

**Minutes**  
**State Board of Education Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 14, 2018**

The Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) met Thursday, June 14, 2018, in the Arkansas Department of Education Auditorium. Chair Dr. Jay Barth called the meeting to order at 10:56 a.m.

Present: Dr. Jay Barth, Chair; Joe Black, Vice-Chair; Dr. Fitz Hill; Diane Zook; Ouida Newton; Susan Chambers; Mireya Reith; Courtney Cochran, 2017 Arkansas Teacher of the Year; and Johnny Key, Commissioner.

Absent: Charisse Dean and Brett Williamson.

Chair Dr. Jay Barth recognized four Boys Scout troop members who presented the United States flag and the Arkansas state flag.

**Recognitions**

**Linda Carter**

Commissioner Key said he was pleased to honor Administrative Analyst Ms. Linda Carter for 50 years of service to the Arkansas Department of Education (Department). He said Ms. Carter was hired by Dr. Arch Ford on April 16, 1968. He said she had held several roles throughout her tenure. He said she was highly skilled in her area. He said the Department was proud to have team members like Ms. Carter.

Commissioner Key and Assistant Commissioner for Research and Technology Dr. Eric Saunders awarded Ms. Carter with official congratulations letters from Governor Hutchinson and Commissioner Key. Commissioner Key and Dr. Saunders also honored Ms. Carter with additional plaques for her service to the state.

**Akire Williamson**

Commissioner Key said Ms. Akire Williamson was a nine (9) year old student in the Jacksonville North Pulaski School District who wrote *Twinkle*. Commissioner Key said *Twinkle* was an award-winning book that promoted anti-bullying. He said she was the recipient of the "No Bullying Hero Award" with the Love Forward Campaign that was recognized in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Williamson said her book was about a star who ran away from home because the star was being bullied. She said she wanted students who were being bullied to have a

voice. Ms. Williamson said she would like to save as many lives as possible by encouraging bullied students who may experience suicidal thoughts.

### **2017-2018 Principals of the Year**

Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators Assistant Executive Director Mr. Mike Mertens recognized Springhill Elementary School Principal Ms. Stephanie Worthy, Creekside Middle School Principal Mr. Jeff Wasem, and Ashdown High School Principal Ms. Kay York. Mr. Mertens said Mr. Wasem and Ms. Worthy were unable to attend the official recognition due to scheduling conflicts.

Ms. York said she was humbled by the award. She said she could reach people at the Department any time she called. She said the award was about what the state does for teachers, administrators, and students.

### **Arkansas Biliteracy Award**

Ms. Reith said the Arkansas Biliteracy Award recognized Arkansas high school students who studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages.

Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers Association President Ms. Jennifer Kilmore said Arkansas had 34 different languages spoken in the state. She extended her thanks to the State Board for the recognition on behalf of her association. She said students recognized the value of language learning. She said over 350 students had earned the Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy to date.

Student Ms. Alondra Altamirano thanked the State Board for the opportunity to represent fellow recipients of the Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy. Ms. Altamirano said the opportunity to prove to herself that she was not only bilingual, but also biliterate, was important.

## **Resolution**

### **Seal of Biliteracy**

Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers Association President Ms. Jennifer Kilmore said an endorsement by the State Board signified great relevance and value in what foreign language teachers do. She said the Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy recognized the human connection that language brings.

Ms. Reith moved, seconded by Mr. Black, to approve the Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

## Consent Agenda

Assistant Commissioner for Educator Effectiveness and Licensure Dr. Jeremy Owoh said the Department was starting to see a shift in the educator shortage areas. He said he believed the shortage areas would level out in the future.

Special Projects Manager Dr. Frank Servedio said the calculation measures for teacher shortage areas had been the same for several years. He said there was a greater number of shortage areas in the 2018-2019 calculations. He said the Department used a base number of 100 to calculate shortage areas. He said subject areas with less than 100 were considered to have a shortage area. He said the Department found a very large number of subject areas with calculations between 90- 110. He said this was almost an indication there would be less shortage areas in the future.

