

Professional Licensure Standards Board
Friday, March 7, 2025
PLSB Full Board Minutes

The Professional Licensure Standards Board held its quarterly meeting via Zoom and in person for those who could attend on **March 7, 2025**. Members of the Board present were: Hosea Born, Brenda Brown, Dr. Kimberley Davis, Dr. Charlotte White-Wright, Kathy Howell, Dr. Karen Lasker, Dr. Donny Lee, Dr. Luke Lovins, Wendy Peer, Dr. Phong Tran, Dudley Webb III, and Dr. Matthew Sutherlin.

ADE staff members present: Whitney James, Laura Shelton, Sarah Banker, and Sydney Austin.

Members not present: Dr. Tiffany Bone, Dr. Alicia Shaw, Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, John Keeling, Karli Saracini, Melissa Speers, and Kamicka Thompson.

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

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Dudley Webb III made a motion to approve December 6, 2024 PLSB Full Board minutes; seconded by Dr. Karen Lasker. None opposed. Motion passed.

3. Welcome to new board member Dr. Charlotte White-Wright

Presenter: Dr. Donny Lee, Chair

Dr. Donny Lee welcomed Dr. Charlotte White-Wright, Dean of the Teachers' College at Henderson State University, as the PLSB's newest board member.

4. Action Items

a. Lead Teacher Pathway Designation Approval

i. Bailey Education Group

Presenter: Dr. Matthew Sutherlin, Director of Educator Preparation and Licensure

Dr. Matthew Sutherlin gave a presentation on the review the Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensure's review of the Bailey Education Group (BEG) as a potential Master/Lead Professional Designation pathway. The BEG application scored a 4.2 out of 5, which moved the application to the Teacher/Leader Advisory Group (TLAG) for an additional review, where it scored a 4.7 out of 5 from five of the TLAG members. Several teachers reported that had they not already achieved their designation, they would've chosen BEG as their preferred pathway. BEG currently provides professional development, coaching, and support to several schools and districts in Arkansas, in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida. Both review groups view BEG as an

excellent addition to the Master Lead Professional Designation Pathways.

Dr. Sutherlin asked the board to approve the Bailey Education Group as a Master/Lead designation pathway.

Luke Lovins made a motion to approve the Bailey Education Group as a Master/Lead designation pathway; Dr. Kimberley Davis seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed.

j. Ethics Hearing Subcommittee – Proposed New Members

Presenter: Whitney James, PLSB Managing Attorney

Whitney James asked the board to approve the new list of volunteers to serve on the Ethics Hearing Subcommittee.

Wendy Peer made a motion to approve the new list of volunteers to serve on the Ethics Hearing Subcommittee; Dudley Webb III seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed.

5. Prevention Recovery Course

Presenter: Dudley Webb III

Dudley Webb III shared with the board his efforts to introduce a 9th – 12th grade elective course known as Prevention Recovery, which focuses on providing students and their families the tools and strategies needed to prevent substance abuse and opioid overdoses. He asked that any of his fellow board members who have any experience with creating and acquiring accreditation for such courses would reach out to him with any assistance or advice.

Hosea Born made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Dr. Luke Lovins. None opposed. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned. The next PLSB Full Board meeting will be on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.