

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

**Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2024**

The 495th meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held on October 10, 2024. Ms. Kelly Meadows to order at 9:35 a.m.

**The following members were in attendance:** Dr. Keisha Allen, Ms. Joy Bacon, Ms. Garima Bhatt Handley, Dr. Sean Bulson, Ms. Melissa Carpenter, Dr. Dionne N. Curbeam, Mr. Joshua Davidson, Mr. Darren R. Hornbeck, Ms. Kimberly Moore, Dr. Kristine E. McGee (virtual), Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Amy Poirier, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Ms. Joy L. Spain(virtual), Dr. Ebony Terrell Shockley, Dr. Winona M. Taylor, Ms. Karen Yoho, Dr. Nikki Woodward

**The following members were absent:** Ms. Leslie Boyadjian Stanton, Dr. Cheryl Dyson, Ms. Stephanie Farmer, Dr. Debi Gartland.

**The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present:** Ms. Alexandra Cambra, Ms. Nichole Crowder (Recorder), Dr. Jason Keys, Mr. Keith Krempel, Ms.

Tamara Deshield-Burns (virtually)

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

**Recognition of Guests**

Andy Cole – The Wallace Foundation  
Dr. Tracy Rone - Morgan State University  
Dr. Darryl Williams - Morgan State University  
Dr. Carla Finkelstein - Towson University  
Frank Skinner - Maryland State Education Association (MSEA).

**Election of Officers**

Ms. Meadows opened the floor for nomination for Chairperson of The Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board. Ms. Sandra Skordalos nominated Mr. Darren Hornbeck for Chair, and he accepted. Mr. Hornbeck will now serve as the Chair. Dr. Nikki Woodward nominated Ms. Sandra Skordalos as Vice Chair; she accepted the nomination. Dr. Keisha Allen nominated Dr. Ebony Terrell Shockley as Vice Chair; she accepted the nomination. The vote was taken, and Dr. Ebony Terrell Shockley will now serve as the Vice Chair of the board.

**Introduction Of New Board Member**

Mr. Hornbeck took the opportunity to allow Mr. Joshua Davidson to introduce himself to the board as a new member representing Maryland State Education Association (MSEA).

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**Preparing Equitable Leaders from the Equity Centered Pipeline:**

In Mr. Andy Coles' absence, Ms. Cambra provided a summary of the Wallace Foundation. She explained the Wallace foundation is in partnership with Maryland State Department of Education, Baltimore City Public Schools, Towson State University and Morgan State University which is in their 4th year. This foundation's mission is to help all communities build a more vibrant and just future by fostering advances in the arts, education leadership, and youth development. Ms. Cambra introduced to the board Dr. Tracy Rone Dr. Darrell Williams, Dr. Carla Finkelstein and Mr. Andy Cole. Mr. Cole stated that the Wallace Foundation is a national foundation located in New York City that is focused on leadership education for the last 20 years. Dr. Darrell Williams, Dr. Tracy Rone, and Dr. Carla Finkelstein gave a presentation on the Equity Centered Pipeline Initiative. They explained each program and their goals for those programs available.

Mr. Hornbeck opened the floor for any questions.

**Special Education Coursework Provision**

Ms. Meadows spoke briefly about the Special Education Coursework Provision. She explained that in the last meeting the board discussed some potential options for specialists and administrators to have more time to obtain the special education course required at initial licensure. It was recommended that MSDE draft some language regarding the Temporary Professional License and expand the use of that license for this purpose. Ms. Meadows advised that the language change at this time is only for discussion because these regulations are being promulgated and no action can be taken to publish them until that promulgation process is finished. Ms. Meadows walked through the drafted language for COMAR 13A.12. 01.04 and 13A.12.05.02. She stated that these regulations will be in the Maryland Register on the 18th of October for 30 days. After 30 days the regulations will return to the board and will request permission to adopt or amend.

**Incorporation by Reference**

Ms. Cambra walked the board through the amendments made to COMAR 13A.07.06.03. Incorporation by Reference. It was explained that this regulation is not being promulgated, the board could move forward and request permission to publish.

**Supply and Demand Follow-Up Discussion**

Mr. Hornbeck gave a short history of how this board has received the supply and demand report, Mr. Hornbeck opened the floor for questions and answers concerning the supply and demand report. The board had an extensive discussion on recruitment and retention of education.

**Approval of September Meeting Minutes**

September meeting minutes approved with the necessary corrections.

**Proposed Agenda Items for November**

- Call to order
- Public comment
- Announcements
- Legislative Update
- Communication Updates

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- Approval of June Minutes
- Permission to publish Incorporation by Reference
- Presentation on Recruitment and retention by Southern Maryland Counties

Mr. Hornbeck adjourned the meeting at 12:23 pm