

**Arkansas Department of Education
Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)
Friday, January 13, 2012**

A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board was held in the Auditorium of the Big Mac Building, located at #1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR, on January 13, 2012. 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, Dr. John Jones and Don McGohan. Guests in attendance were Lisa Baker-Cabot SD, Jeff Stubblefield-Charleston SD, Penny Chanler-El Dorado SD, Ellen Eddings-UAPB, Dr. Jesse Hargrove-Philander Smith College, David Hartz-LRSD, Harvie Nichols-Western Coop, Ray Simon-Former AR Director of Education, Mary Gunter-AR Tech University, Barbara Hunt-UAFS/Certification, Kathy Price-Lyon College, Richard Hutchins-AEA, Donny Lu-Harding University, Mike Mertens-AAEA, Fredda D. Carrell-UAPB, Brenda Martin-UAPB, Greg Meek-ASU, Geania Dicky-ASU, Rene Carson-UALR, Jeanne Jones-ADHE and Donna Morey-AEA. ADE staff members in attendance were Annette Barnes-Lewis, Danny Reed, Mike Lucas, Michael Rowland, Barbara Culpepper, Melissa Jacks, Betty Ruth Welch, Tameka Parker, Michael Smith, Jill Brzozowski, Eric James, Tara Amuimuia and Katherine Donovan.

All thirteen (13) voting members were present and two non-voting members, representing a quorum.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. McGohan, chairman.
2. **Approval of the Previous Minutes: November 10, 2011:** *Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed 11/0.*
3. **Fund Balance Report** – \$1,600,561.54
4. New public comment period – proposed rules
 - a) Non-Traditional Licensure
 - b) Reciprocity

Dr. Jones made a motion that the PLSB resubmit their concerns to the SBOE regarding any teacher preparation program that does not sufficiently prepare young people with the sufficient amount of reading (the current required amount for universities is at least 6 hours), seconded by Dr. Willison, motion passed 10/1.

5. **Praxis test score recommendations:**
 - a) Special Education: Teaching Student With Visual Impairments (0282)
 - b) Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (0272)
 - c) Music: Content Knowledge (0113)

Mr. Rowland provided the board with a brief explanation as to why the Praxis Test Scores needed to be changed. After a brief discussion Ms. Jacobs made a motion to accept the proposed changes as written for all three Praxis test score recommendations, seconded by Ms. Sibert, motion passed 12/0.

6. **Licensure Taskforce recommendations – Dr. Gunter/Mr. Simon:** *Dr. Gunter addressed the board with an introduction of all the Task Force members in attendance. Dr. Gunter along with Mr. Simon gave a brief update and explanation of each recommendation from the Licensure Task Force. After questions and discussion by board members, the proposed recommendations will go out for public comment and will then be brought back to the board for further action.*
7. **PLSB fund balance revenue/expenditures:** *Mr. McGohan led a brief discussion regarding the PLSB fund balance revenue. The board decided to develop a Budget Review Subcommittee to review the PLSB funds. The subcommittee will consist of: Dr. Jerry Guess, Marion Sibert, Don McGohan, Evelyn Thrower, Dr. John Jones, Kathy Howell, Michael Smith and Katherine Donovan.*
8. **Review/discussion – new PLSB rules – Kathryn Donovan:** *Ms. Donovan led a brief discussion and explained the proposed changes to the Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators. She provided the board with a handout of the Public Comments. After review and discussion Dr. Guess made a motion to adopt the recommended changes and they go out for public comment, seconded by Ms. Thrower, motion passed 12/0.*

Dr. Jones made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Baine, motion passed 12/0.

Next meeting date: Friday, February 10, 2012; time 9:00-1:00 in the Auditorium of the ADE Building # 4 Capitol Mall (where the SBOE meetings are held)