

**Arkansas Department of Education
Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)
Friday, June 08, 2012**

A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board was held in the PLSB large conference room at #1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR, on June 08, 2012. Members of the Board present were Evelyn Thrower, Dr. Mitch Holifield, Don McGohan, Brenda Brown, Kathy Howell, Sheila Jacobs, Dr. Jerry Guess, Dr. Tom Smith, Dr. Randy Willison, Dr. Brad Baine, Dr. Karen Cushman and Ron Tolson. Guests in attendance were Debbie Miller-ASCD, Jeanne Jones-ADHE, Donna Morey-AEA, Richard Hutchinson-AEA and Kathy Price-AECA. ADE staff members in attendance were Michael Rowland, Mike Lucas, Tameka Parker, Michael Smith, Jill Brzozowski, Eric James, Tara Amuimuia, Debra Farris and Katherine Donovan. Members of the Board absent were: Jo Vines, Dr. John Jones, and Marion Sibert.

The board consisted of ten (10) voting members and two (2) 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 dated May 11, 2012:** *Dr. Willison made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Thrower, motion passed 10/0.*
- 3. Fund Balance Report – \$1,636,086.60:** *Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the fund balance report, seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed 10/0.*
- 4. Praxis 1 and GRE Score:** *Mr. Lucas presented the Board with a handout titled “Arkansas Cut Score/Corresponding Percentiles” for review. After a brief summary and discussion by the Board, Ms. Jacobs made a motion to accept the proposed cut scores, seconded by Dr. Willison, motion passed 10/0. ***The Board is concerned about the current cut scores for the Praxis 1 and GRE.***
- 5. Multistate Report – Mandarin Chinese:** *Mr. Rowland presented the Board with a handout titled “Praxis Chinese (Mandarin): World Language (5665)” for review. After a brief summary and discussion by the Board, Ms. Jacobs made a motion to accept the proposal with a recommended cut score of 164, seconded by Dr. Smith, motion passed 10/0.*
- 6. Proposed Rules Revision – Educator Licensure:** *Dr. Cushman gave a brief summary on a handout titled “Praxis Gifted Education (0357) Score Adjustment” presented by Mr. Rowland. They explained the purpose of changing the cut score from 156 to 150. After a review and brief discussion by the Board, Dr. Holifield made a motion to accept the proposal with a recommended cut score of 150, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed 10/0.*

- 7. Proposed changes to Rules – Code of Ethics:** *Ms. Donovan provided the Board with a handout titled “Summary of Proposed changes” and gave a brief summary of its purpose. After a review and discussion by the Board Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the proposed changes, seconded by Dr. Holifield, motion passed 10/0. The board agreed to call a special meeting on **Friday, June 29, 2012, starting at 9am** to discuss the second handout titled “ADE Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators.”*
- 8. Recognition of Members leaving the Board:** *Dr. Jerry Guess and Ms. Sheila Jacobs were presented with framed certificates to show their appreciation of being a member of the PLSB board. Members that were reappointed are: AAEEA-Ms. Jo Vines, ARPEA-Dr. Mitch Holifield and AEA-Ms. Brenda Brown. Ms. Howell made a motion to elect Dr. Willison to be a member of the PLSB Sub-committee to replace Dr. Guess, seconded by Dr. Guess, motion passed 10/0. Dr. Willison accepted.*

Next meeting date: Friday, June 29, 2012; time 9:00 in the PLSB Presidential meeting room (Big Mac Building-regular meeting location).