

**Arkansas Department of Education
Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)
Friday, March 12, 2010**

A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board was held in the auditorium of the Arkansas Department of Education, on March 12, 2010. Members of the Board present were Dr. John Jones, Brenda Brown, Dr. Peggy Doss, Dr. Mitch Holifield, Kathy Howell, Sheila Jacobs, Don McGohan, Mona Moore, Marion Sibert, Dr. Tony Finley, and Dr. Jerry Guess. Dale Query and Michelle Hayward were unable to attend. Guests in attendance were Diana Julian-ADE, Richard Hutchins-AEA, Randy Thurman-ARKSHA, Donna Morey-AEA, Kay Hall- ARKSHA, Miranda Crabtree- ARKSHA, Cindy Woffard- ARKSHA, Cassandra Steele- ARKSHA, Ann-Marie Passmore- ARKSHA, Amanda Zrauck ARKSHA, Melissa Jacks- ARKSHA, Martha Kay Asti-ADE, Peyton Bowen- ARKSHA, Aleecia Starkey- ARKSHA, Carol B. Fleming- ARKSHA and Courtney Sheppard- ARKSHA. ADE staff members in attendance were Judy Mason, Tameka Parker, Tara Amuimuia and Beverly Williams.

There were eleven (11) voting members present, representing a quorum and one non-voting member present.

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Dr. Holifield.
2. **Approval of the Minutes –Friday, December 11, 2009** – Mr. McGohan made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting date, seconded by Dr. Guess, motion passed 11/0.
3. **Fund Balance Reports**– December: \$ 634,347.60, January: \$658,242.41, February: \$649,664.77
4. **Update on Administrator Licensure Rules (Speech Language Pathologist to Address the Board)** - The Board discussed the traditional P-12 setting to include Arkansas Correctional Schools and create administrator license for correctional schools. Dr. Guess made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Mr. McGohan, motion passed 11/0.
 - a) There was a 10-minute presentation presented by Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ArkSHA) (Carol Fleming, Aleecia Starkey and Kay Hall). ArkSHA made a request that Speech-Language Pathologist be allowed to seek an administrative special education license. (
 - b) Ms. Jacobs made a motion to resend “4.02.1.1.1” to include the language of SLP only, motion seconded by Dr. Doss, Special Ed Supervisor/LEA) Request failed. Vote 4 - yes, 6 - no, 1- abstain. There was a request for a roll call vote.
 - c) State Representative John Burris sent a letter addressing the topic of removing the ability of Speech Pathologist to seek administrative license; that was read by Dr. Holifield in his absence.
 - d) Ms. Williams shared with the board that the ADE would be recommending that the SLP be allowed to obtain licensure as a special education supervisor.
5. **Update on Initial Teacher Licensure Rules** – Because the Board has decided to accept the AR Correctional Schools there will be other changes that will need to be made to the rule. Ms. Howell made a motion to allow all the changes that are necessary without having to go over every one individually, seconded by Dr. Guess, motion passed 11/0.

6. **Recommendation for the Use of Social Networking Tools** – The Board discussed the draft document “Arkansas PLSB Recommendations Regarding the Educational Applications of Social Networking Technology”. Dr. Doss made a motion to make the following changes.
 - a) Change item 3 to “Use social-networking tools only for appropriate school/ educational purposes.”
 - b) Make above statement number 1 and move item 1 to 3.
 - c) Change the title to Arkansas PLSB Recommendations Regarding the Educational Applications of Social Networking Technology with Students.
 - d) In the first sentence: offers the following cautionary guidelines to assist educators in assuring that their usage of these tools with students is consistent with the spirit and intent of the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators, seconded by Dr. Guess, motion passed 11/0.
 - e) Ms. Howell made a motion to adopt the proposed social-networking draft with changes, seconded by Ms. Siebert, motion passed 11/0.

7. **Recommendations for New Praxis II Cut Scores** – Ms. Williams gave a brief explanation of each of the items listed below and the reason for the changes that are being proposed.
 - a) **New German (0183) CK-Content Knowledge with a cut score of 163, never had a test before for German-**Dr. Doss made a motion to accept the changes as explained by Ms. Williams, seconded by Dr. Finley, motion passed 11/0.
 - b) **New French (0174) CK with a cut score of 162 to replace French CK (0173) old score of 158 and French PLSK-Productive Language Skills (0171) old score of 167.** Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the changes as explained by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed 11/0.
 - c) **New Spanish (0195) CK with a cut score of 168 to replace Spanish CK (0194) old score of 160 and Spanish PLSK (0192) cut score of 141.** Ms. Jacobs made a motion to accept the changes as explained by Ms. Williams, seconded by Dr. Guess, motion passed 11/0.
 - d) **New World Foreign Language Pedagogy (0841) with a cut score of 158 for all languages. (Foreign languages will now have two (2) Praxis II assessments instead of three (3)).** Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the changes as explained by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Siebert, motion passed 11/0.
 - e) **New Business CK (0101) with a cut score of 154 to replace Business (0100) old score of 550 (A new test aligned to the new standards for Business Education)** Ms. Siebert made a motion to accept the changes as explained by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed 11/0.

8. **Recommendation for the Creation of a Separate Document/ Form for Those Whose Licenses Are Not “Teaching Licenses”-** Ms. Williams handed out four different documents for the Board to review and discuss. Ms. Williams provided the rationale to create one or more of these different forms to avoid false impression, especially to those individuals who have less than a bachelor’s degree and who are issued a career permit. Extra information was provided on each of the forms. Mr. McGohan would like to share the information with his colleagues before a decision is made. Item will be added to next months agenda.
 - a) Department of Education Educator’s License-Design
 - b) Department of Education Adult Educator License-Pink

- c) Department of Education Technical Permit-Blue
 - d) Department of Education Non-Instructional Student Services-Yellow
- 9. National Teacher Leader Standards – Alignment to AR Instructional Facilitator – Point of Information**
- 10. PLSB proposed office space** – The PLSB would like to rent space in the Big Mac building, directly across from the Department of Education. Dr. Doss made a motion to approve the renting of space for PLSB, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed 11/0.
- 11. Letters Regarding Expiring PLSB Terms** – Ms. Howell, Dr. Doss, Mr. McGohan, Dr. Jones and Ms. Siebert terms will be expiring on 06/30/2010.
- 12. Recognition for PLSB Board service** – Ms. Williams presented the Board with the certificates that will be given to past Board members. The Board liked the framed certificates. Ms. Donna Morey was presented with her certificate signed by Dr. Holifield.
- 13. April meeting date:** (04/13/2010 @ 10:00am)
- 14. Other** -None

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Holifield, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, motion passed unanimously.