

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2023

The 485th Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) meeting was held virtually on December 7, 2023. Ms. Kitchen called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Dr. Keisha Allen, Ms. Joy Bacon, Dr. Jacob Bauer- Zebley, Ms. Janill Bobbitt, Dr. Sean Bolson, Ms. Melissa Carpenter, Ms. Stephanie Farmer, Dr. Deborah Gartland, Dr. Kristine McGee, Ms. Monifa McKnight, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Ms. Monica Roebuck, Dr. Ebony Terrell Shockley, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Dr. Winona Taylor, Ms. Karen Yoho

The following member was absent: Dr. Dionne Curbeam, Ms. Joy Spain, Ms. Amy Wilson,

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

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

Ms. Alexandra Cambra, Ms. Nichole Crowder (Recorder), Ms. Kelly Meadows

Public Comment

Ms. Cheryl Bost, Maryland State Education Association, gave public comment on proposed regulation COMAR 13A.07.08.03A, Incentive Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

State Board of Education Updates

Ms. Meadows explained that The State Board has withdrawn their permission to publish the regulation COMAR 13A.07.08.03A, Incentive Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Ms. Meadows also announced that COMAR 13A.12 Educator Licensure and COMAR 13A.07.06 Programs for Professional Licensed Personnel were adopted by the State Board. These regulations will become effective April 1st, 2024.

Announcements

- Ms. Meadows announced that Ms. Wilson has resigned from the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board and has taken up a new job with Johns Hopkins University.
- Dr. Shockley announced that on World Teacher's Day the University of Maryland College Park offered pinning ceremony to Educators to usher them into the teaching profession and will continue to do so though out 2024
- Dr. Allen announced that on February 1st, The University of Maryland will be hosting a Teacher's Education Summit focusing on recruitment and retention.
- Ms. Meadows announced that she has returned to her role at MSDE as the Assistant State Superintendent of the Division of Educator Certification and Program Approval and will continue to sit on the board as the Superintendent's Designee.
- Ms. Bobbitt announced and extended the invitation to the Booker T. Washington Winterfest Concert to be held on December 21, 2023.
- Ms. Cambra announced that Mr. Keith Kremple has joined the Program Approval Team as an Education Preparation. She also announced that another Education Preparation Coordinator and Education Preparation Manager will be starting in mid-January as well.

Communication Update

- Ms. Kitchen gave an update on the sub-committee that was formed to compose a letter to the legislator regarding the reliability and the validity of performance-based licensing test. Ms. Kitchen stated that the board requested time to do their own research on the concerns presented in the letter.
- Dr Shockley gave some feedback on why individuals are for or against the edTPA in the higher ed community. She stated that individuals that who oppose edTPA are typically opposing the fact that there's a cut score at some institutions and in some states for its use. She also stated that the benefits for those who agree with it say that it offers a portfolio opportunity, and it is an argument for doing away with some of the standardized assessments including the standard reading test that the state of Maryland will eventually require for all Educators.
- Ms. Kitchen stated that she was able to talk to a journalist from the University of Mayland College Park about the blueprint in early childhood and what it looks like in terms of implementation and concerns as an educator.

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ACTION ITEMS

Approval of November 7th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to approve the November 7, 2023, meeting minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Debrah Gartland moved to approve November 7th, 2023, meeting minutes and seconded by Dr. Winona Taylor. The minutes were approved without objection as written.

Promulgation Priorities Update

Ms. Meadows went through the next steps of promulgation in the newly adopted regulations.

Outline

- 1. Alignment with statutory amendments**
- 2. Standardization of literacy terminology**
- 3. Administrator I/II licensure requirements**
- 4. Disciplinary action processes**

Proposed Agenda Items January's Meeting

- Call to order
- Public comment
- Announcements
- Legislative Update
- Communication Updates
- Approval of October Minutes
- Language for Disciplinary Action and Statutory Alignment
- Work Group Update

Approval of January 4, 2023, Agenda Items

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to approve January 4, 2024, meeting agenda items.

MOTION:

January's agenda items approved without objection.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:06 am