

Professional Licensure Standards Board
Friday, September 9, 2022
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 **September 9, 2022**. Voting members of the Board present were, Chair, Dr. Donny Lee, Vice-Chair, Dr. Joe Fisher, Hosea Born, Dr. Mary Jane Bradley, Lynne Gronseth, Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, J. D. Keeling, Karen Lasker, Dr. Andrea Martin, Wendy Peer, Dr. Vicki Groves-Scott, Dr. Sheena Williamson, and Dudley Webb, III.

ADE staff members present were Amy Douglas, Sarah Banker, Cheri Rolett, Shannon Rostad, Vikki Jennings, Joi Crawford, Melissa Hamric, Andy Sullivan, Darrick Williams, Sharlee Crowson, Edie Stewart, and Michael Rowland.

Guests were Dr. Annette Hux, Katie Robertson, Angie Gilbert, and Miranda Mabry.

Voting members not present: Brenda Brown and Kathy Howell
Non-voting members not present: Tonya Williams

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

Dr. Donny Lee called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Dudley Webb made a motion to approve the June 3, 2022, PLSB Full Board minutes; seconded by Dr. Mary Jane Bradley.

Motion passed. None opposed.

3. Action Items:

- **Praxis Updates:**
Updated Science Licensure Tests and Cut Scores
- Presenter: Andy Sullivan and Michael Rowland
- Description: Educational Testing Service (ETS) has updated four 7-12 science Praxis® tests currently used by DESE for various science educator licenses. DESE recommends adopting these new Praxis® assessments for Life Science/Biology (7-12), Chemistry (7-12), Earth Science (7-12), and Physics (7-12). All test changes will be effective September 1, 2023.
- According to ETS, each of these four tests was designed and developed through work with practicing science teachers, teacher educators, and higher education science specialists to reflect the science knowledge teachers need to teach these science curriculums and to reflect state and national standards, including the National Science Teaching Association Preparation Standards, Content and Practices measured reflect the Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCIs) established by the National Research Council in a Framework for K-12 Science Education and included in the Next Generation Science

Standards.

Praxis® Biology (5236)

- The current test for Life Science/Biology (7-12) is Praxis® Biology: Content Knowledge (5235). An updated Praxis® Biology (5236) is available from ETS replacing the 5235. For the Life Science/Biology (7-12) licensure assessment, DESE recommends adopting the Praxis® Biology: Content Knowledge (5236) with a cut score of 148 (-ISEM, Technical Report), effective September 1, 2023.

Dr. Vicki Groves-Scott made a motion to adopt the Praxis® Biology: Content Knowledge (5236) with a cut score of 148, effective September 1, 2023; seconded by Hosea Born. Motion Passed. None Opposed.

Praxis® Chemistry (5246)

- The current licensure test for Chemistry (7-12) is the Praxis® Chemistry Content Knowledge (5245). An updated Praxis® Chemistry (5246) is available from ETS replacing the 5245. For the Chemistry (7-12) license, DESE recommends replacing the 5571. For the Earth Science (7-12) endorsement, DESE recommends replacing the current Praxis® Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (5571) with the Praxis® Earth and Space Sciences (5572) with a cut score of 140 (-1SEM, Technical Report) effective September 1, 2023.

Dr. Vicki Groves-Scott made a motion to adopt the Praxis® Biology: Content Knowledge (5236) with a cut score of 140, effective September 1, 2023; seconded by Hosea Born. Motion Passed. None Opposed.

Praxis® Earth and Space Sciences (5572)

- The current licensure test for the Earth Science (7-12) endorsement is the Praxis® Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (5571). An updated Praxis® Earth and Space Sciences (5572) is available from ETS replacing the 5571. For the Earth Science (7-12) endorsement, DESE recommends replacing the current Praxis® Earth and Space Sciences (5572) with a cut score of 148 (-1SEM, Technical Report) effective September 1, 2023.

