

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD

Special Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2021

A special meeting of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) was held, via Web Ex, on March 17, 2021. Ms. Maleeta Kitchen called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

The following members were in attendance: Ms. Jennifer Berkley, Ms. Linda Chinnia, Mr. Louis D' Ambrosio, Dr. Debi Gartland, Mr. Darren Hornbeck, Ms. Maleeta Kitchen, Ms. Kelly Meadows, Ms. Kelli Midgley, Dr. Kindel Nash, Ms. Debra Poese, Ms. Karen Saar, Dr. Patricia Saelens, Ms. Sandra Skordalos, Dr. Winona Taylor and Ms. Geralda Thompson.

The following member was absent: Mr. Peter Baily, Mr. Charles Hagan, Mr. Christopher Lloyd, and Mr. Jack Smith.

The following Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) staff members were present: Ms. Alexandra Cambra, Mr. Robert Eccles, Dr. Hsin-Yuan Chen and Ms. Ruth Downs (Recorder).

The following Attorney General Staff member was present: Ms. Christle Sheppard-Southall, Esq., Assistant Attorney General.

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Recognition of Guests via Web Ex

Ms. Geraldine Duval, MSEA

Ms. Tina Dove, MSEA

Announcements

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to move into Executive Session.

MOTION: Dr. Deborah Gartland/Dr. Winona Taylor Motion to move into Executive Session. No objections.

9:55 a.m. – Adjourned to Executive Session

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to adjourn from Executive Session. No objections.

MOTION: -- Dr. Winona Taylor/Dr. Patricia Saelens Motion to move from Executive Session.

10:15 a.m. – Adjourned from Executive Session

ACTION ITEMS

COMAR 13A.12.01-.07 Educator Licensure

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Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to deny permission to publish COMAR 13A.12.01-.07 *Educator Licensure* for public comment.

Motion: Dr. Debi Gartland/Ms. Debra Poese to deny the ability to publish COMAR 13A.12.01-.07 *Educator Licensure* for public comment. The motion was approved.

Vote: Favor: 14 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0

COMAR 13A.12.07.06 Programs for Professionally Licensed Personnel

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to deny permission to publish COMAR 13A.12.07.06 *Programs for Professionally Licensed Personnel* for public comment.

Motion: Dr. Debi Gartland/Ms. Debra Poese to deny the ability to publish COMAR 13A.12.01-.07 *Educator Licensure* for public comment. The motion was approved.

Vote: Favor: 14 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 0

Ms. Kitchen entertained a motion to share the language in the middle column of the chart provided by Dr. Nash with the State Board of Education for COMAR 13A.12.07.06.15 Cultural Responsiveness Competencies.

Motion: Dr. Debi Gartland/Dr. Winona Taylor to adopt the language in the middle column of the chart for COMAR 13A.12.07.06.15. The motion was voted on and approved.

Vote: Favor: 11 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1

Discussion

A new chart with regards to COMAR 13A.12.07.06.15 (Cultural Responsiveness Competencies) was presented to the members for discussion. The chart showed both the current and proposed language changes. The language written in blue was not included in the recommended language but the language in red appeared in both of the prior proposals. The PSTEB members decided to vote to adopt the proposed language in the middle column of this chart for COMAR 13A.12.07.06.15.

After discussion, the PSTEB members voted to deny permission to publish both COMAR 13A.12.01-.07 and COMAR 13A.12.07.06 for public comment due to uncertainty of misalignment with the Blueprint for Maryland's Future statute.

Ms. Kitchen informed the PSTEB members that Mr. Lloyd will be speaking at the State Board Meeting on March 23, 2021, on behalf the PSTEB. Mr. Lloyd will be giving the State Board an update on the PSTEB and the decisions that were made regarding the regulations. It was suggested that Dr. Nash provide comment to address the rationale for the proposed language changes regarding the cultural competencies. Dr. Nash will transmit a letter to Mr. Lloyd describing the rationale for accepting the proposed language to be shared with the State Board.

Ms. Kitchen stated that it would be best at this time to table the chart on COMAR 13A.12.01-.07 until the April meeting. Ms. Kelly Meadows suggested to the members that they read the Blueprint for Maryland's

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Future so that they can determine where the misalignment is and be ready to discuss at the April meeting. She will provide the members a PDF copy of the enrolled bill.

Adjourned

Ms. Kitchen adjourned the PSTEB meeting without objection.

Meeting adjourned 12:12 p.m.