

MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, May 27, 2021
Maryland State Board of Education
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The Maryland State Board of Education met via WebEx videoconference on Thursday May 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The following members participated in the videoconference: Mr. Clarence Crawford (President); Ms. Jean Halle (Vice President); Mr. Shawn Bartley; Ms. Gail Bates; Mr. Charles R. Dashiell, Jr., Esq.; Dr. Susan Getty; Dr. Vermelle D. Greene; Dr. Rose M. Li; Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy; Ms. Rachel McCusker, Ms. Lori Morrow; Brigadier General (BG) Warner Sumpter; Dr. Holly Wilcox; Mr. Jason Wu, Student Representative; and State Superintendent Dr. Karen B. Salmon.

The following staff members also participated: Dr. Miya T. Simpson, Executive Director, Office of the State Board and Elliott Schoen, Assistant Attorney General.

President Crawford called the meeting to order and asked Dr. Simpson to conduct the roll call. Mr. Schoen declared the presence of a quorum.

President Crawford explained the virtual meeting procedures and provided opening remarks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to § 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and upon motion of Mr. Wu, seconded by Mr. Dashiell, and with unanimous approval, the Maryland State Board of Education met in closed session via WebEx on Thursday, May 27, 2021. All board members were present. Also in attendance were Dr. Miya Simpson, Executive Director, Office of the State Board and Assistant Attorney General, Elliott Schoen. The Executive Session commenced at 1:20 p.m.

The Board discussed personnel matters related to the appointment of the next State Superintendent.

The Executive Session ended at 1:35 p.m.

RECONVENING

President Crawford reconvened the meeting and asked Mr. Schoen to conduct the roll call. Mr. Schoen declared the presence of a quorum.

President Crawford provided a brief overview about the search process and thanked members of the search committee and State Board, as well as Jan Greenwood and Julie Holley of Greenwood Asher and Associates; Dr. Miya T. Simpson, Executive Director, Office of the State Board; Dr. Karen B. Salmon; MSDE staff; and statewide partners/community members.

***ACTION:** Upon motion by Ms. Bates, and seconded by Dr. Greene, the State Board approved the appointment of Mohammed Choudhury as the next Maryland State Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2021. (In Favor: 14; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 0)*

President Crawford introduced Mr. Choudhury and invited him to provide comments. State Board members and Dr. Salmon offered congratulatory remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.
Secretary/Treasurer

Date: June 22, 2021

The information included here provides a summary of the agenda items presented and actions taken during the meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education. The video recordings of the meetings are the official record of the meetings and can be located at:

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Pages/Meetings-2021.aspx>

Meeting materials, Opinions, and Orders can be found at:

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MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT")
UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)

1. Recorded vote to close the meeting.

Date: May 27, 2021

Time: 1:05 pm

Location: Virtual

Motion to close meeting made by: Jason Wu

Seconded by: Mr. Dashiell

Members in favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Absent: 1

2. The meeting was closed under authority of Section 3-305(b) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (check all provisions that apply). This meeting will be closed under General Provision Art. § 3-305(b) only.

- ✓ 1. To discuss: (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.
- 2. To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business.
- 3. To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.
- 4. To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.
- 5. To consider the investment of public funds.
- 6. To consider the marketing of public securities.
- 7. To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.
- 8. To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.
- 9. To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations.
- 10. To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans.
- 11. To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination.
- 12. To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct.
- 13. To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.
- 14. Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)

§ 3-305(b)(1)

Topic

State Superintendent Search

Reason for closed-session discussion to topic

Discuss personnel matter.

4. This statement is made by Clarence Crawford, Presiding Officer.