

**Arkansas Department of Education
Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)
Friday, October 14, 2011**

A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board was held in the PLSB meeting room, located at #1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR, on October 14, 2011. Members of the Board present were Brenda Brown, Kathy Howell, Evelyn Thrower, Dr. Mitch Holifield, Marion Sibert, Dr. John Jones, Sheila Jacobs, Dr. Randy Willison, Dr. Brad Baine and Dr. Jerry Guess. Members of the Board absent were Dr. Karen Cushman, Ron Tolson, Dr. Tom Smith, Jo Vines and Don McGohan. Guests in attendance were Dr. Tom Kimbrell, Mike Mertens-AAEA, Mike Lucas-ADE, Frank Servedio-ADE, Michael Rowland-ADE, Lillian K. Williams-ADHE and Donna Morey-AEA. ADE staff members in attendance were Tameka Parker, Michael Smith, Jill Brzozowski, Eric James, Tara Amuimuia, Debra Farris and Katherine Donovan.

There were ten (10) voting members present, representing a quorum.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Holifield (interim chairman).
2. **Approval of the Previous Minutes: September 9, 2011:** Dr. Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed 10/0.
3. **Fund Balance Report – \$1,437,537.43**
4. **The PLSB role in the ADE rules process-Dr. Tom Kimbrell:** Dr. Kimbrell addressed the Board's questions regarding their role in the ADE rules process. He stated that the main purpose for the creation of the Board was to: create the Code of Ethics, create rules on how the Code of Ethics are documented and worked, to recommend to the SBOE standards of programing, based on what happens in our colleges and universities in the training for teachers, applications for licenses and to assist ADE in review of audit of teachers education programs. Those are the purposes in the statue. He informed the Board that they welcome public comment from anybody in this state in writing or at the public meetings.
5. **Reading Praxis Score-Michael Rowland:** Mr. Rowland provided the board with a handout titled *Praxis II Test(s)*. He explained to the board the purpose of dropping Reading Specialist (0300) with a cut score of 560/800 and replacing it with Reading Specialist (0301) with a cut score of 164/200. After a brief discussion by the board Ms. Jacobs made a motion to accept the new test and cut score, which will go into effect on September 1, 2012, seconded by Dr. Guess, motion passed 10/0.
6. **New approval for higher education programs (CAEP options)-Mike Lucas:** Mr. Lucas provided the board with a handout titled *Proposed Options for Continuing Accreditation in CAEP*. He explained to the board the purpose of this document. Mr. Lucas stated that he would like for this board to make a recommendation to the SBOE for approval of the options presented. After a brief discussion by the board Dr. Willison made a motion to recommend to the SBOE to adopt the proposed changes, seconded by Dr. Jones, motion passed 10/0.
7. **InTASC Teaching Standards-Mike Lucas:** Mr. Lucas provided the board with copies of the titled documents "*Arkansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Alignment*

of Arkansas Standards for Beginning Teachers (1995) with INTASC Principles (1993), Alignment of InTASC Model Core Teaching Standards with Framework for Teaching, InTASC Model Core Teaching Standards v Framework for Teaching Domains and Summary of Updated InTASC Model Core Teaching Standards”. He provided the board with a brief explanation of each document. After questions, review and discussion by the board, Dr. Guess made a motion to adopt the InTASC standards as presented, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, motion passed 10/0.

8. **Educations with unpaid fines-Katherine Donovan:** Ms. Donovan provided the board with a handout titled *Unpaid fines/recommended suspension* and gave a brief explanation of its purpose. After questions, review and discussion by the board, Dr. Guess made a motion to suspend the licenses of each educator on the list until their fines have been paid, seconded by Ms. Thrower, motion passed 10/0.
9. **Letter to ADE from PLSB-Randy Willison:** Dr. Willison provided the board with a draft letter for review, after a brief discussion the board decided to rewrite the current letter and bring it back for further review and discussion.
10. **Public comment deadline-Proposed rules for reciprocity, non-traditional licensure and administrator mentoring-Katherine Donovan:**
 - a) Ms. Donovan provided the board with a handout titled *Proposed Amendments to the ADE Rules Governing the Code of Conduct for Arkansas Educators*. She informed the board of the public hearing date (11/7/2011) and the deadline date for public comment (11/14/2011).
 - b) Dr. Holifield reminded the board that the deadline for submitting public comment for the proposed rules for Reciprocity, NTL and Administrator Mentoring is (10/31/2011). If any board members have comments that they want to submit, please forward to Mr. McGohan.

11. Other Items:

- a) **Social Media-Eric James:** Mr. James provided the board with a handout titled *Arkansas PLSB Recommendations Regarding the Educational Applications of Social-Networking Technology*. He informed the board that the document was waiting on the Governor’s signature. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

12. Ms. Howell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Jacobs, motion passed 10/0.

Next meeting date: Thursday, November 10, 2011; time 9:00-1:00 in the PLSB Conference Room