

**Arkansas Department of Education
Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)
Friday, July 8, 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 July 8, 2011. Members of the Board present were Brenda Brown, Kathy Howell, Don McGohan, Evelyn Thrower, Jody Vines, Dr. Brad Baine, Ron Tolson and Dr. Karen Cushman. Members of the Board absent were Dr. Tom Smith, Dr. Mitch Holifield, Marion Sibert, Dr. John Jones, Sheila Jacobs, Dr. Randy Willison and Dr. Jerry Guess. Guests in attendance were Richard Hutchins-AEA and Donna Morey-AEA. ADE staff members in attendance were Michael Smith, Tameka Parker, Tara Amuimuia and Katherine Donovan.

There were six (6) voting members and two non-voting members present. There were not enough members present for a quorum.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. McGohan, chairman.
2. **Approval of the Previous Minutes: June 10, 2011:** Due to the absence of a quorum the board will review this item next month.
3. **Fund Balance Report – June 30, 2011:** \$1,238,889.14
4. **Recognitions-New and current board members:** The current and new board members were given the opportunity to introduce themselves. Mr. McGohan gave a brief overview of the PLSB and its purpose. Ms. Howell provided the board with a brief overview of the ethic sub-committees purpose.
5. **Staff Introductions:** PLSB staff members were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.
6. **Introduction of New Assistant Commissioner of Human Resources-Dr. Karen Cushman:** Dr. Cushman gave a brief introduction and summary of her role as assistant commissioner of Human Resources.
7. **Review of Code of Ethics revisions (continued from last month)-Katherine Donovan:** Due to the absence of a quorum the board will review this item next month.
8. **Update of Social Networking Guidelines:** Mr. Smith gave a brief explanation of the handout titled “*Arkansas PLSB Recommendations Regarding the Educational Applications of Social-Networking Technology*”. Due to the absence of a quorum the board will review this item next month.
9. **Update on new Code of Ethics PowerPoint-Mike Smith:** Mr. Smith showed the board a PowerPoint presentation for review and feedback. The presentation discussed some of the past cases and their outcome that have come before the sub-committee. After discussion and recommended changes the board decided that Mr. Smith would email it to the PLSB board members for further feedback.

- 10. Funding Committee Update-Marion Sibert/Evelyn Thrower:** Ms. Sibert was not present to present this item, so it will be brought back to the next meeting for further discussion.
- 11. Recommended cut score for Praxis Multi-Subject Middle School exam-Dr. Cushman:** Mr. Tolson provided the board with a brief explanation of the above listed exam and its purpose. Due to the absence of a quorum the board will review this item next month.
- 12. Revised responses to FAQs-Code of ethics:** You can visit the ADE website to review the FAQs.
- 13. Expense reimbursement authorization –A.C.A §25-16-902:** Due to the absence of a quorum the board will review this item next month.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting date: August 5, 2011; time 9:00-1:00 in the PLSB Conference Room