

Professional Licensure Standards Board

Friday, March 4, 2022
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 **March 4, 2022**. Voting members of the Board present were, Vice-Chair, Dr. Joe Fisher, Luanne Baroni, Dr. Nita Bohannon, Hosea Born, Dr. Mary Jane Bradley, Brenda Brown, Lynne Gronseth, Kathy Howell, Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Dr. Andrea Martin, Wendy Peer, Dr. Vicki Groves-Scott, Kathy Howell, Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, John D. Keeling, Karen Lasker, Dr. Andrea Martin, Wendy Peer, Dudley Webb, III, Dr. Sheena Williamson. ADE staff members present were Amy Douglas, Sarah Banker, Cheri Rolett, Maria Lockhart, Shannon Rostad-Hall, Vikki Jennings, Joi Crawford, Karli Saracini, Andy Sullivan, Sharlee Crowson, and Edie Stewart. Guests were, Susanna Post, Teacher of the Year, Amber Pinique, and Jonathan Warren.

Voting members not present: Dr. Donny Lee, Chair

Non-voting members not present: Tonya Williams

1. Call to Order – Dr. Joe Fisher, Vice- Chair

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Dudley Webb made a motion to approve the December 3, 2021, PLSB Full Board minutes; seconded by Brenda Brown. Motion passed; none opposed.

3. Action Items: None

4. Discussion and Reports:

- **Office of Educator Effectiveness & Licensure Updates** – Karli Saracini, Asst. Commissioner OEE&L
 - Rules Update:
Governor Hutchinson will receive drafts of the rules before they go out.
 - Academics for Teachers:
Continued with both academics with SpEd being the specified area.

There will be an online teaching endorsement class this summer. Last year there were three hundred to four hundred teachers who took advantage of this online course. A new addition to the course this summer will be P4-K6, which is a new licensure area for Early Childhood. They will not be able to teach kindergarten and up. ESSER pays for the exam and college hours for the educator.

ESSER uses its funds to pay for ABC teachers' classes. The ABC class is a one-year requirement.

- **Educator Preparation Provider Quality Report (EPPQR) Update** – Sharlee Crowson
 - Currently, PLSB is assisting with EPPQR.
 - A potential change – the definition of enrollment changed to include everyone.
 - Completers in critical care:
 - a.) Academic teachers
 - b.) Shortage areas
 - EPPQR Completers Employed in Arkansas Public Schools
 - Retention:
 - a.) Move from overall teacher retention to novice teachers' retention
 - b.) Retention rates of completers by EPPQR
 - Licensure Assessment Pass Rates:
 - a.) Move from completers only to:
 - All test takers reported as enrolled in the EPPQR by testing area
 - By place
 - Move from highest score only to:
 - First time pass rates
 - Number of attempts
 - EPPQR Completer Survey:
 - Move from average overall score to scores by test domain
 - Also include for supervisor survey
 - Include results from questions around licensure assessment preparation
 - Narratives:
 - Question – Could the narratives be removed for:
 - Shortage areas
 - Minorities
 - Reading
 - Option to replace partnerships
 - Option to replace narrative

- APPEL changes its name to Arkansas Professional Educator Pathway (AR PEP)

The Arkansas Professional Educator Pathway (AR PEP) is an affordable two-year, work-based, alternative certification program, and administered by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education. Enrollment in this program allows a candidate with a bachelor's degree or higher, licensed and employed as a classroom teacher, while completing the necessary requirements for a Standard Arkansas Teaching License. AR Pep's goal is to prepare day one ready teachers to meet the growing demand of the teacher pipeline in Arkansas. The primary objective of AR PEP is to train future educators on how to:

- Build classroom communities
 - Design effective lesson plans
 - Implement evidence-based instructional strategies, and
 - Use assessments to facilitate student learning
- State Standards – Current State Standard
 - Accreditation – CAEP or Equivalent
 - Summary Pass Rate – Completer/Supervisor Survey
 - ❖ One standard deviation below prior year
 - ❖ Narratives
 - ❖ Scoring Rubric
 - **Ethics Training Subcommittee Update** – Dr. Donny Lee
 - Vikki Jennings updated the Board on micro credentials being a possibility to meet with PVS regarding funding to get a landing page.
 - Discussed utilizing time to meet with Fred Lane, to invite administrators to go over social media in the schools.
 - Trainings for Code of Ethics for coaches with AAA.
 - Reached out to the universities to let them know about the Code of Ethics trainings.
 - Need to include mental and self-awareness in these trainings.
 - **Ethics Investigation Update** – Amy Douglas and Sarah Banker
 - Discussed open PLSB cases

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FY21:

There are currently three cases pending final resolution. Two of these cases have entered into a Stipulated Agreement waiving the timeline due to pending criminal charges. The third also entered a Stipulated Agreement for an evidentiary hearing held on January 28, 2022. The case is on the March 10, 2022, State Board consent agenda.

FY22:

There are currently twenty-two cases pending final resolution:

- One case is currently on stipulated agreement with pending final report.
 - Three cases are on the State Board's March 10, 2022, and the case is on the consent agenda
 - Two cases will be on the State Board's April 14, 2022, consent agenda
 - Four cases are on today's Ethics Subcommittee in April
 - Five cases are currently under investigation
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- **Members with terms expiring June 30, 2022:**
 - Dr. Donny Lee [ARACTE]
 - Dr. Victoria Groves-Scott [ARACTE]
 - Dr. Karen Lasker [ARKASPA]
 - Kathy Howell [AEA K-6 Teachers]
 - Luanne Baroni [APSRC]

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

The next PLSB Full Board meeting will be on Friday, June 3, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.