

**Arkansas Department of Education  
Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)  
Friday, September 5, 2014**

A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board was held in the PLSB large conference room at #1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR, on September 5, 2014. Members of the Board present were Mr. Michael Poore, Ms. Lisa Baker, Ms. Kathy Howell, Ms. Cindy Romeo, Ms. Debbie Miller, Ms. Tonya Williams, Ms. Brenda Brown, Dr. Judy Harrison, Dr. Suzanne Bailey, Dr. Zaidy MohdZain, Dr. Shelly Albritton, Ms. Lillian Hemphill, Dr. Brad Baine, Ms. Ivy Pfeffer, and Ms. Karli Saracini. Board members absent: Ms. Jo Vines. Guest in attendance was Mr. Cory Biggs-AEA and Ms. Barbara Davidson. ADE staff members in attendance were Tameka Parker, Cheryl Reinhart, Wayne Ruthven, Eric James, Bryan Presley, Tara Amuimuia, April Daniel, Jennifer Liwo, Heather Newsam, Michael Rowland and Joan Luneau.

The board consisted of twelve (12) voting members and three (3) non-voting members, representing a quorum.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Ms. Howell, acting-chairperson.
2. **Introduction of new members –**
  - a) Dr. Suzanne Bailey – Lonoke School District
  - b) Ms. Lillian Hemphill – Watson Chapel School District
3. **Approval of the Previous Minutes: June 06, 2014:** Ms. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Baker, motion passed 11/0.
4. **Financial Report – \$2,009,255.73:** There was a brief discussion on the financial report.
5. **Chair Position –** Ms. Howell reminded the Board that as a result of the resignation of Dr. Randy Willison selections needed to take place on various positions. After a brief discussion:
  - a) Dr. Baine nominated **Ms. Howell as the chairperson** for the PLSB, seconded by Ms. Baker, motion passed 12/0 with no other nominations.
    - i. Ms. Miller made a motion to cease nominations with Ms. Howell being elected chairperson, seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed 12/0.
  - b) Ms. Brown nominated **Dr. Baine as the assistant chairperson** for the PLSB, seconded by Ms. Romeo, motion passed 12/0 with no other nominations.
    - i. Dr. Harrison made a motion to cease nominations with Dr. Baine being elected assistant chairperson, seconded by Ms. Miller, motion passed 12/0.
6. **Vote on Ethics Subcommittee Replacement -** Ms. Brown nominated **Dr. Bailey** to be a member of the Ethic subcommittee, replacing Dr. Willison, seconded by Ms. Baker, motion passed 12/0 with no other nominations.
7. **Praxis cut scores for Chemistry and Physics – Michael Rowland:** The board was given a handout for review, after a brief discussion Mr. Poore made a motion to accept the Chemistry and Physics cut scores, seconded by Dr. Baine, motion passed 12/0.

- 8. Science Licensure Area changes – Ivy Pfeffer:** This item was tabled until the next PLSB meeting on December 5, 2014.
- 9. Dyslexia Therapist Licensure – Ivy Pfeffer:** Ms. Pfeffer discussed that ADE is implementing a program of study for Dyslexia Therapist, with 12-18 hours of study for endorsement. Until the program of study is implemented ADE will approve programs for certification of Dyslexia Practitioners.
- 10. Policies for Higher Education Preparation Programs – Ivy Pfeffer:**
- a) After speaking with Senator Joyce Elliot, revisions were made to the policies for Higher Education Preparation Programs and they are currently pending SBOE approval.
  - b) ADE will develop a process for approving intern placements in priority or academic distress schools. The PLSB asked that ADE meet with ARPEA on that process and copies be sent to the PLSB.
  - c) ADE is currently working on a list of schools in priority or academic distress.
- 11. PLSB Unit Update – Cheryl Reinhart & Wayne Ruthven:** Ms. Reinhart informed the board that 2 cars will be purchased for the investigators to utilize in the field, Ms. Jennifer Liwo was introduced as the new attorney for PLSB. The PLSB is currently working on a database to include all allegations. The database will be used to run various reports and statistics for review.
- 12. Educator Licensure Rules Update – Ivy Pfeffer & Karli Saracini:** The Educator Licensure rules were pulled from public comment, because further changes needed to be made. The PLSB chair asked that the rules be provided to the PLSB members prior to the December meeting for review and discussion.
- 13. PowerPoint for Code of Ethics – Wayne Ruthven:** The two PowerPoint presentations prepared by Mr. Ruthven have been uploaded to the ADE website.
- 14. Rap Back – Cheryl Reinhart:** Ms. Reinhart explained a new federal program that will provide new arrest information on educators and classified employees with fingerprinting and background checks, which could eliminate the need for fingerprinting every five years for educators and would eliminate current classified employees from having to be fingerprinted again.
- 15. Legislative Issues – Kathy Howell:** Ms. Howell asked that anyone interested in serving on the PLSB Ethics subcommittee please send an email to Ms. Howell.
- 16. Other Items:**
- a) Revisit Spanish cut scores in the future
  - b) VESi Programs and training – not approved, is already being handled in the mentoring module.

Meeting adjourned

**Next meeting date: Friday, December 05, 2014; time 9:00-1:00 in the PLSB large conference room.**