

**Special Professional Licensure Standards  
Board Meeting  
Friday, January 27, 2023  
Special PLSB Full Board Minutes**

A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board held its special meeting via Zoom on **January 27, 2023**. Voting members of the Board present were, Chair, Dr. Donny Lee, Mary Jane Bradley, Brenda Brown, Lynne Gronseth, Kathy Howell, Annette Hux, Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Karen Lasker, Dr. Andrea Martin, Wendy Peer, Dr. Victoria Groves-Scott, Dr. Sheena Williamson, and Dudley Webb, III.

ADE staff members present were Karli Saracini, Whitney James, Karli Saracini, Sarah Banker, Vikki Jennings, Darrick Williams, Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Bobbette Ray, Kim Mundel, and Alesa Lambert.

Voting members not present: Dr. Joe Fisher, J. D. Keeling, and Dr. Phong Tran  
Non-voting members not present: Tonya Williams

Guests: Fabiola Amburg and Myra Haulmark

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

Dr. Donny Lee called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

**2. Action Items – Karli Saracini, Assistant Commissioner of Educator Effectiveness and Licensure**

a. A recommendation will be sent out on the NIET Pathway for Master and Lead Teacher designation. That process goes out internally and to TLAG (Teacher Leader Advisory Group) for approval and then to PLSB for their approval. This will go out in an email for your thoughts and approval.

b. In Priority 3, Letter B of the Executive Orders which reads:

‘Working with the Professional Licensure Standards Board and the State Board of Education, to evaluate the burden of licensure fees on teachers in the State of Arkansas and consider eliminating new teacher licensure fees for one calendar year as authorized through Arkansas code 6-17-422. If passed, it would hopefully attract new teachers and to eliminate some of the costs for new teachers. This would also affect the revenue for PLSB in the future.

A special full board meeting will most likely be called to address this matter. Dates will be looked at before the next full board meeting, which is scheduled for March 3, 2023.

Two slides were shown to the members which reflected the PLSB budget. This included the PLSB fees, employees’ salaries, etc. Karli Saracini, Assistant

Commissioner, Educator and Effectiveness, replied that a doodle poll would be sent out to the PLSB members, for suggestions on dates to meet to discuss the recommendations for the Professional Licensure Standards Board Unit (PLSB), for the executive order to be presented to the legislative session by the deadline. Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Deputy Commissioner, will notify the PLSB members once a date has been finalized for the legislative committee to convene.

Budget 2021 - \$1M  
Budget 2022 - \$1.4M

This funds AELS, Investigator fees, Salaries, Background check fees, etc.

Breakdown:

Application fees – Received \$818,000 in fees.  
Renewal Fees make up 69 percent of these fees.  
Background check fees  
Child Registry (Child Maltreatment)

Teacher residency required for all PREP programs for 2027 is also another topic that PLSB will discuss at the March 3, 2023, meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.