Dr. Owoh said the Department was helping with assessment preparation techniques and testing anxiety. He said there was a team meeting with district officials and teachers to discuss transition out of Act 1240 waivers. He said novice teachers received mentoring for three (3) years. He said this addressed the additional support needs of classroom teachers.

In response to a question about Consent Item 15 Quest Academy of Pine Bluff NonRenewal Notification, Director of Charter Schools Dr. Alexandra Boyd said the rules did not account for a voluntary non-renewal of a charter school. She said her office was working on revising the rules. She said the notification process for parents of Quest Academy students was handled well. She said parents were notified in February 2018, which was before lottery season.

Commissioner Key said the Quest Academy of Pine Bluff closure was a testament to the difficulty of a middle school model. He said the learning experience from this school was valuable.

Ms. Reith moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Items included in the consent agenda:

- Minutes – May 10, 2018, May 11, 2018, and May 30, 2018
- Newly Employed, Promotions and Separations
- Review of Loan and Bond Applications
- Consideration of Report on Waivers to School Districts for Teachers Teaching Out of Area for Longer than Thirty (30) Days, Ark. Code Ann.§ 6- 17-309

- Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 18-025 James Fox
- Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 18-040 Rebecca Stephens
- Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 18-041 Thomas Garner
- Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 18-077 Brian Watt
- Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 18-084 Mike Duncan
- Critical Academic Licensure Shortage Areas for the 2018-2019 School Year
- Dumas School District Act 1240 Annual Progress Report
- Farmington School District Act 1240 Annual Progress Report
- Star City School District Act 1240 Annual Progress Report
- Warren School District Act 1240 Annual Progress Report □ Quest Academy of Pine Bluff Non-Renewal Notification

### **Action Agenda A**

#### **A-1 Consideration of Arkansas Better Chance 2018-2019 Renewal Grants and Contracts**

Department of Human Services (DHS) Program Administrator Ms. Mary Kaye McKinney said DHS would bring an additional item before the State Board in July. Ms. McKinney said there were a number of programs across the state that allowed non-Arkansas Better Chance (ABC) eligible students to attend their programs. She said those communities used other resources to fund non-ABC students.

Ms. McKinney said the contracts approval funding was to train staff across the state and provide teacher assistance. She said UAMS and the University of Arkansas both worked with DHS to provide training.

Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Ms. Reith, to approve Arkansas Better Chance 2018-2019 Renewal Grant Contracts for a grant total of \$95,646,040.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Chambers moved, seconded by Ms. Reith, to approve Arkansas Better Chance 2018-2019 Renewal Grant Contracts for a contracts total of \$7,275,822.95. The motion carried unanimously.

## **A-2 Provision of Arkansas Better Chance (ABC) 2017- 2018 Funding Targeting Foster Care**

DHS Program Administrator Ms. Mary Kaye McKinney requested funding for additional foster care children past the approved amount per program.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Zook, to approve Arkansas Better Chance 20172018 Funding Targeting Foster Care for a total amount of \$22,436.00. The motion carried unanimously.

## **A-3 Consideration of Remaining Arkansas Better Chance Funding**

DHS Program Administrator Ms. Mary Kaye McKinney said after the final payment for completing the year's services to the children have been distributed to the ABC programs, some of the programs have remaining funds due to children being on a sliding fee scale, unable to fulfill their count, and/or relinquishing slots back to ABC. She said about 1% of the total ABC budget typically remains at the end of the year. She requested approval to use any remaining balance of ABC funding to complete funding for the staff credentials and staff development that was inadvertently left off the April request, complete the funding for the innovation grants, and the continuation of the AmeriCorps project. She said DHS could not fund some programs completely. She said the additional funding would go to those programs.

Ms. Chambers moved, seconded by Ms. Reith, to approve Remaining Arkansas Better Chance Funding in the amount of \$765,436. The motion carried unanimously.

