

**Arkansas Department of Education
Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)
Friday, September 13, 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 September 13, 2013. Members of the Board present were Dr. Randy Willison, Ms. Evelyn Thrower, Mr. Michael Poore, Ms. Lisa Baker, Ms. Kathy Howell, Ms. Cindy Romeo, Ms. Debbie Miller, Ms. Tonya Williams, Ms. Brenda Brown, Dr. Judy Harrison, Dr. Zaidy MohdZain, Ms. Shelly Albritton, Dr. Brad Baine, Ms. Karli Saracini and Dr. Karen Walter. Guests in attendance were Ms. Brenda Robinson-AEA and Ms. Jeanne Jones-ADHE. ADE staff members in attendance were Michael Rowland, Michael Smith, Tameka Parker, Cheryl Reinhart and Mike Lucas. Members of the Board absent were Ms. Jo Vines.

The board consisted of thirteen (13) voting members and two (2) non-voting member, representing a quorum.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Willison, chairman.
2. **Approval of the Previous Minutes: June 14, 2013:** Ms. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed 13/0.
 - a) Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Cheryl Reinhart as the new staff attorney for the PLSB.
3. **Financial Report – \$2,406,485.50:** There was a brief discussion on the financial report.
 - a) Dr. Walters reminded the board that the licensure fee was reduced to \$75 starting July 1, 2013.
4. **Draft of Educator Licensure Program Rules – Mike Lucas:** The board was given a handout prior to the meeting titled “Arkansas Department of Education Policies Governing Programs for Educator Licensure Offered by Institutions of Higher Education in Arkansas,” after a brief discussion the board decided to table this item until the December meeting.
5. **Draft of PLSB Rules – Cheryl Reinhart:** The board was given a handout prior to the meeting titled “Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators,” after a brief discussion Ms. Howell made a motion to make the following changes listed below by the board and ensure that the below listed changes are made in the allegation form as appropriate and consistently in other places they may appear in the rules, seconded by Ms. Baker, motion passed 13/0.
 - a) **Add a definition:**
 - i. Pre-kindergarten means an early childhood education program that serves students from birth to enrollment in kindergarten.
 - b) **5.13 add “at the educator’s expense” in the following sentence:** Such conditions or restrictions may include, but are not limited to requiring that an educator, at the educator’s expense, submit a new criminal background check ...”

- c) **6.07 Reword the following to read: Standard 7:** An educator maintains the confidentiality of information about students and colleagues obtained in the course of the educator’s professional services that is confidential information protected under state law or regulations, federal law or regulations, or the written policies of the educator’s school district, unless disclosure serves a professional purpose as allowed or required by law or regulations.
- d) **6.08 Reword the following to read: Standard 8:** An educator refrains from using, possessing and/or being under the influence of alcohol, ~~tobacco~~, or unauthorized drugs / substances and/or possessing items prohibited by law, or possessing and using tobacco or tobacco related products while on school premises or at school-sponsored activities involving students.
- e) **7.02** add “with a public school district” between the words “position” and “during”
- f) **8.02** at the end of the section add: and may refer a case back to the Ethics Subcommittee for further consideration or for an evidentiary hearing.

6. **Electronic Finger Printing – Karli Saracini:** Ms. Saracini led a brief discussion about electronic finger printing. She informed board that every teaching license renewal will require a background check

7. **Electronic Transcript – Karli Saracini:** Ms. Saracini informed the board that Act 330 of the Legislative session passed. ACT330: AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERATING AND ACCEPTING ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS OF SECONDARY AND POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

8. **Praxis Test update – Michael Rowland:** The board was given a handout titled “Praxis Test Update,” after a brief discussion Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the below listed changes, seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed 13/0.

	NEW TEST	PREVIOUS TEST OR CURRENT TEST TO BE REPLACED	NEW TEST CUT SCORE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Praxis CORE	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (5712)	Praxis I: Reading (5710)	156	9/1/2013
	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing (5722)	Praxis I: Writing (5720)	162	9/1/2013
	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics (5732)	Praxis I: Mathematics (5730)	150	9/1/2013
Middle School	Praxis II Middle School English Language Arts (5047)	Praxis II Middle School: Multiple Subjects (5141)	164	9/1/13

	Praxis II Middle School Mathematics (5169)	Praxis II Middle School: Multiple Subjects (5141)	165	9/1/13
	Praxis II Middle School Science (0439)	Praxis II Middle School: Multiple Subjects (5141)	146	9/1/13
	Praxis II Middle School Social Studies (5089)	Praxis II Middle School: Multiple Subjects (5141)	149	9/1/13

Elementary Education K-6	Praxis II Elementary Education Multiple Subjects (5031):	NO CURRENT K-6 TEST		
	SUBTEST: Mathematics (5033)		164	9/1/13
	SUBTEST: Reading and Language Arts (5032)		165	9/1/13
	SUBTEST: Science (5035)		159	9/1/13
	SUBTEST: Social Studies (5034)		155	9/1/13
	Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades K-6 (0622/5622)	NO CURRENT PLT: GRADES K-6	160	9/1/13

Secondary English	Praxis II English Language Arts: Content and Analysis (5039)	Praxis II English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content and Analysis (0044/5044)	168	9/1/14
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Secondary Math	Praxis II Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161)	Praxis II Mathematics: Content Knowledge (0061/5061)	160	9/1/14
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Secondary Pedagogy Tests	Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades 7-12 (0624/5624)	English Language, Literature and Composition: Pedagogy (0043)	157	9/1/13
	Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades 7-12 (0624/5624)	Life Science: Pedagogy (0234)	157	9/1/13
	Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades 7-12 (0624/5624)	Mathematics: Pedagogy (0065)	157	9/1/13
	Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades 7-12 (0624/5624)	Physical Science: Pedagogy (0483)	157	9/1/13

Upcoming Standard Setting Studies	Health and Physical Education test (5857)	Health and Physical Education test (0856/5856)	TBA	9/1/14
	Gifted Education test (5358)	Gifted Education test (0357)	TBA	9/1/14
	Agriculture Test (5701)	Agriculture tests (0700)	TBA	9/1/14

	Physics: Content Knowledge (0265/5265)	NO CURRENT PHYSICS TEST	TBA	9/1/14
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9. **Purpose of PLSB – Cheryl Reinhart & Mike Smith:** Mr. Smith and Ms. Reinhart provided the board with a brief summary explaining the purpose of the PLSB.
10. **Allegations Distribution – Mike Smith:** The board was given a handout prior to the meeting titled “Allegation Stats.” Mr. Smith provided the board with a brief update of the number of allegations that have been presented to subcommittee.
11. **Installation of video equipment in conference room – Mike Smith:** Mr. Smith provided the board with an update on the video equipment installation.
12. **Other items:**

Next meeting date: Friday, December 6, 2013; time 9:00-1:00 in the PLSB Presidential meeting room (regular meeting location).