

**Arkansas Department of Education
Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)
Friday, June 14, 2013**

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 14, 2013. Members of the Board present were Evelyn Thrower, Marion Sibert, Dr. Mitch Holifield, Jo Vines, Brenda Brown, Kathy Howell, Don McGohan, Dr. Brad Baine, Dr. Randy Willison and Dr. Karen Cushman. Guests in attendance were Dr. Judy Harrison-Henderson State University (HSU), Shelly Albritton-University of Central AR (UCA), Lisa Baker-Cabot SD, Cindy Romeo-Conway SD, Tonya Russell-DHS Division of Childcare & Early Childhood Education, Jeanne Jones-ADHE and Donna Morey-AEA. ADE staff members in attendance were Michael Rowland, Michael Smith, Tameka Parker, Jill Brzozowski, Tara Amuimuia, Eric James, Debra Farris, Karli Saracini, Ron Tolson and Cheryl Reinhart. Members of the Board absent were: Dr. John Jones, Debbie Miller, Dr. Michael Poore and Dr. Tom Smith.

The board consisted of nine (9) voting members and two (2) 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: March 08, 2013:** Dr. Baine made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed 8/0.
 - a) Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Cheryl Reinhart as the new staff attorney for the PLSB.
3. **Financial Report – \$2,194,731.26:** There was a brief discussion on the financial report.
 - a) Dr. Walters informed the board that the licensure fee will reduce to \$75 starting July 1, 2013.
 - b) Ms. Sibert made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Ms. Thrower, motion passed 9/0
4. **Praxis II cut Score – Michael Rowland:** Mr. Roland presented the board members with copies of the proposed Praxis II Test and recommended Cut Scores
 - a) Praxis II Middle School English Language Arts (5047) / Cut Score 164
 - b) Praxis II Middle School Science (0439) / Cut Score 146
 - c) Praxis II Middle School Social Studies (5089) / Cut Score 149
 - d) Praxis II Elementary Education Multiple Subjects (5031)
 - i. Reading & language Arts (5032) / Cut Score 165
 - ii. Mathematics 5033) / Cut Score 164
 - iii. Social Studies (5034) / Cut Score 155
 - iv. Science (5035) / Cut Score 159
 - e) Principles of Learning & Teaching : Grades K-6 (0622/5622) / Cut Score 160
 - f) English Language Arts: Content & Analysis (5039) Cut Score / 168
 - g) Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161) / Cut Score 160
 - h) Principles of Learning & Teaching; Grades 7-12 (0624/5624) / Cut Score 157

After a brief review and discussion, Dr. Baine made a motion to accept the proposed Praxis II test and recommended cut scores and for them to become effective September 1, 2013, seconded by Ms. Vines, motion passed 9/0

5. Revisions to the Standards – Code of Ethics:

- a) Dr. Holifield made a motion to change the order of colleagues and students in Standard 2 to be sure that the objective remains on students and to accept the last sentence on Standard 2 (*Furthermore, the educators shall not intentionally or knowingly misrepresent facts and/or make false or malicious statements about a student, parent/guardian, colleague, or the school system*), seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed 9/0.
- b) Dr. Holifield made a motion to change the very last sentence of Standard 7 to read (*Educators shall not knowingly or maliciously disclose confidential information about a student or colleague*), seconded by Dr. Baine, motion passed 9/0.
- c) Ms. Reinhart provided the board with a revised copy of the allegation form for review and discussion. After a brief discussion Dr. Willison made a motion to accept the proposed document with the added wording of (*list and attach any documentation*) and that all the above changes take effect July 1, 2013, seconded by Dr. Baine, motion passed 9/0.

6. The Code of Ethics – Past, Present & Future:

- a) **Where we've been – Michael Smith:** Mr. Smith introduced all the PLSB staff for the new PLSB members and gave a brief summary of what the PLSB does.
- b) **Where we are today – Ethics Subcommittee:** Current ethics subcommittee members gave a brief summary of their experience with the ethics subcommittee.
- c) **What the future holds –** Mr. Smith gave a brief comparison of where he thinks Arkansas stands among other states, regarding the Code of Ethics.

7. Installation of Video Equipment: Ms. Walters informed the board that appropriations will be set aside in July to purchase video equipment.

8. Recognition of outgoing members: Dr. Mitch Holifield (Shelly Albritton), Don McGohan (Lisa Baker), Dr. John Jones (Dr. Judy Harrison), Dr. Tom Smith (Dr. Zaidy MohdZain), Ms. Marion Sibert (Cindy Romeo), Ms. Kathy Howell (has been reappointed) and Ron Tolson is retiring (Karli Saracini will be his replacement).

9. Selection of Chair - PLSB: Mr. McGohan made a motion to nominate Dr. Randy Willison to be the new Chair of the PLSB, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed 9/0. Dr. Willison accepted the nomination.

10. Selection of members – Ethics Committee:

- a) Dr. Willison made a motion to nominate Ms. Howell and Ms. Brown to continue on the ethics subcommittee, seconded by Ms. Thrower, motion passed 9/0. They both accepted the nomination.
- b) Ms. Sibert made a nomination to select Dr. Willison to continue on the PLSB ethics subcommittee, seconded by Ms. Thrower, motion passed 9/0. Dr. Willison accepted the nomination.
- c) Dr. Holifield made a nomination to select Dr. Baine as his replacement on the PLSB ethics subcommittee, seconded by Ms. Thrower, motion passed 9/0. Dr. Baine accepted the nomination.
- d) Mr. McGohan made a nomination to select Ms. Baker as his replacement on the PLSB ethics subcommittee, seconded by Dr. Baine, motion passed 9/0. Ms. Baker accepted the nomination.

11. Other items: Dr. Holifield made a suggestion that the institution that allows the PLSB members to come and be a part of the board should be thanked.

Dr. Willison made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Holifield, motion passed 9/0.
Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting date: Friday, September 13, 2013; time 9:00-1:00 in the PLSB
Presidential meeting room (regular meeting location).**