## **A-4 Consideration of Waiver Request for Teaching License – Jason Bolick**

Staff Attorney Ms. Simoné Blagg said Mr. Jason Bolick pled guilty to three (3) offenses that warranted license revocation. She said the Department recommended that his license be revoked.

Mr. Bolick said it had been three (3) years since the crime he committed. He asked that his license be temporarily suspended until the end of successful completion of his probation. Mr. Bolick said he was three (3) years clean of addiction.

Mr. Dillon Bolick, father of Mr. Jason Bolick, said he and his wife learned what a functioning addict looked like through their son. He said his son was on the right path. He said everyone deserved a second chance.

Director of Educator Licensure Ms. Cheryl Reinhart said completion of Mr. Bolick's probation would include all testing required to ensure continued sobriety. Ms. Reinhart

recommended that an additional background check and a child malnutrition check be required before his license could be reinstated if the State Board chose to approve the waiver.

Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to approve Waiver Request for Teaching License filed by Mr. Jason Bolick, that Mr. Bolick's license be suspended for the duration of his probation, and upon successful completion of probation, a letter from his probation officer, a letter from a counselor with the recommendation that he return to the classroom, successful completion of a background check, and successful clearance of wrongdoing from a child maltreatment check, that Mr. Bolick's license be reinstated. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **A-5 Consideration of Waiver Request for Teaching License – Melinda Liles**

The Department requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

#### **A-6 Consideration of Request for Approval of Nominated Members for the Professional Licensure Standards Board to Replace Members Whose Terms are Vacant or Expiring June 30, 2019**

Assistant Commissioner for Educator Effectiveness and Licensure Dr. Jeremy Owoh said Dr. Ellen E. Treadway, Associate Professor of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership at the Arkansas Tech University Center for Leadership and Learning was nominated by the Arkansas Professors of Educational Administration (ARPEA) to represent their membership.

Ms. Chambers moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to approve Request for Approval of Nominated Members for the Professional Licensure Standards Board to Replace Members Whose Terms are Vacant or Expiring June 30, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **A- 7 (a) Public School Choice Act**

Attorney Supervisor Ms. Jennifer Dedman said the Gilbert family appealed the decision of the Elkins School District to deny their child's school choice application for the 20182019 school year. She said the family resided in the Fayetteville School District.

Parent Ms. Gilbert said she wanted her son to go to the best school for him based on his disability. She said her family believed that the Elkins School District could provide that care. She said her son was zoned to attend Happy Hallow Elementary School in the Fayetteville School District.

Elkins School District Superintendent Mr. Daniel Jordan said the parent submitted a school choice application two (2) school years prior to the desired entry date. He said it was routine for students to have transition conferences for new students. He said the student had a preliminary conference with the school. He said the psychology evaluation, the Elkins School District team, and the Elizabeth Richardson Center determined that additional support was needed for the student. He said an IEP conference had not yet occurred.

Mr. Jordan said the Elkins School District met with the family without knowledge that the student applied for school choice, and thus, was not guaranteed a spot in the school.

Parent Mr. Gilbert said that he went to high school with one of the teachers in the Elkins School District. He said he would like his son to attend the same school district he attended.

Staff Attorney Ms. Jennifer Davis said if the student needed additional services, cost could not be a factor in providing those services regardless of whether human capital was needed.

Deputy General Counsel Ms. Courtney Salas-Ford said when a student transitions from preschool to a public kindergarten, the district was required to have a transition meeting in the spring to discuss the services and support the student might need upon entering kindergarten. She said this is not an IEP meeting.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Reith, to grant the Public School Choice Act appeal by the Gilbert family. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **A-4 Approval of Qualifications and Assessments for New Ancillary Licenses**

The Department requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

### **Action Agenda B**

#### **B-1 (a) District Request for Waivers Granted to Open-Enrollment Charters: Highland School District**

Public School Program Advisor Ms. Kelly McLaughlin said representatives of the Highland School District were appearing before the State Board with a petition of waivers.

