

**Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 2020**  
**PLSB Full Board Minutes**

A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board was held via Zoom on **September 8, 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions**. Voting members of the Board present were Dr. Greg Murry, Chair, Dr. Donny Lee, Vice-Chair, Kathy Howell, Luanne Baroni, Doretta Griffin, Lynne Gronseth, John D. Keeling, Dr. Andrea Martin, Dr. Ellen Treadway, Hosea Born, Dr. Sheena Williamson, Dudley Webb, III, and Cindy Nations. Non-voting member present was Karli Saracini. ADE staff members present were Amy Douglas, Brittany Scribner, Eric James, Sarah Banker, Cheri Rolett, Brittany Felix, Maria Lockhart, Joan Luneau, Dr. Frank Servedio, and Courtney Salas-Ford.

Member(s) who were not present were Dr. Mary Jane Bradley, Dr. Victoria Groves-Scott, and Brenda Brown

**1. Call to Order – Dr. Greg Murry, Chair**

Dr. Murry called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Doretta Griffin to approve the June 9 2020, PLSB Full Board minutes; Seconded by Kathy Howell. Motion passed; none opposed.

**3. Action Items:**

- **EPPQR Presentation – Dr. Frank Servedio**

Dr. Servedio discussed the annual Arkansas Educator Preparation Provider Quality Report (EPPQR), which was published in July 2020. The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), supported by the Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB), has adopted the EPPQR designed to support and promote teacher preparation programs' continuous growth and professional learning.

The EPPQR allows the public to view aggregate data for candidates and completers. Students interested in pursuing a career in education can use the report to make decisions regarding EPP choice. EPPs may use the data to support continuous improvement efforts. EPPQR data are collected from the following sources:

Educator Preparation Providers  
Title II of the Higher Education Act  
Surveys of Novice Teachers  
Surveys of Novice Teachers' Supervisors

The EPPQR Report can be found on the DESE website at <https://eis.ade.arkansas.gov/eppr/STWReport.aspx>.

- EPPQR Subcommittee

A motion was made by Doretta Griffin to keep the same members for the 2020-2021 school year; seconded by Dr. Donnie Lee. Motion passed. None opposed.

The EPPQR Subcommittee members for 2020-2021 are:

Dr. Donnie Lee  
Dr. Ellen Treadway  
Dudley Webb  
Dr. Victoria Groves-Scott  
Dr. Mary Jane Bradley  
Jesse Walker

#### 4. Discussion and Reports:

- **COVID-19 Status Report** – Karli Saracini, Asst. Commissioner

Ms. Saracini discussed the COVID-19 Call Center, which was designed to take calls from parents, administrators, etc., regarding COVID-19 questions pertaining to the 2020-2021 school year. The Educator Licensure and PLSB units provided great staff support. Ms. Joan Luneau is to be commended for her role in making the Call Center a success.

Approximately fifty percent of the calls were from parents. Other calls received were questions regarding the hot spots being provided by Verizon, virtual online classes, administrators calling with COVID-19 questions, face coverings, protocol and policy procedures, etc. Verizon will continue to ship hot spots through the middle of September 2020.

- **Ethics Investigation Update** – Amy Douglas, PLSB Managing Attorney  
Update on status of investigations, procedures in place and evidentiary hearing schedule.

Mrs. Douglas provided the following information on the 2019-2020 allegations and evidentiary hearings.

158 Allegations received for 2019-2020 Fiscal Year  
86 Allegations were authorized

As of June 30, 2020, fifty-four (54) cases have been completed. As of July 10, 2020, seventy (70) cases have been resolved.

There are four cases scheduled for evidentiary hearings. One each on September 16 and 23, 2020, and two on October 28, 2020. There are three cases still pending on the timeline for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. For the fiscal year 2021, there have not been many allegations received to date. Future evidentiary hearings will be scheduled for the third or fourth Wednesday of the month. By the end of October 2020, all hearings will have been completed.

- **Training** – Ethics Subcommittee/Hearing Subcommittee/State Board – Dr. Greg Murry and Karli Saracini

Mrs. Saracini discussed the PLSB training for the State Board members. Mrs. Saracini will continue to monitor this to insure the training will be scheduled by the end of this semester.

- **Legislative Updates** – Amy Douglas

Mrs. Douglas updated the members that at this time, the Legislature has not met to discuss PLSB requests. It will be three to four months before PLSB submits any information to the Legislature for review. A summary will be completed by the attorney's, which will be sent to PLSB for review. Until Governor Hutchinson has approved these items, nothing can be discussed.

Mrs. Saracini added that her unit is currently compiling the information for the Legislative packets for distribution to its members.

- **BoardBook Premier** for future meetings – Amy Douglas

Mrs. Douglas discussed with the Board the use of BoardBook Premier for future use in sending out its agenda and any attachments. This is a new upgraded system that PLSB will begin using for its next quarterly meeting on Friday, December 4, 2020.

A motion was made by J. D. Keeling to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m. Seconded by Sheena Williamson. Motion passed. None opposed.

The next PLSB Full Board meeting will be on Friday, December 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.