Dr. Vicki Groves-Scott made a motion to adopt the Praxis® Biology: Content Knowledge (5236) with a cut score of 148, effective September 1, 2023; seconded by Hosea Born. Motion Passed. None Opposed.

Praxis® Physics (5266)

- The current licensure test for Physics (7-12) licensure is the Praxis® Physics: Content Knowledge (5265). An updated Praxis® Physics (5266) is available from ETS replacing the 5265. For Physics (7-12) licensure, DESE recommends replacing the current Praxis® Physics: Content Knowledge (5265) with the Praxis® Physics (5266) with a cut score of 140 (-1SEM, Technical Report) effective September 1, 2023.

Dr. Vicki Groves-Scott made a motion to adopt the Praxis® Biology: Content Knowledge (5236) with a cut score of 140, effective September 1, 2023; seconded by Hosea Born. Motion Passed. None Opposed.

4. Discussion and Reports:

Updates from Educator Effectiveness-

- **Emergency Licensure Rules – Darrick Williams**

There was discussion on putting emergency licensure rules in place, which was in lieu of passing the test after taking it the first time, a bachelor's degree in Content and 18 hours and/or work experience could get a provisional license.

The decision was made not to make any changes to the rules at this time. Therefore, there will not be any emergency rules at this time.

- **Ed Prep PLC Awareness – Edie Stewart**

A book study was done the first half of the year on “A New Day” by Bob Acre. Mr. Acre met with them to develop a frame on what an educator needs for the first time in the classroom. This information was sent out to deans for comments. After a waiting period of 30 to 40 days, the comments were resent to the deans for review. The deans took this information to present it to their faculty for further discussion.

- **Teach Arkansas Campaign – Edie Stewart**

The Teach Arkansas Campaign was rebranded as Teach Arkansas.

A meeting was held with a local marketing firm to create a website:

www.teacharkansas.org. The website allows data on how many people have been on the website, submitted forms, who the audience is, etc. (See attachment)

- **Alternatives to Principles of Learning and Teaching for endorsement areas – Andy Sullivan**

A basic teaching test is not needed for Alternatives to Principles of Learning and Teaching for endorsement areas. There is a new performance-based assessment for Drivers Ed.

- **EPPQR Update – Sharlee Crowson**

The EPPQR report will have the race and gender in the Fall, just not on an individual basis.

- **Updates on Arkansas Teacher Residency – Edie Stewart**

- **PLSB Data Recap – Sarah Banker, Chief Investigator Data Management and Retention**

There were 74 authorizations for the 2020-2021 school year. The breakdown is shown below:

22 – Inappropriate Conduct
11 – Physical
11 – Sexual
10 – Inappropriate non-sexual

The remainder was a mixture of all of these.

Allegations on coaches rose to 32% for the 2020-2021 school year.

- **PLSB Training Update - Vikki Jennings, Chief Investigator Instructional Programs, and Investigations**

This year a new video was created using the data gathered from these cases as well as a video specific to coaches.

This summer 35 face to face training presentations were given to administrators. These trainings consisted of around 2400 educators.

This year AAA, Harding and Pine Bluff were added to receive training. Also, criminal training is given to RSO's. In addition, PCSSD, LRSD and Fort Smith received training. This year at the Summit Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas, Vikki Jennings, and Sarah Banker had the opportunity to present in a two-day session at The Summit Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas this year.

Currently, there are ATEN videos for training that are specifically designed for professionalism, social media, and professional responsibilities. Educators will receive credit for watching these videos.

This year at the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification Conference (NASDTEQ), Amy Douglas, Sarah Banker, and Vikki Jennings will presenters on behalf of the Arkansas Department of Education and the Professional Licensure Standards Board, in Boise, Idaho, October 19-21, 2022.

- **Ethics Subcommittee – Amy Douglas**

Dr. Nita Bohannon has stepped down from her duties as a PLSB Board member and Ethics Subcommittee member. Dr. Annette Hux will be stepping into complete Dr. Bohannon's term.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next PLSB Full Board meeting will be on Friday, December 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.