

**Minutes  
Special State Board Meeting  
via ZOOM  
December 29, 2021**

Present: Ouida Newton, Chair, Dr. Sarah Moore, Vice-Chair; Dr. Fitz Hill; Kathy McFetridge; Dr. Beth Anne Rankin; Steve Sutton; Adrienne Woods; Susanna Post, 2021 Arkansas Teacher of the Year; Johnny Key, Secretary. Absent – Randy Henderson; Charisse Dean

The Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) met via ZOOM on Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Chair Ouida Newton, called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM, led by a moment of silence.

**Changes to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

There were no items for the Consent Agenda.

**Action Agenda A, 10:00 AM**

**V.1. Consideration for Public Comment Release: Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Eye and Vision Screening Report in Arkansas Public Schools**

Ms. Lori Freno, Division of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) General Counsel presented to the State Board the request to release for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Eye and Vision Screening Report in Arkansas Public Schools.

A motion to release the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Eye and Vision Screening Report in Arkansas Public Schools for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, was made by Dr. Sarah Moore, seconded by Ms. Adrienne Woods. The motion unanimously passed.

**V.2. Consideration for Public Comment Release: Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing the Administration of Insulin, Glucagon, and Medication for Adrenal Insufficiency or Crisis**

Ms. Lori Freno, DESE General Counsel presented to the State Board the request to release for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing the Administration of Insulin, Glucagon, and Medication for Adrenal Insufficiency or Crisis.

A motion to release the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing the Administration of Insulin, Glucagon, and Medication for Adrenal Insufficiency or Crisis for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, was made by Dr. Sarah Moore, seconded by Ms. Adrienne Woods. The motion unanimously passed.

**V.3. Consideration for Public Comment Release: Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Documents Posted to School District and Education Service Cooperative Websites**

Ms. Lori Freno, DESE General Counsel presented to the State Board the request to release for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Documents Posted to School District and Education Service Cooperative Websites.

A motion to release the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Documents Posted to School District and Education Service Cooperative Websites for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, was made by Mr. Steve Sutton, seconded by Dr. Fitz Hill. The motion unanimously passed.

**V.4. Consideration for Public Comment Release: Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing School-Based AED Devices and CPR Programs**

Mr. Brian Daugherty, DESE Attorney presented to the State Board the request to release for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing School-Based AED Devices and CPR Programs.

A motion to release the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing School-Based AED Devices and CPR Programs for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, was made by Mr. Steve Sutton, seconded by Ms. Adrienne Woods. The motion unanimously passed.

#### **V.5. Consideration for Public Comment Release: Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Required Training for School Board Members**

Ms. Cristy Park, DESE Attorney Specialist presented to the State Board the request to release for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Required Training for School Board Members (Rule).

DESE Legal will review the Rule and clarify the training and instruction extension date of December 31 each calendar year. A motion to release the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Required Training for School Board Members for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, was made by Mr. Steve Sutton, seconded by Ms. Kathy McFetridge. The motion unanimously passed.

#### **V.6. Consideration for Public Comment Release: Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Public Charter Schools**

Ms. Whitney James, DESE Attorney Specialist presented to the State Board the request to release for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Public Charter Schools.

A motion to release the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Public Charter Schools for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, was made by Dr. Sarah Moore, seconded by Dr. Beth Anne Rankin. The motion unanimously passed.

#### **V.7. Consideration of Final Approval: Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing the Arkansas Tutoring Corps**

Ms. Whitney James, DESE Attorney Specialist presented to the State Board the request for final approval the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing the Arkansas Tutoring Corps. The State Board approved the DESE Rules Governing the Arkansas Tutoring Corps (Arkansas Tutoring Corp Rules) on September 9, 2021 for release for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval. The Arkansas Tutoring Corp Rules were approved by the Governor's Office on October 20, 2021 and were released for public comment. Comments were received and non-substantive changes were made. DESE requests the final approval of the Arkansas Tutoring Corp Rules.

A motion for final approval of the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing the Arkansas Tutoring Corps was made by Dr. Beth Anne Rankin, seconded by Dr. Sarah Moore. The motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Missy Walley, Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Director of Special Projects provided an update to the State Board on the Arkansas Tutoring Corps.

**V.8. Consideration for Public Comment Release: Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing the Right to Read Act**

Ms. Cristy Park, DESE Attorney Specialist presented to the State Board the request to release for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing the Right to Read Act (Right to Read Act Rules). Ms. Stacy Smith, ADE Deputy Commissioner provided answers to questions from the State Board.

During the public comment period, DESE Legal will edit 4.03 of the Right to Read Act Rule to clarify "Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, each public school district must designate each teacher as having demonstrated proficiency or awareness in eFinance."

A motion to release the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing the Right to Read Act for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, was made by Ms. Kathy McFetridge, seconded by Mr. Steve Sutton. The motion unanimously passed.

**V.9. Consideration for Public Comment Release: Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act**

Mr. Brian Daugherty, DESE Attorney presented to the State Board the request to release for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act.

A motion to release the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, was made by Ms. Kathy McFetridge, seconded by Mr. Steve Sutton. The motion unanimously passed.

**V.10. Consideration for Public Comment Release: Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Visual Art and Music Instruction in Grades 1-8**

Mr. Brian Daugherty, DESE Attorney presented to the State Board the request to release for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Visual Art and Music Instruction in Grades 1-8.

A motion to release the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Rules Governing Visual Art and Music Instruction in Grades 1-8 for public comment, pending Governor's Office approval, was made by Dr. Beth Anne Rankin, seconded by Dr. Sarah Moore. The motion unanimously passed.

## Action Agenda B, 1:00 PM

There were no items for the Action Agenda B, 1:00 PM.

## Public Comments

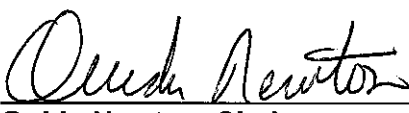
There were no public comments.

## Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the State Board meeting was made by Mr. Steve Sutton, seconded by Dr. Sarah Moore. The motion unanimously passed. Chair Ouida Newton adjourned the State Board meeting at 10:40 AM.

*Minutes recorded by Angela Scaife.*

  
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Johnny Key, Secretary  
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Ouida Newton, Chair  
State Board of Education

