

Professional Licensure Standards Board
Friday, June 2, 2023
PLSB Full Board Minutes

A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board held its quarterly meeting via Zoom and in person for those who could attend on **June 2, 2023**. Voting members of the Board present were, Co-Chair Dr. Joe Fisher, Mary Jane Bradley, Hosea Born, Brenda Brown, Lynne Gronseth, Kathy Howell, Annette Hux, Dr. Phong Tran, and Dudley Webb, III.

ADE staff members present: Whitney James, Sarah Banker, Cheri Rolett, Shannon Rostad, Vikki Jennings, Melissa Hamric, Karli Saracini, and Andy Sullivan.

Voting members not present: Victoria Groves-Scott, Harold Jeffcoat, J. D. Keeling, Karen Lasker, Dr. Donny Lee, Dr. Andrea Martin, Wendy Peer, and Dr. Sheena Williamson
Non-voting members not present: Tonya Williams and Darrick Williams (ADE)

Guests: Summer Hampton

1. Call to Order – Dr. Joe Fisher - Co-Chair

Dr. Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Tran made a motion to approve the March 3, 2023, PLSB Full Board minutes; seconded by Dudley Webb.
Motion passed. None opposed.

3. Proposed Updated Sanctioning Matrix – Sarah Banker, Chief Education Investigator, PLSB and Whitney James, Managing Attorney, PLSB

Ms. Banker gave updates on the sanctioning matrix and talked about the inconsistencies that the State Board questions. There are times when the State Board needs more justification.

Some inconsistencies are physical contact, drugs, and alcohol,

The members can email or call Ms. Banker within the next two weeks with feedback. The changes will go into effect after she has made the changes. The matrix will eventually become part of the PLSB rules.

4. Updated Matrix – Andy Sullivan, Director of Educator Effectiveness

a. Updated Rubric

Mr. Sullivan reported that all teacher rubrics have changed. This consists of eighteen (18) teacher rubrics and three (3) administrator rubrics. The updated rubric will be posted online on June 19, 2023.

b. Communication of Trainings

Teachers and administrators will be able to access the training virtually or in person. The recorded training will also be available so districts will be able to do the training on their own.

c. US Prep

The Walton Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, and the Arkansas Education Foundation, went together to fund grants on planning. Eight universities received these grants. US Prep and TPI, and others helped with this endeavor.

US Prep plans to have a yearlong residency. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2023.

d. Mentoring

Higher Education, several co-op groups, and the taskforce to look at a mentoring guidebook. A mentoring group was hired to spearhead this endeavor.

5. Action Item:

a. Temporary Change in Ethics Subcommittee Membership – Whitney James, Managing Attorney, PLSB

The Ethics Subcommittee needs one administrator to serve on its subcommittee temporarily at the Ethics Subcommittee meeting today.

Ms. James asked for a motion to recommend Dr. Joe Fisher to serve temporarily on the Ethics Subcommittee at today's meeting.

Dudley Webb made a motion to allow Dr. Joe Fisher to serve temporarily at the Ethics Subcommittee meeting today; seconded by Kathy Howell. Motion passed. None opposed.

Ms. James asked for a motion to recommend Dr. Luke Lovins, Superintendent at Bay School District, as Dr. Fisher's replacement on the PLSB Full Board.

Kathy Howell made a motion to accept the recommendation for Luke Lovins, Superintendent at Bay School District, as Dr. Joe Fisher's replacement on the PLSB Full Board; Seconded by Annette Hux. Motion passed. None opposed.

The State Board will nominate Dr. Lovins at the July 13, 2023, meeting.

b. Standard Setting for Praxis Exam – Sharlee Crowson, Special Projects Coordinator

Ms. Crowson presented the attached handout to the PLSB Board for review. Ms. Crowson discussed the new standard settings for the Praxis Exams for each subject and their revised cut scores.

Ms. Crowson asked for a motion to approve all cut scores as one.

Dr. Tran made a motion to approve all cut scores as one for the Standard Setting for Praxis Exams; Seconded by Kathy Howell. Motion passed. None opposed.

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Kathy Howell
Darrick Williams
Dr. Luke Lovins
Hosea Born
J.D. Keeling

Hosea Born made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m.; seconded by Kathy Howell. Motion passed. None opposed.

The next PLSB Full Board meeting will be on Friday, September 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.