Highland School District Superintendent Mr. Don Sharpe said the community was rural. He said it was hard to obtain a significant number of applicants for positions within the district.

Mr. Sharpe said all three (3) campuses' library media staffing positions turned over in the same year. He said one (1) of the applicants in the current year had a Master of Library Science. He said she was not eligible for a license under an Additional Licensure Plans (ALP) or through the Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure (APPEL) program. He said the teacher had 13 years experience working as a library media specialist. He said she worked as a long-term substitute teacher. He said the teacher enrolled in the University of Central Arkansas Teacher Education program and had completed 15 hours in the program for middle level licensure. He said she completed her second year as a long-term substitute. He said she had done a great job in her position. He said she would need a waiver to complete additional years as a long-term substitute as she completed her coursework.

Coordinator for Educator Licensure Ms. Melissa Jacks said a regular teacher's license must precede a library media specialist endorsement. She said this teacher would first need to obtain her license and then add the library media specialist endorsement.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to approve waiver request filed by Highland School District. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-1 (b) District Request for Waivers Granted to Open-Enrollment Charters:  
Fordyce School District**

Public School Program Advisor Ms. Kelly McLaughlin said representatives of the Fordyce School District were appearing before the State Board with a petition of waivers.

Fordyce High School Principal Dr. Judy Hubbell said the Fordyce School District had been devastated economically. She said Fordyce was losing a high number of residents. She said the surrounding school districts had a higher pay scale. She said these issues posed a problem for finding certified teachers.

Dr. Hubbell said the district focused on teacher quality in its recruiting efforts. She said the district offered a \$1,500 signing bonus beginning in 2017-2018 school year. She said the district also offered a \$2,500 annual stipend for candidates in critical needs areas including math, science, and special education.

Fordyce Elementary School Principal Ms. Rhonda Lawson said there were teachers local to the area who did not hold a license, but who would be good candidates. Dr. Hubbell said the district had slowed down its turnover.



Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Mr. Black, to approve waiver request filed by Fordyce School District. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-1 (c) District Request for Waivers Granted to Open-Enrollment Charters:  
Osceola School District**

Public School Program Advisor Ms. Kelly McLaughlin said representatives of the Osceola School District were appearing before the State Board with a petition of waivers.

Arkansas Public School Resource Center Staff Attorney Mr. Trip Walter said he was assisting the Osceola School District in presenting a number of teacher licensure waiver requests. He said the waiver requests were for three (3) years.

Osceola School District Assistant Superintendent Mr. Alfred Hogan said the district had five (5) teachers in the APPEL program. He said the community's population dropped by about 30,000 people since the 1970s. Mr. Hogan said Arkansas Teacher Corps staff were working in the district. He said the teacher cadet program was being phased out because there were no students interested in becoming teachers. Mr. Hogan said the district was working with the Arkansas Leadership Academy to improve student achievement.

Osceola School District Director of Federal Programs and Special Projects Ms. Shantele Raper said some of her former students returned to the district to teach. She said building capacity with academic coaches and having homegrown teachers was one way that the district was addressing some of its student performance issues.

Osceola STEM Academy Principal Ms. Crystal Smith said all of the principals at Osceola STEM Academy went through Arkansas Leadership Academy training. She said it was difficult to have a number of positions open each year in her middle school building. She said she saw the district's culture turn around. Ms. Smith said many of the teachers she hired commuted daily. She said many teachers enjoyed the culture of the school, but left because they were not willing to move to the Osceola community.

