

**Professional Licensure Standards Board  
Friday, August 14 2009**

A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board was held in the auditorium of the Arkansas Department of Education, on August 14, 2009. Members of the Board present were **Dr. John Jones, Brenda Brown, Dr. Peggy Doss, Dr. Mitch Holifield, Kathy Howell, Don McGohan, Mona Moore, Dale Query, Dr. Tony Finley, and Dr. Jerry Guess.** Sheila Jacobs, Marion Sibert and Michelle Hayward were unable to attend. Guests in attendance were Tom Kimbrell-AAEA, Mike Mertens-AAEA, Donna Morey-AEA, Jenene Alexander-ARCA, Richard Hawkins-AEA, Nola Christenberry-ASU, and Mary Jane Bradley-ASU.

There were ten (10) voting members present, representing a quorum and two non-voting members present.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am. Ms. Williams introduced the new investigator (Michael Smith) for the Professional Licensure Standards Board. Introductions were made around the room for the new committee members and the guest that were present.

**2. Approval of the Minutes –Tuesday, June 9, 2009**

Dr. Doss made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting date June 9, 2009 as written, seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed unanimously.

**3. Fund Balance – As of: June 30, 2009 - \$ 301,972.48  
July 31, 2009 - \$ 368,423.73**

The PLSB has been receiving fine payments that were specified to educators by the State Board of Education. We are also renting space for one of the investigators. He is working out of the co-op in Arkadelphia. The PLSB will be moving to a different location and we will be renting that space. The PLSB will also be hiring another investigator.

**4. Feedback and Action Regarding Public Comments on Rules:**

a. **Changes in the Code of Ethics**

- Dr. Doss made a motion to change the wording on page 6, area 6.02, seconded by Dr. Guess, motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. McGohan made a motion to change the wording on page 7, section: Subpoena Power, seconded by Dr. Doss, motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Query made a motion to have two wordings allegation and complaint, seconded by Dr. Doss, motion passed unanimously.
- Dr. Holifield made a motion to allow Ms. Williams to make changes to the document (Changes in the Code of Ethics) as agreed upon by the committee members and she will then email to the committee members for review and a vote, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed unanimously.

b. **ALP**

- Dr. Guess made a motion to add two years of classroom teaching experience in order to add the areas of Guidance, Counseling and School Library Media to a current Arkansas teaching license, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed 8/2.
- Dr. Guess made a motion to send the final document (ALP Rules) to the State Board off Education for final approval, seconded by Dr. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

c. **Educational Leadership Licensure**

- Section 1: Ms. Howell made a motion to disagree with the public comment, seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed unanimously.
- Section 2 (4.02.3.2.1) Definition of acceptable MA Degree for Educational Leadership: Mr. McGohan made a motion to accept the recommendation and the committee disagrees with the public comment, seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed 9/1.
- Section 3 (3.07.4) Dr. Doss made a motion to accept the changes as addresses to sections 4.02.2.2; 4.02.2.2.4; 4.02.2.2.5, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed unanimously.
- Section 4 (3.01.1 and 3.05-Building Level Administration) Dr. Guess made a motion to ignore, seconded by Dr. Doss, motion passed unanimously.
- 3.07.0-Classroom Teacher Experience; Dr. Guess made a motion that classroom teachers should be in the classroom at least 50% of the time, seconded by Dr. Doss, motion passed unanimously.
- 4.02.1.1.1: Mr. McGohan made a motion to disagree with section five, seconded by Dr. Guess, motion passed unanimously.

**5. ALP Completions and Adding Areas of Licensure and Endorsements – Postponed until next meeting date.**

**6. Year-End Code of Ethics Summary Report - Postponed until next meeting date**

**7. Texting and the Ethics Code (Please see the attached article, which might assist us in our deliberation) - Postponed until next meeting date.**

**8. SLLA Cut Score**

- Mr. McGohan made a motion to recommend a cut score of 163, seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Howell made a motion to adopt the new test (SLLA #11011), seconded by Dr. Doss, motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Finley made a motion to accept option B for implementation with an effective date of January 1, 2010, seconded by Dr. Doss, motion passed unanimously.

**9. Special Ed ALP Request**

- Dr. Jones made a motion to approve the Special Ed ALP request for Marsha Holder, seconded by Dr. Guess, motion passed unanimously.

**10. Best Practices Meeting**

- Dr. Guess made a motion that we use our PLSB funds to send Mr. McGohan (Chairman, PLSB Sub-Committee) or another sub-committee member if he is not available, Judy Mason and one of ADE's attorneys to training on ethics in New Mexico in October 2009 all expenses paid, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed unanimously.

## **11. Other Agenda Items**

Meeting dates have changed from the second Tuesday of each month to the second Friday of each month. Next meeting date will be **September 11, 2009**.

## **12. Adjournment**