

**Professional Licensure Standards Board**  
**Tuesday, June 4, 2021**  
**PLSB Full Board Minutes**

A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board was held via Zoom and in person for those who could attend on **June 4, 2021**. 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, Hosea Born, Dr. Sheena Williamson, Dudley Webb, III, Brenda Brown, Vicki Groves-Scott, Dr. Nita Bohannon, and Dr. Joe Fisher. ADE staff members present were Amy Douglas, Sarah Banker, Cheri Rolett, Brittany Felix, Maria Lockhart, Jaclyn Williams, Shannon Rostad-Hall, Vikki Jennings, Joi Crawford, Brittany Scribner, Jennifer Link, Joan Luneau, Sharlee Crowson, Edie Stewart, Frank Servedio, and Andy Sullivan.

Voting members not present: Dr. Andrea Martin, Cindy Nations, and Dr. Sheena Williamson

Non-voting members not present: Karli Saracini and Tonya Williams

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

Dr. Murry called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Dr. Mary Jane Bradley to approve the March 5, 2021, PLSB Full Board minutes; seconded by Dudley Webb. Motion passed; none opposed.

**3. Action Items:**

**Online Teaching K-12 Assessment** - Effective immediately, to add Online Teaching (K-12) to a Standard Arkansas Educator License, the Department recommends adopting the Team Digital Online Teaching Assessment with a PASS/Fail designation and individual section scores as follows:

- Topic 1: 12/19
- Topic 2: 19/30
- Topic 3: 13/21
- Topic 4: 12/19

A motion was made by Kathy Howell to recommend adopting the Team Digital Online Teaching Assessment with a PASS/FAIL designation and individual scores; seconded by Dr. Joe Fisher. Motion passed; none opposed.

**Japanese (K-12) Endorsement Assessment** – Effective immediately, for the licensure assessment to add the Japanese (K-12) endorsement to a Standard Arkansas Educator License, the Department recommends adopting the Praxis® Japanese: World Language (5661) with a cut score

of 151. A motion was made by Dudley Webb to accept the Japanese: World Language (5661) endorsement to a Standard Arkansas Educator License, with a recommended cut score of 151; seconded by Dr. Mary Jane Bradley.

Motion passed; none opposed.

**Journalism (7-12) Endorsement Assessment** – Effective immediately, for the licensure assessment to add the Journalism (7-12) endorsement to a Standard Arkansas Educator License, the Department recommends adopting the Praxis® Journalism (5224) with a cut score of 147. A motion was made by Kathy Howell to accept the Journalism (7-12) endorsement assessment with a recommended cut score of 147; seconded by Dudley Webb.

Motion passed; none opposed.

**Middle School Mathematics (4-8) Assessment** – Effective September 1, 2022, for the licensure assessment to add the Middle School Mathematics (4-8) licensure assessment, the Department recommends adopting the Praxis® Middle School Mathematics (5164) with a cut score of 150.

A motion was made by Dr. Joe Fisher to accept the Middle School Mathematics (4-8) licensure assessment with a recommended cut score of 150; seconded by Dr. Donnie Lee.

Motion passed; none opposed.

**Mathematics (7-12) Assessment** – Effective September 1, 2022, for the licensure assessment to add the Mathematics (7-12) licensure assessment, the Department recommends adopting the Praxis® Mathematics (5165) with a cut score of 152.

A motion was made by Dr. Donnie Lee to accept the Mathematics (7-12) licensure assessment with a recommended cut score of 152; seconded by Dr. Mary Jane Bradley.

Motion passed; none opposed.

**Instrumental Music (K-12) Assessment** – Effective September 1, 2021, for the Instrumental Music (K-12) licensure assessment, the Department recommends adopting the Praxis® Music: Instrumental and General Knowledge (5115) with a cut score of 145. A motion was made by Dr. Joe Fisher to accept the Instrumental Music (K-12) licensure assessment, with a recommended cut score of 145; seconded by Dudley Webb.

Motion passed; none opposed.

**Vocal Music (K-12) Assessment** – Effective September 1, 2021, for the Vocal Music (K-12) licensure assessment, the Department recommends adopting the Praxis® Music: Vocal and General Knowledge (5116) with a cut score of 147. A motion was made by Dr. Joe Fisher to accept the Vocal Music (K-12) licensure assessment, with a recommended cut score of 147; seconded by Kathy Howell.

Motion passed; none opposed.

### **Nomination and Election of PLSB Chairperson**

Dr. Greg Murry is retiring and will be stepping down as the PLSB Chairperson as of June 30, 2021. Dr. Murry has served as PLSB Chairperson for the 2020-2021 year. Dr. Harold Jeffcoat has been nominated to take Dr. Murry's position on the PLSB. His nomination will go before the State Board of Education for approval on June 10, 2021.

Amy Douglas, PLSB Managing Attorney, presented Dr. Murry with a framed certificate in

appreciation for his service and time to PLSB. Also, Frank Servedio, Public School Program Advisor, will be retiring at the end of June 2021. Current board members whose terms expire June 30, 2021, are Brenda Brown and Dr. Mary Jane Bradley. Ms. Doretta Griffin also announced her retirement as of June 30, 2021. Dr. Sheena Williamsons' term also expires June 30, 2021, and will be reappointed for another three-year term, representing AASCD Liaison to AACIA.

The current members were asked to nominate a new Chairperson. Dr. Greg Murry nominated Dr. Donny Lee, the current Vice Chair. A motion was made by Dr. Mary Jane Bradley to nominate Dr. Donny Lee as Chairperson for PLSB for the 2021-2022 year; seconded by Dudley Webb and a third by Dr. Joe Fisher.

Motion passed; none opposed.

Dr. Murry asked for nominations for a Vice Chair. A motion was made by Dr. Vicki Groves-Scott to nominate Dr. Joe Fisher as Vice Chair for PLSB; seconded by Dr. Mary Jane Bradley.

Motion passed; none opposed.

#### **4. Discussion and Reports:**

##### **Legislative Update - Amy Douglas, Managing Attorney, PLSB**

###### **1. Laws and Acts Passed**

- a. A highly qualified professor will be eligible to get a license for K-12 without having taught K-12.
- b. DACA work permit bill passed. Effective July 28, 2021
- c. Background Law – Added sexual grooming as a disqualifying offense
- d. PLSB timeline - The current thirty (30) day timeline for an educator response to the investigations Final Report was changed to fourteen (14) days, effective July 28, 2021.

##### **Ethics Investigation Update – Amy Douglas, Managing Attorney, PLSB**

There have been 128 allegations this year of which sixty-four (64) have been authorized for this fiscal year 2020-2021. Of the sixty-four (64) that have been authorized, twenty-two (22) are pending of which nine (9) are for June 2021, with two pending for an evidentiary hearing on June 16, 2021. The PLSB timeline has been averaging about thirty-three (33) days from authorization to the final report; an average of 89 days from authorization to the State Board. PLSB is required to complete a case in 150 days before going to the State Board and 180 days if an evidentiary hearing is requested before going to the State Board. To date, the timeline for authorizations to be reviewed by the State Board has been under ninety (90) days.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m. was made by Doretta Griffin; seconded by Dr. Mary Jane Bradley.

Motion passed; none opposed.

The next PLSB Full Board meeting will be on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.