Ms. Chambers moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to approve waiver request filed by Osceola School District. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-2 Consideration of Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on District Conversion  
Public Charter School Amendment: Osceola STEM Academy, Osceola**

Director of Public Charter Schools Dr. Alexandra Boyd said representatives of Osceola STEM Academy appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel (Panel) requesting an amendment to their charter. She said the Panel approved the amendment request by unanimous vote. Dr. Boyd said no request for the State Board to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Chambers, not to review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-3 Consideration of Request for Waiver of Standards for Accreditation - Probation - Osceola STEM Academy**

Staff Attorney Ms. Jennifer Davis asked that this item be removed from the agenda in light of the State Board decision on Action Agenda Item B-2 Consideration of Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on District Conversion Public Charter School Amendment: Osceola STEM Academy, Osceola. She asked to replace the attachment of Action Item B-14 to reflect Osceola STEM Academy's current accreditation status.

**B-4 (a) Consideration of Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on District Conversion Charter School Amendment: Polk County Virtual Academy, Mena**

Director of Public Charter Schools Dr. Alexandra Boyd said representatives of Polk County Virtual Academy appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel requesting an amendment to their charter. She said the Panel approved the amendment request by unanimous vote. Dr. Boyd said no request for the State Board to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted.

Ms. Reith moved, seconded by Mr. Black, not to review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision on Polk County Virtual Academy, Mena. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-4 (b) Consideration of Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Arkansas Arts Academy, Rogers**

Director of Public Charter Schools Dr. Alexandra Boyd said representatives of Arkansas Arts Academy appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel requesting an amendment to their charter. She said the Panel approved the amendment request by unanimous vote. Dr. Boyd said no request for the State Board to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted.

Ms. Reith moved, seconded by Ms. Chambers, not to review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision on Arkansas Arts Academy, Rogers. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-4 (c) Consideration of the Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on Open Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Friendship Aspire Academy Little Rock**

Director of Public Charter Schools Dr. Alexandra Boyd said representatives of Friendship Aspire Academy Little Rock appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel requesting an amendment to their charter. She said the Panel approved the amendment request by unanimous vote. Dr. Boyd said a formal request for the State Board to review the decision was made by Little Rock School District Superintendent Mr. Mike Poore.

Dr. Boyd said there were no deadlines for external stakeholders requesting a review by the State Board.

Little Rock School District Superintendent Mr. Mike Poore said an approval for new charters typically happened in the fall prior to when the charter opened. He said the Little Rock School District would lose students due to the opening of Friendship Aspire Academy Little Rock in fall 2018. He said this school opening would have an impact on the district's planning for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Poore said the district prepared for the 2018-2019 with the knowledge that a charter school previously scheduled to open in 2018-2019 would not open.

Friendship Aspire Academy Little Rock Superintendent Mr. Joe Harris said the charter had the capacity, resources, and experience to open a charter school in fall 2018. He said the charter identified seven (7) teachers and had reached out to the local community to recruit additional teachers.

Former Congressman Vic Synder said he had children in the Little Rock School District. He said he did not believe the process should be rushed for Friendship Aspire Academy Little Rock to open a year earlier than originally granted.

Senator Joyce Elliott said she had real concerns about the school opening on short notice. She said it was important to be prepared to open a new school in a struggling community.

Former Representative Sam Ledbetter said he did not believe the charter school would be able to serve special education students under a rushed timeline.

Ms. Chambers moved, seconded by Ms. Reith, to review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision on Friendship Aspire Academy Little Rock. The motion carried unanimously.

State Board members requested additional information in advance of a special review of the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision.

**B-4 (d) Consideration of Charter Authorizing Panel Action on Open-Enrollment Public Charter School: Rockbridge Montessori School, Little Rock**

Director of Public Charter Schools Dr. Alexandra Boyd said representatives of Rockbridge Montessori School appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel requesting an amendment to their charter. She said the Panel voted to revoke the charter as of June 30, 2018, by unanimous vote. Dr. Boyd said no request for the State Board to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted.

Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Ms. Reith, not to review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision on Rockbridge Montessori School. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-5 Consideration of the Recommendation to Approve the Format for the 2018 Educator Preparation Provider Quality Reports (EPPQR), formerly the Educator Preparation Provider Reports (EPPR)**

Special Projects Administrator Dr. Frank Servedio said the annual reports provide information on enrollees and graduates of Arkansas's Educator Preparation Providers (EPP) and contain demographic and program data to inform policy decisions.

He said the additional areas in the report address shortage areas, minority recruitment, and school district partnerships. He said the Department received individual reports from each institution.

Coordinator of Educator Preparation Ms. Joan Luneau said eSTEM has a three (3) year residency program. She said residents work alongside a teacher of record for the first year of the program. She said those teachers work as a teacher of record in the second and third year of the program.

Commissioner Key said the report showed the state had the highest number of beginning teachers in a decade. He said this was an indication of progress in the state.

Ms. Chambers moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to accept Format for the 2018 Educator Preparation Provider Quality Reports (EPPQR), formerly the Educator Preparation Provider Reports (EPPR). The motion carried unanimously.

### **B-6 Praxis® Computer Science (5651) Assessment for 4-12 Computer Science Licensure**

Coordinator of Educator Preparation Ms. Joan Luneau said this test was a newly generated Praxis® Computer Science assessment. She said the previous assessment was borrowed from Texas. She said the Department revised the competencies. She said the start date would be September 2018.

Ms. Luneau said the Department aligns with the national cut score. She said the cut scores would be reviewed in a year. She said educator preparation programs would have a year to align their programs.

Ms. Reith moved, seconded by Ms. Zook, to adopt Praxis® Computer Science (5651) Assessment for 4-12 Computer Science Licensure. The motion carried unanimously.

### **B-7 Praxis® Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (5511) for PostSecondary Adult Education Licensure**

Coordinator of Educator Preparation Ms. Joan Luneau said the Department used the current Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching test for adult education licensure. She said the Department would continue to work with the Arkansas Department of Career Education to revise competencies. She said the Fundamental Subjects test was better aligned with what adult education teachers do.

Ms. Reith moved, seconded by Mr. Black, to adopt Praxis® Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (5511) for Post-Secondary Adult Education Licensure. The motion carried unanimously.

### **B-8 School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) for P-12 Building Level Administrator and P-12 Curriculum Program Administrator Licensure**

Public School Program Coordinator Ms. Joan Luneau said the Department recommended that the adoption date of the assessment be September 1, 2019, so that educator preparation programs had the opportunity to align with the assessment.

Ms. Reith moved, seconded by Ms. Chambers, to adopt School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) for P-12 Building Level Administrator and P-12 Curriculum Program Administrator Licensure. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-9 Consideration for Final Approval: Repeal of Rules Governing Mandatory Attendance for Students in Grades 9-12**

Staff Attorney Ms. Jennifer Davis said Act 867 of 2017 repealed Ark. Code Ann. §§ 618-210 and 6-18-211 on which these rules were based. She said a public comment hearing was held on April 19, 2018, and no public comments were received.

Ms. Davis said the rules were not related to compulsory attendance.

Commissioner Key said this waiver was the most requested waiver from school districts. He said districts were trying to create opportunities for students rather than restrict opportunities.

Ms. Reith moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to approve Repeal of Rules Governing Mandatory Attendance for Students in Grades 9-12 for final approval. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-10 Consideration for Final Approval: ADE Rules Governing Eligibility and Financial Incentives for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidacy and Certification**

General Counsel Ms. Lori Freno asked that the State Board modify prior approval of the rules on the May 10, 2018, meeting agenda and vote to give final approval to the correct rules reflected on the June 14, 2018, meeting agenda.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Zook, to modify motion to ADE Rules Governing Eligibility and Financial Incentives for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidacy and Certification on May 10, 2018, and to move for final approval of ADE Rules Governing Eligibility and Financial Incentives for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidacy and Certification with corrected attachment on the June 14, 2018, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-11 Consideration for Final Approval: ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Plans and Family and Community Engagement**

Attorney Supervisor Ms. Jennifer Dedman said the State Board released these proposed rules for public comment on April 12, 2018. She said a public comment hearing was held on April 19, 2018, and ended on May 15, 2018. She said no comments resulted in substantive changes to the rules.

