

**Professional Licensure Standards Board  
Tuesday, September 3, 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 **September 3, 2021**. Voting members of the Board present were Dr. Donny Lee, Chair, Vice-Chair, Dr. Joe Fisher, Luanne Baroni, Hosea Born, Dr. Mary Jane Bradley, Brenda Brown, Lynne Gronseth, Kathy Howell, Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, John D. Keeling, Dr. Andrea Martin, Wendy Peer, Dr. Vicki Groves-Scott, Dudley Webb, III, Dr. Sheena Williamson. ADE staff members present were Amy Douglas, Sarah Banker, Cheri Rolett, Brittany Felix, Maria Lockhart, Shannon Rostad-Hall, Vikki Jennings, Joi Crawford, Brittany Scribner, Joan Luneau, Karli Saracini and Andy Sullivan.

Voting members not present: Dr. Nita Bohannon

Non-voting members not present: Tonya Williams

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

Dr. Lee called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Hosea Born to approve the June 4, 2021, PLSB Full Board minutes; seconded by Dr. Mary Jane Bradley. Motion passed; none opposed.

**3. Action Items:**

- **Evidentiary Hearing Panels**

There are three spots to fill to serve on the evidentiary hearing panel.

Nominations for the three positions are:

1. Wendy Peer – Teacher
2. Dr. Sheena Williamson – Assistant Superintendent
3. Lynne Gronseth – Teacher

A motion was made by Kathy Howell to accept the three nominations for the evidentiary hearing pane; seconded by Dudley Webb, III. Motion passed; none opposed.

**4. Discussion and Reports:**

- **Legislative Updates** – Karli Saracini, Asst. Commissioner Educator Effectiveness and Licensure

1. Master Principal Role – Need three years’ experience before going into the Master Principal Role

2. Background Rule – State Police no longer accept the fingerprint cards; everything is done electronically. The only exceptions are if the person is coming in for reciprocity from out of state or lives in a smaller Arkansas town where they still use the fingerprint cards.
  3. NBCT Rules – This section has the most changes, which are the Licensure Rules.
    - Licensure Rules –
      - For a highly qualified professor they must have the following for a standard license: Master’s degree or higher, proof of three years teaching experience, background check, and proof of personal development courses
      - State Reviews –
        - Cape is not mandated but will be able to use A-Quip State Review administered by ADE
      - Career continuum – updated requirements for Science Pathway, added early childhood Pre-K areas, and must have Code of Ethics training
- **Ethics Investigation Update** - Amy Douglas, Managing Attorney, PLSB
    - Updates on the status of investigations, procedures in place and evidentiary hearing schedule.
      - 2021 FY Schedule -
        - There are 128 allegations received, 64 authorized, 51 completed and 13 cases pending, of which four are pending for criminal charges, four will be reviewed by the Ethics Subcommittee, one will be reviewed at the October Ethics Subcommittee, two pending on finding and one to go before the Evidentiary Hearing committee. There are five pending criminal cases from FY18, FY19, FY20, which have stipulated agreements.
      - The average turnaround time from being authorized to the final report is 42 days. The average timeline for a case to reach the State Board is 124 days, of which 180 days is the allocated time.
      - For FY21-22, PLSB has received twenty-six cases, of which eight have been authorized. Out of the eight authorized cases, four were classroom teachers, two were coaches, one was SpEd, and one for a long-term substitute teacher.
    - Educator Program Provider Quality Report (EPPQR) update – Amy Douglas
      - Ms. Douglas discussed the EPPQR data which is being reviewed before it is published. Title II was used to check the data. Once the report is complete it will be shared. Progress is being made creating a dashboard to pull the data so that it can be streamlined.
    - **Comments from the Chair – Dr. Donny Lee, Chair PLSB**
      - Dr. Lee thanked the Board for allowing him to serve in the capacity of Chair. Dr. Lee also thanked Dr. Greg Murry for his great leadership. Dr. Lee commented that there are currently eleven pathway alternatives to teacher licensure and preparation. The goal is to work to get quality teachers in the classroom in a simplified manner and to keep them there.

- Dr. Karen Lasker has been nominated by ARKASPA to replace Doretta Griffin. Her nomination goes before the State Board for approval September 9, 2021.

Dr. Lee asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. A motion was made by Dudley Webb, to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Sheena Williams. Motion passed. None opposed.

The next PLSB Full Board meeting will be on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.