

IN THE MATTER OF  
REQUEST FOR REMOVAL  
OF JUANITA MILLER

BEFORE THE  
MARYLAND  
STATE BOARD  
OF EDUCATION  
Order No. OR 22-04

ORDER

Six members of the Prince George’s County Board of Education and several Prince George’s County residents filed a request for removal of Juanita Miller as a member of the local board.<sup>1</sup> The request for removal alleges that Dr. Miller engaged in various conduct that supports her removal from office based on the charges of misconduct in office, willful neglect of duty, and incompetence. It alleges that Dr. Miller’s actions are in violation of various board policies, board bylaws and other legal provisions, and demonstrate, among other things, a continuous pattern of making unilateral decisions on behalf of the board and improper behavior that interferes with the board’s ability to function.

COMAR 13A.01.05.12(B)(1) requires that the request for the State Board to issue removal charges “shall set forth in a detailed affidavit, with all supporting documentation, the factual basis to support a statutory ground for removal.” Before the State Board issues charges to begin a removal proceeding, it must assess whether the information before it is factually and legally sufficient. COMAR 13A.01.05.12(E). A factually sufficient request shall (1) be made by a person who has personal knowledge of the facts supporting the request and reason to believe they are true and (2) state the act or acts complained of in concise language, with a detailed description of the date, location, and nature of each act. COMAR 13A.01.05.12(E)(3). A legally sufficient request shall create a reasonable belief that the actions committed could constitute a ground for removal from office. COMAR 13A.01.05.12(E)(4). Pursuant to Education Art. §3-1003(i), with the approval of the Governor, the State Board may remove a member of the Prince George’s County Board of Education for immorality; misconduct in office; incompetency; or willful neglect of duty.

The request for removal contains no affidavit as required by COMAR 13A.01.05.12(B)(1). Because there is no affidavit, the request for removal is facially deficient and must be dismissed.

Therefore, it is this 25th day of January 2022, by the Maryland State Board of Education, ORDERED, that request to issue charges for removal of Juanita Miller as a member of the Prince George’s County Board of Education is dismissed without prejudice.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Signature on File:

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Clarence C. Crawford  
President

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<sup>1</sup> The board members who requested Dr. Miller’s removal are David Murray, Joshua Thomas, Shayla Adams-Stafford, Raaheela Ahmed, Kenneth Harris, and Edward Burroughs. Mr. Burroughs has since resigned from his position and is no longer a member of the local board.