Ms. Dedman said a section was left off of the rules attached to the June 14, 2018, agenda. She said the correct document would be uploaded to the agenda for public record.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Reith, to approve ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Plans and Family and Community Engagement for final approval. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-12 Consideration for Final Approval: ADE Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act AND REPEAL of ADE Rules Governing the Monitoring of Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plans, ADE Rules Governing Access to Public School Information on Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plans, ADE Rules Governing the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment and Accountability Program (ACTAAP) and the Academic Distress Program, and ADE Rules Governing the Assessment Scores for Students Attending the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts of the University of Arkansas**

General Counsel Ms. Courtney Salas-Ford said updated rules were provided to the State Board and uploaded to the agenda for public record.

Ms. Reith moved, seconded by Mr. Black, to approve ADE Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act AND REPEAL of ADE Rules Governing the Monitoring of Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plans, ADE Rules Governing Access to Public School Information on Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plans, ADE Rules Governing the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment and Accountability Program (ACTAAP) and the Academic Distress Program, and ADE Rules Governing the Assessment Scores for Students Attending the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts of the University of Arkansas for final approval. The motion carried unanimously

**B-13 Consideration of Proposed Rules Repeals**

General Counsel Ms. Lori Freno said the list of rules that the Department would like to appeal were provided for review. Ms. Freno said if the Arkansas Legislative Council approved the repeal list, the rules would be repealed without the necessity of taking them through the Administrative Procedures Act rulemaking process. She said the Department staff respectfully requested that the State Board approve the list of rules that the agency sought to repeal.

Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Ms. Chambers, to approve Consideration of Proposed Rules Repeals. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-14 Consideration of Final Accreditation Report Fiscal Year 2017-2018: Summary of Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts**

Director of Standards and Systems Support Mr. Roy Causbie said updates from Action Item 1 (c) District Request for Waivers Granted to Open-Enrollment Charters: Osceola School District had taken effect concerning this item.

Mr. Causbie said probation was for two years. He said this year was the first year of probation for schools and districts named in the report.

Ms. Reith moved, seconded Mr. Black, to approve Consideration of Final Accreditation Report Fiscal Year 2017-2018: Summary of Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-15 Revision to the Institutions of Higher Education: Protocols for the Review and Approval of Programs of Study Leading to Educator Licensure in Arkansas**

Public School Program Coordinator Ms. Joan Luneau said “science of reading” was added to match the new pathways as defined by the Division for Learning Services. She said the Department wanted the teacher preparation programs to align with the professional development happening in districts.

Ms. Luneau said the partnership section language was changed to align with the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Ms. Luneau said the language for leadership preparation programs that would undergo redesign was also changed.

Ms. Chambers moved, seconded by Ms. Reith, to approve Revision to the Institutions of Higher Education: Protocols for the Review and Approval of Programs of Study Leading to Educator Licensure in Arkansas. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-16 Consideration for Approval: Proposed Amendments to the State Board Operating Procedures**

Staff Attorney Ms. Mary Claire Hyatt said the operating procedures would go into effect on July 1, 2018.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to approve Proposed Amendments to the State Board Operating Procedures. The motion carried unanimously.



**B-17 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Ms. Chambers said the State Board nominating committee nominated Dr. Jay Barth as chair and Ms. Charisse Dean as vice-chair. She said both board members accepted their nominations.

The State Board members voted to approve the nominations of Dr. Barth as chair and Ms. Dean and vice-chair for the 2018-2019 year.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Black moved, seconded by Ms. Chambers, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Kelicia Hollis*

  
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Johnny Key, Commissioner

  
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Dr. Jay Barth, Chair

