

**Arkansas Department of Education
Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)
Friday, June 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 June 10, 2011. Members of the Board present were Brenda Brown, Mitch Holifield, Carolyn Odom, Kathy Howell, Don McGohan, Marion Sibert, Dale Query, John Jones, Evelyn Thrower, Tony Finley, Sheila Jacobs, Jerry Guess, Ron Tolson and Beverly Williams. Member of the Board absent was Tom Smith. Guest in attendance were Lillian Williams-ADHE, Dana Thompson-DIS, Randy Willison-AAEA, Brad Baine- ARACTE and Donna Morey-AEA. ADE staff members in attendance were Michael Smith, Tameka Parker, Debra Farris, Tara Amuimuia, Katherine Donovan, Stephanie Benton and Eric James.

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Holifield, chairman.
2. **Approval of the Previous Minutes: May 13, 2011:** After a brief discussion Ms. Howell made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed 10/0.
3. **Fund Balance Report – May 31, 2011:** \$1,156,364.00
4. **Social Networking Guidelines:** Dana Thompson with DIS provided the board with a handout titled “*Arkansas PLSB Recommendations Regarding the Educational Applications of Social-Networking Technology (Suggested Changes and Additions thus far: As of 6-09-2011)*” for review and feedback. After review of the handout the board suggested that changes be made and for the document to be brought back to them for further discussion and review.
 - a) Ms. Williams made a recommendation that when the board finalized the above mentioned document that it goes to Jim Boardman and the Distance Learning teachers for review, to make sure that it does not conflict with their guidelines. After their review it should be sent back to the PLSB by July 10, 2011 for further review and discussion.
5. **Election of PLSB Chairperson:** Dr. Holifield is stepping down as the PLSB Chairman. Dr. Guess nominated Mr. McGohan as the new chairman. There were no other nominations. Dr. Jones made a motion that the nomination cease and Mr. McGohan be nominated by acclamation, seconded by Dr. Finley, motion passed 11/0. Mr. McGohan accepted the nomination.
6. **Appointments to the Ethics Subcommittee:** No new members were appointed to the PLSB Sub-committee. Dr. Finley made a motion to keep the current members on the sub-committee as is, seconded by Ms. Thrower, motion passed 11/0.
7. **Recognition of Service:** Dr. Holifield introduced the new board members (Brad Baine and Randy Willison) and presented framed certificates to outgoing board members (Tony Finley, Dale Query, Carolyn Odom and Beverly Williams).

8. **Funding Ideas:** Ms. Sibert presented the board with a handout titled “*ALP Funding for Teachers*” for review and feedback. After a brief review by the board they decided to bring it back to the next meeting for further discussion.
9. **Status of PLSB website update-FAQs and new board members:** Ms. Williams provided the board with a handout titled “*Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators Additional Comments and Responses to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) from the Professional Licensure Standards Board*” for review and discussion. Pictures will be taken today at 12:15pm for members that are not on the website.
10. **Standards Setting Recommendation for New Praxis Test Cut Scores to become effective September 1, 2011:**
 - a) **Latin (0600) the scaled score is 670 (on a 250-990 scale). This is an old exam which has not been rescaled to the 200 point scale.** Ms. Williams gave a brief explanation as to why the proposed change above needs to take place. After a brief discussion by the board Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the proposed changes, seconded by Dr. Guess, motion passed 12/0.
11. **Recommendation by Ron Tolson regarding reciprocity of AR applicants who are licensed *only* in school counseling or library media.** Mr. Tolson withdrew this item from the agenda.
12. **Review of proposed PLSB Code of Ethics Rule revisions:** Ms. Donovan provided the board with a handout titled “*Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators*” for review and gave a brief explanation of its purpose. The board decided to add this item to next month’s agenda for further review and discussion. A copy of the “*Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators Allegation of Violation Form*” will be included with the Rules, along with any other documents that are listed within the rules, as a part of that document.
13. **Update the FAQs which are posted on the ADE website:** Add to next month’s agenda.
14. **Review twenty (20) plus cases for 2011-12 Power Point training for school districts.** Ms. Williams informed the board that a PowerPoint was currently being worked on for review at a later time.

Mr. McGohan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Guess; motion passed 12/0.

Next meeting date: July 8, 2011 in the PLSB Conference Room