

Professional Licensure Standards Board
Friday, June 7, 2024
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 7, 2024**. Voting members of the Board present were: Chair Dr. Donny Lee, Dr. Tiffany Bone, Hosea Born, Dr. Mary Jane Bradley, Brandi Cheers, Brenda Brown, Kathy Howell, Dr. Annette Hux, J. D. Keeling, Dr. Karen Lasker, Dr. Melissa Speers, Dr. Phong Tran, Dr. Victoria Groves-Scott, and Dudley Webb, III.

ADE staff members present: Whitney James, Melissa Hamric, Sarah Banker and Maria Lockhart

Voting members not present: Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Wendy Peer and Dr. Luke Lovins

Non-voting members present: Matthew Sutherlin (ADE), Michael Roland (ADE), and Tonya Williams (ADE)

1. Call to Order – Dr. Donny Lee – Chair

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Dudley Webb made a motion to approve March 1, 2024, PLSB Full Board minutes; seconded by Annette Hux. Motion passed. None opposed.

3. Rules Update

**Presenters: Whitney James, PLSB Managing Attorney &
Dr. Matthew Sutherlin, Director of Licensure**

Whitney James gave an update on the rules, which include Educator Licensure, Maternity Leave Cost Sharing, Background Checks and Code of Ethics. The rules are currently out for public comment and will end Monday, June 10, 2024, next it will go on the State Board agenda for approval Thursday, June 13, 2024. The next step is for the Educator Performance rules to go to ALC agenda June 20, 2024.

4. LEA Insights Update – Pending Standard 1 Ethics Violations

Presenter: Karli Saracini, Assistant Commissioner for Educator Effectiveness and Licensure, (absent) & Dr. Matthew Sutherlin, Director of Licensure

Matthew Sutherlin gave an overview of Standard 1 flagging in LEA Insights, which includes Superintendents only having access to the portal where they login into a secure site. If there is a pending (already authorized) Standard 1 violation, it will show on LEA insights. This is part of LEARNS and will not be a be on the public AELS site. It will be pending until final or no preponderance. The site will be updated after every ESC meeting and State Board meeting.

5. Licensure Assessment Updates and Test Adoption Protocol

Presenter: Sharlee Crowson, Educator Workforce Data Coordinator and Michael Rowland, Educator Workforce Data Program Advisor

Michael Roland gave an update on licensure assessment and test adoption, which included Power Point slides detailing regenerated tests, new tests and overlapping years. The start date is September 1, 2024. Michael also discussed affected licenses, provided virtual state test review dates (Friday, July 19, 2024) and interest forms to register and lastly, publicized the website for licensure test adoption protocol.

4 Regenerated Tests:

Praxis Family and Consumer Science

Praxis Technology and Engineering

Praxis Social Studies

Praxis Special Education Foundational Knowledge

One New Test:

Praxis Speech/Theatre (start date: September 1, 2024)

Overlap year – For a period of one year after the start date of a new test, DESE will accept either the new or the previous one. The SPED was adopted in February 2023 for a September 1, 2024, start date. The state review was October 2023.

New Test	Cut Score
Praxis Speech/Theatre	139
Praxis Family and Consumer Science	138
Praxis Technology and Engineering	144
Praxis Social Studies	141
Praxis Special Education Foundational Knowledge	132

6. Action Items – Alternate Member for Ethics Subcommittee

Presenter: Whitney James, PLSB Managing Attorney

Whitney James asked the board to approve Dr. Harold Jeffcoat as an alternate for the Ethics Subcommittee. Dudley Webb made a motion to approve Dr. Harold Jeffcoat as an alternate for the Ethics Subcommittee; second by Tiffany Bone.
Motion passed. None opposed.

7. Additional Discussion

Dudley Webb presented on the Hot Springs School District Prevention Recovery Program to gain support on the program and advocate. Kirk Lane, Director, and Tenesha Barnes, Deputy Director of the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership were available to answer questions during and after

the meeting.

Dr. Lee notified the PLSB Full Board that today would be Dr. Bradley's last day serving on the Full Board due to her retirement.

The meeting was adjourned. The next PLSB Full Board meeting will be on Friday, September 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.