

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2025

The 498th meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held on February 13th, 2025, virtually. Mr. Hornbeck called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

The following members were in attendance: Ms. Joy Bacon, Ms. Leslie Boyadjian Stanton, Ms. Garima Bhatt Handley, Ms. Melissa Carpenter, Dr. Dione Curbeam, Dr. Cheryl Dyson, Dr. Debi Gartland, Mr. Darren R. Hornbeck, Ms. Kimberly Moore, Dr. Kristine E. McGee, Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Amy Poirier, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Dr. Winona M. Taylor, Ms. Karen Yoho

The following members were absent: Dr. Keisha Allen, Dr. Sean Bulson, Mr. Joshua Davidson, Ms. Stephanie Farmer, Ms. Joy L. Spain, Dr. Nikki Woodward

The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present: Ms. Alexandra Cambra, Ms. Nichole Crowder (Recorder), Ms. Sophia Fitzpatrick, Ms. Addison Smith

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

Guests

Frank Skinner - Maryland State Education Association

Jamie Sapia - Maryland State Education Association

Public Comments

- Ms. Jamie Sapia gave public comment regarding proposed amendments to COMAR 13A.12.06 for consideration prior to adoption. Specifically placing a flag on a certificate holder who is under investigation to determine whether grounds exist for denial or disciplinary action are extremely problematic. A written copy of the comment was submitted to the board for their review.
- Ms. Alita-Geri Carter submitted a written public comment to the board regarding the harm that occurs when students are placed in the least restrictive environment without ensuring sufficient training, support, services, and accommodations to support meaningful inclusion in the general education program.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hornbeck entertained a motion to adopt the December meeting minutes. Dr. Taylor moved to adopt the January meeting minutes and they were seconded by Ms. Bhatt Handley. December meeting minutes were adopted with the necessary correction.

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Announcements

Ms. Meadows announced that the workgroup that the board requested to look at pathways to licensure for fine art has been established. The first meeting was to be held on the day that there was inclement weather, and it will be rescheduled.

Communications Update

Dr. Terrell Shockley stated that on February 25, 2025, the University of Maryland College Park will be holding a Convening Transforming Education Systems for Teaching Diversity and on March 14th the University of Maryland will be joining leaders across the state for pi day.

Mr. Hornbeck stated the House Bill 888 may be a bill that the PSTEB board would be interested in following regarding portfolio-based assessment

State Board Update

Hannah Oakley gave an update on The State Board's January's meeting. She outlined the following.

- The State Board and the Accountability and Implementation Board voted unanimously to adopt joint Implementation Policy #3 – Implementation of the PreK Mixed Delivery System. The draft version is copied here. The boards made minor alterations to the policy statements. A final version will be posted here in the coming days.
- The State Board voted to adopt a number of COMAR items, calendar modification waiver requests from LEAs, and alteration to the State Board's public comment process. Each is linked below.
 - o COMAR 13A.06.10 Purple Star Schools **(Adopt)**
 - o COMAR 13A.07.06.02 and .08 Definitions and Program Approval Requirements **(Adopt)**
 - o COMAR 13A.07.08 Incentive Program for Certification by the National Board **(Adopt)**
 - o COMAR 13A.12.02.03 Pathways to Teacher Licensure **(Adopt)**
 - o COMAR 13A.08.01.17 Reportable Offenses **(Adopt)**
 - o COMAR 13A.12 Educator Licensure **(Adopt)**
 - o COMAR 13A.14.15 Outdoor, Nature-Based Child Care License Pilot Program **(Adopt)**
 - o Garrett County Public Schools Waiver Request
 - o Queen Anne's County Public Schools Waiver Request
 - o Calendar Modifications – Granting Authority to State Superintendent
 - o Additions to Section III.A.4.I Meeting Procedures of the State Board Governance Manual

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- The State Board voted unanimously to adopt the five-level Pre-K sliding scale methodology presented by MSDE. The new methodology ensures no family pays more than 7% of their income per child, providing an affordable, sustainable, and straightforward approach to Pre-K funding and family share.
- The State Board granted permission to publish amendments to COMAR 13A.07.01 Comprehensive Teacher Induction Program.
- The State Board granted permission to publish amendments to COMAR 13A.07.06.03

ACTION ITEMS

Career Ladder: Licensed Principal Tier Criteria – Consultation

Ms. Meadows reviewed the Licensed Principal Tier Criteria and discussed how they established the criteria. Ms. Meadows allowed for any questions, concerns and recommendations from the board concerning the License Principal Career ladder. Recommendations were given.

➤ **Workgroup Recommendations for NBCT Waivers**

1. Candidate is not able to obtain an MBC because none is available
2. The list of qualified candidates does not include the NBCT because this not enough individuals in the pool

Ms. Sandy Skordalos proposed a recommendation to add a 5-year stipulation to item 2 of the proposed waiver process. It was seconded by Ms. Kimberly Moore. Ms. Meadows initiated a vote on 5-year stipulation. Proposed recommendation pass

Vote Yes: 15 No: 0 Abstained: 1

3. The candidate was in an Assistant Principal roll in Maryland prior to July 1, 2029, and has demonstrated 3 year of effective performance evaluation as an Assistant Principal.
4. The candidate was in a Principal roll in Maryland prior to July 1, 2029, and has demonstrated 3 year of effective performance evaluations a principal.
5. The candidate has

Permission to Publish

Ms. Meadows reviewed all the amendments made to the following regulation and requested Permission to Publish.

COMAR 13A.12.01.04 Issuance and Types of Licenses

CMAR 13A.12.04.02 Licenses for Specialists

COMAR 13A.12.05.02 Licenses for Administrators and Supervisors

MOTION

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Mr. Hornbeck entertained a motion to grant permission to publish COMAR 13A.12.01.04 Issuance and Types of Licenses, COMAR 13A.12.04.02 Licenses for Specialists, and COMAR 13A.12.05.02 Licenses for Administrators and Supervisors. Mr. Gartland moved to adopt all 3 regulations for permission to publish. Second by Dr. Tayler. Permission to publish was granted.

Permission to Publish - COMAR 13A.12.06 Disciplinary Action

Ms. Meadows explained to the board why this regulation was amended and gave clarification to the language associated with disciplinary action of a license. Ms. Meadows reviewed all the amendments to COMAR 13A.12.06 Disciplinary Action.

Mr. Fitzgerald reviewed the steps for due process regarding the disciplinary action of an educator's license

Reading Instruction Assessments- Overview of Pass Rates

Ms. Addison Smith gave an overview of the data for reading assessment passing rates. She gave the opportunity for the board to ask any questions or concerns regarding the data presented.

March Agenda

- Proposed Agenda Items for March
- Call to order
- Public comment
- Announcements
- Legislative Update
- Communication Updates
- Approval of January Meeting Minutes
- COMAR 13A.12.06 Disciplinary Action Permission to Publish
- Teacher Workforce update

Mr. Hornbeck adjourned the meeting at 12:04 pm