

**Arkansas Department of Education
Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)
Friday, November 10, 2011**

A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board was held in the PLSB meeting room, located at #1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR, on November 10, 2011. Members of the Board present were Brenda Brown, Kathy Howell, Evelyn Thrower, Dr. Mitch Holifield, Marion Sibert, Sheila Jacobs, Dr. Randy Willison, Dr. Brad Baine, Dr. Jerry Guess, Dr. Karen Cushman, Ron Tolson, Dr. Tom Smith, Jo Vines and Don McGohan. Members of the Board absent were Dr. John Jones. Guests in attendance were Mike Mertens-AAEA, Jacque Allen-ADE, Barbara Culpepper-ADE, Alana Boles-ADHE and Donna Morey-AEA. ADE staff members in attendance were Tameka Parker, Michael Smith, Jill Brzozowski, Eric James, Tara Amuimuia, Debra Farris and Katherine Donovan.

There were twelve (12) voting members present, representing a quorum.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. McGohan, chairman.
2. **Approval of the Previous Minutes: October 14, 2011:** Dr. Guess made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed 10/0.
3. **Fund Balance Report – \$1,544,591.30**
4. **Review of Task Force Recommendations – Proposed Rules Revisions:** Dr. Willison, Ms. Jacobs and Mr. Tolson gave the board a brief update of what the Licensure Task Force has been working on. The board further discussed the Task Force recommendations provided by Dr. Gunter (a list of proposed changes to the rules governing Reciprocity, Non-Traditional and Superintendent Mentoring) and the public comments that were provided by Dr. Cushman for review. Dr. Gunter and/or Mr. Simon will attend the PLSB meeting scheduled for January 13, 2012 to give an update of what decisions and/or recommendations were made during the licensure task force meetings.
 - a) **Non-Traditional Licensure:** A matrix of public comments was provided for review and discussion.
 - b) **Reciprocity:** A matrix of public comments was provided for review and discussion.
 - c) **Superintendent Mentoring:** There was not a public comment matrix provided, but there were recommendations provided on the Licensure Task Force handout.
5. **Update on Teacher and Administrator Induction:**
 - a) Mr. Tolson gave a brief summary on a handout titled: *Approved Memos: Masters of Arts in Teaching Mentoring and Licensure*. It lists changes that will occur due to ACT 1178 of 2011 in both the mentoring process and the licensure for candidates from Masters of Art in Teaching (MAT) program, Non-Traditional program (NTL), Maters of Education (MED) program, and Masters of Teaching and Learning (MTLL) program.

- b) Ms. Culpepper provided the board with a handout titled: *Pathwise Teacher Mentoring Presentation for Professional Licensure Board*. It explains who gets mentoring. The handout provides a list of the Present Mentoring Model and a list of the Future Mentoring Model. Their goal is to have the new model functioning properly by school year 2013/2014 in preparation for the requirement of the Arkansas Teacher Evaluation System for the 2014/2015 school year.
 - c) Ms. Allen provided the board with a handout titled: *Beginning Administrator Induction Program* and gave a brief explanation of its purpose. The above handout provides history on ACT 1108 of 1997, the purpose of the ACT, it breaks down the format, includes an update on attendance requirements and provides program improvements.
6. **PLSB Fund Balance – Don Mcgohan:** The board would like clarification from ADE legal about how the PLSB funds can be used according to the Statute. The board would also like the cost analysis for the past 24 months and any projected special expenditures on PLSB funds. What is the PLSB cumulative budget? What can the funds be used for? Can licensure fees be reduced? (will be discussed at the next meeting)
 7. **Social Media Policy – Mike Smith:** Mr. Smith along with Mr. James gave a brief summary of the handout titled: *Arkansas PLSB Recommendations Regarding the Educational Applications of Social-Networking Technology*. After a brief review and discussion by the board Dr. Holifield made a motion to adopt the: *Arkansas PLSB Recommendations Regarding the Educational Applications of Social-Networking Technology* guidelines, seconded by Dr. Baine; motion passed 12/0
 8. **New PLSB Rules – Public Comment Update – Karen Cushman:** No one showed up for the public hearing meeting.....
 9. **Other Items:** Arkansas will be applying for flexibility under ESCA Flexibility/NCLB Waiver. A part of the waiver application deals with teacher evaluation. The teacher evaluation component has a significant student growth component within it. At this point no one knows how much it is going to be, because it is still undefined. ADE is working on an application for Arkansas.

Ms. Howell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Jacobs; motion passed 10/0.

Next meeting date: Friday, December 9, 2011; time 9:00-1:00 in the PLSB Conference Room