

**Professional Licensure Standards Board  
Friday, February 13, 2009**

A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board was held in the auditorium of the Arkansas Department of Education, on February 13, 2009. Members of the Board present were Brenda Brown, Dr. Peggy Doss, Dr. Mitch Holifield, Kathy Howell, Sheila Jacobs, Don McGohan, Mona Moore, Donna Morey, Andrew Tolbert, Ron Tolson, Dr. John Beineke, Michelle Hayward, Dr. Tony Finley and Beverly Williams. Dale Query was unable to attend. Guests in attendance were Tom Kimbrell-AAEA, Barbara Culpepper-ADE, Patti Froom-ADE and Jeanne Jones-ADHE.

There were twelve (12) voting members present, representing a quorum and two non-voting members present.

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am and the agenda was distributed.

**II. Approval of the Minutes –Tuesday, January 13, 2008**

Ms. Morey made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting date January 13, 2009, was seconded by Ms. Howell, motion carried.

**III. Introductions / Announcements**

- Ms. Morey is the new president elect of AEA
- Dr. Beineke will be transitioning back into the classroom August 15, 2009
- Tameka Parker, Management Project Analyst I will be working with Ms. Judy Mason
- Sherman Whittle, Investigator will also be working with Ms. Mason
- Isrechea McCoy, Grant Coordinator for Professional Licensure will process all payments that pertain to Teacher Licensure
- Michelle Haywood-Principal of Fayetteville announced that Fayetteville is on the National Schools to watch list.

**IV. Budget Report – Fund Balance as of Jan 31, 2009 is \$255,192.17**

**V. Update on the Code of Ethics Video:**

- a) **Update on the Video script and filming – Gayle Morris**, Communications Manager for the ADE, updated Board members on the production of the training video for the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators. She explained to the Board that filming of the video was held in a classroom at nearby Philander Smith College, and that college officials had been very helpful and accommodating in securing the location, and had even gone so far as to re-route classes away from the filming area. This allowed the crew to have nearly an entire wing of the building for the filming and equipment. She also told Board members that the cast for the video was racially and ethnically diverse. Ms. Morris also explained that the finished DVD would include closed captioning, which would allow for its use by those who are hearing impaired.

- b) **Distribution Plan** - Ms. Morris explained that work would begin on a distribution plan for the video. The distribution plan calls for every school district's central office, as well as every school within the district, to receive a copy of the video. Copies will also be distributed to colleges and universities, private schools and charter schools.
- c) **ADE owns the Video-** All copyrights belong to ADE so that we will be able to put on the website to download

VI. **Update on State Board Meeting-** February 9, 2009 the SBE voted to approve the creation of licenses-one for speech and one for drama. The SBE also voted to adopt the Interstate School Leadership Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) Educational Leadership Policy Standards for the programs of study.

VII. **Update from Sub Committee – Mitch Holifield-** The sub-committee is up and functioning. The agenda items are getting longer each meeting. One of the challenges is deciding the consequences for violations. There were three probable cause cases closed last month. When notified none of the alleged educators wanted a hearing. The educators are sent certified letters and then have 30 days to respond. The sub-committee has a total of 25 cases. Thirteen of these are criminal. The other twelve are violations of the code of ethics.

VIII. **Review of statute regarding board members eligibility as they transition in their professional roles-**Act 846 of 2007, A.C.A. §6-17-422 PLSB (b) outlines how members of the PLSB are determined. So, Donna Morey in here role as AEA President will not be eligible as a member of the Board. Her term was to expire in 2010. Dr, Beineke transitioning from Dean of Education will also be ineligible to serve on the Board. The appropriate organizations will be contacted to make recommendations for replacements for them as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

IX. **What is the minimum college requirements: (Don McGohan)**

- a) **GPA – Data-** Mrs. Williams presented information that Dr. Lucas pulled together showing beginning GPA required (on a table).
- b) **Course of Study** – Graduate vs. Undergraduate - Meets standards are approved by SPA or ADE
- c) **Program Approval-**All program approvals go to Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE). State Board of Education (SBE) does not take action on any program approval. SBE is K-12 and a governance Board only. ADHE is post-secondary. These Boards are two separate entities. Program approval must be approved by both boards.
- d) **Range of approved hours-** The set range for differences in programs of study is a 6 hour window.
- e) **Internship or practice teaching – Data** – Shared on same table as GPA

- X. Research on Alternative Licensure Programs: (John Beineke)**-There is evidence of effectiveness. Scores found ineffective in the training route summary-this is an ongoing issue. Research continued and both sides need to be studied.
- XI. Seeking PLSB opinion on HB 1412**- The House Bill allowing out of state NTL applicants to be employed as teacher of record in Arkansas. There was discussion and questions regarding page 1 line 29. There is some opposition to this bill. Teacher of record must have an Arkansas License and be HQT.
- XII. Other Agenda Items** – March meeting is changed to Friday, March 13, 2009. Discussion on HB 1450 regarding Fingerprinting and Central Registry. Dr. Holifield asked a question about the review of rules and regulations for Education Leadership and is ready to bring to the table. Mrs. Williams explained that the ADE does not put rules out for public comments during Legislative Session. We will discuss as soon as Legislature dismisses.
- XIII. Adjournment 12:44pm**