13A.07.06.08 State Program Approval Requirements that was previously approved in February 2024.

Seconded by Dr. Bulson.

Motion carries to rescind request to publish COMAR 13A.07.06.08 State Program Approval Requirements that was previously approved in February 2024.

Dr. Bulson moved for permission to publish COMAR 13A.07.06.08 State Program Approval Requirements as of June 2024.

Seconded by Dr. Taylor.

Motion carries for permission to publish COMAR 13A.07.06.08 State Program Approval Requirements as of June 2024 to align with 2024's legislative session, specifically to Senate Bill 771.

Permission to Publish: COMAR 13A.12.02.03 Pathways to Teacher Licensure

Ms. Meadows went through all the amendments made to COMAR 13A.12.02.03 Pathways to Teacher Licensure and answered all questions.

MOTION

Dr. Zebley moved for permission to publish COMAR 13A.12.02.03 Pathways to Teacher Licensure.

Second by Dr. Taylor.

Motion carries for permission to publish COMAR 13A.12.02.03 Pathways to Teacher Licensure.

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Proposed Agenda Items for July

- Call to order
- Public comment
- Announcements
- Legislative Update
- Communication Updates
- Approval of June Minutes
- Reading presentation
- Supply and Demand Presentation
- Amendments to the Incorporation by Reference Regulation
- Administrator Workgroup update

Ms. Kitchen adjourned the meeting at 12:01 pm