

**Arkansas Department of Education  
Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)  
Friday, June 29, 2012**

*A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board was held in the PLSB large conference room at #1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR, on June 29, 2012. Members of the Board present were Evelyn Thrower, Dr. Mitch Holifield, Don McGohan, Kathy Howell, Dr. Tom Smith, Michael Poore, Debbie Miller, Marion Sibert and Ron Tolson. Guests in attendance were Merribeth Bruning-Ouachita Baptist University and Merle Dickerson-Van Buren SD. ADE staff members in attendance were Michael Rowland, Tameka Parker and Michael Smith. Members of the Board absent were: Jo Vines, Dr. John Jones, Brenda Brown, Dr. Karen Cushman, Dr. Brad Baine and Dr. Randy Willison.*

*The board consisted of eight (8) voting members and one (1) non-voting member, representing a quorum.*

- 1. Call to Order:** *The meeting was called to order by Mr. McGohan, chairman.*
- 2. Approval of the Previous Minutes dated June 08, 2012:** *Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Thrower, motion passed 8/0.*
- 3. Discussion of PLSB Public Comments on proposed rules revisions – Educator License:** *Mr. McGohan provided the board with a handout of public comments for review and discussion.*
- 4. Discussion of PLSB Public Comments on proposed rules revisions – Code of Ethics:** *The board reviewed the handout titled “Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Education License.” After discussion:*
  - a) 2.12.2, pg. 5 - Ms. Howell made a motion that the word specify only apply to reciprocity, seconded by Dr. Holifield, motion passed 8/0.*
  - b) 2.19.2, pg. 6 - Mr. Poore made a motion that this item be completely eliminated, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed 8/0.*
  - c) 4.03.2, pg. 12 - Dr. Holifield made a motion that this item needs to clarify to indicate that you must complete an approved teacher preparation program, traditional or non-traditional, seconded by Dr. Smith, motion passed 8/0.*
  - d) 6.01.4. pg. 17 - Ms. Miller made a that this proposed item reads “If the master’s degree is not in Educational Leadership, an official transcript documenting successful completion of a Department-approved, graduate-level program of study reflective of the standards for building-level administrator licensure, to include internship(s),” seconded by Mr. Holifield, motion passed 8/0.*

- e) 6.01.4., pg. 17 - Ms. Miller made a motion that this item reads “The internship(s) must include adequate and substantial experience at the K6 and 7-12 level.”, seconded by Dr. Holifield, motion passed 8/0.
- f) 6.01.6, pg. 17 - Ms. Thrower made a motion that this proposed item reads “Documentation of at least four (4) years of P-12 experience as a licensed classroom teacher.”, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed 8/0.
- g) 6.01.6.3, pg. 17 - Dr. Holifield made a motion that this item reads “One (1) year of the experience requirement may be satisfied by equivalent working experience, including without limitation employment with an education service cooperative or the Department, school counselor or library media specialist.”, seconded by Ms. Miller, motion passed 7/1.
- h) 6.02, pg. 18 - Ms. Miller made a motion to delete the following “Speech Pathology Ancillary Standard License, or”, seconded by Ms. Sibert, motion failed 4/4. \*There is no change in this section.
- i) Dr. Holifield made a motion to delete the word “portfolio” from the overall document, seconded by Ms. Thrower, motion passed 8/0.
- j) 6.02.6.5, pg. 19 - Ms. Miller made a motion to delete the following words “as a school counselor, library media specialist, or”, seconded by Dr. Smith, motion passed 8/0.
- k) 6.02.6.8, pg. 19 - Ms. Miller made a motion that this item should read “One (1) year of the experience requirement may be satisfied by equivalent working experience, including without limitation employment with an education service cooperative or the Department, school counselor or library media specialist., to be consistence with item 6.01.6.3”, seconded by Dr. Smith, motion passed 8/0.
- l) 6.03.6, pg. 20 - Dr. Holifield made a motion that a comment should be added to clarify the word “or” and the phrase “licensed experience”, seconded by Ms. Sibert, motion passed 8/0.
- m) 8.10.3, pg. 29 - Mr. Poore made a motion that this item should read “Assign to each novice teacher, within three (3) weeks of the novice teacher’s first contract day of the school year, a certified, licensed mentor teacher who is located in the same building, except as allowed by the Office of Educator Effectiveness.”, seconded by Ms. Miller, motion passed 8/0.
- n) 9.01.3, pg. 31 - Mr. McGohan made a motion to delete this item, seconded by Dr. Holifield, motion failed 4/4. \*There is no change to this item.
- o) 9.01.4, pg. 31 - Mr. McGohan made a motion to delete this item, seconded by Dr. Holifield, motion failed 4/5. \*There is no change to this item.

*p) Appendix A: Ms. Miller made a motion to strike Library Media Science as an initial license from Appendix A. Mr. Poore made a motion to amend the proposed motion that there is an initial license for 7-12, amended motion dies for lack of second. Ms. Howell seconded Ms. Miller's motion, motion passed 7/1.*

**5. Consideration for elimination of fee charged for adding a degree to a license**

**- Ron:** *Mr. Tolson reminded the Board of the Task Force recommendation to eliminate the fee to add a degree to a license, after further discussion by the Board Dr. Smith made a motion that the fee being assessed to add a degree be dropped, second by Ms. Howell, motion passed 8/0.*

**6. Standard setting for Superintendent exam – Dr. Cushman** *(Dr. Cushman was not available)*

**7. Revised Video presentation – Code of Ethics – Mike Smith:** *Mr. Smith provided the Board with a handout titled “Case Studies Arkansas Code of Ethics Allegations, Representative Cases and Resolutions” and gave a brief summary of its purpose.*

**8. Praxis II cut scores – Michael Rowland:** *Mr. Rowland provided the Board with a brief summary of the needed cut scores listed below.*

*a) Drivers Education: Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the recommended cut score of 160, effective Sept. 1, 2012, seconded by Ms. Sibert, motion passed 8/0.*

*b) Theatre: Ms. Sibert made a motion to accept the recommended cut score of 154, effective Jan. 1, 2013, seconded by Ms. Miller, motion passed 8/0.*

*c) Latin: Ms. Sibert made a motion to accept the recommended cut score of 161, effective Jan. 1, 2013, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed 8/0.*

*d) ESOL: Ms. Miller made a motion to accept the recommended cut score of 142, effective Jan. 1, 2013, seconded by Ms. Sibert, motion passed 8/0.*

*e) School superintendent assessment: Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the recommended cut score of 160, effective Jan. 1, 2013, seconded by Ms. Sibert, motion passed 8/0.*

*f) Journalism: No action taken*

**9. Other Items:** *None*

*Meeting adjourned*

**Next meeting date: Friday, September 14, 2012; time 9:00 in the PLSB Presidential meeting room (Big Mac Building-regular meeting location).**