

**Arkansas Department of Education
Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)
Friday, March 7, 2014**

A meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board was held in the PLSB large conference room at #1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR, on March 7, 2014. Members of the Board present were Dr. Randy Willison, Ms. Lisa Baker, Ms. Kathy Howell, Ms. Cindy Romeo, Ms. Tonya Williams, Ms. Brenda Brown, Dr. Judy Harrison, Dr. Zaidy MohdZain, Dr. Shelly Albritton, Dr. Brad Baine, Ms. Jo Vines and Ms. Karli Saracini. Guest in attendance was Ms. Lori Harrelson-Mainstream Tech and Jeanne Jones-ADHE. ADE staff members in attendance were Michael Smith, Tameka Parker, Cheryl Reinhart, Joan Luneau, Mike Lucas and Michael Rowland. Members of the Board absent were Ms. Debbie Miller, Dr. Karen Walters, and Ms. Evelyn Thrower.

The board consisted of thirteen (11) voting members and two (2) non-voting members, representing a quorum.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Willison, chairman.
2. **Approval of the Previous Minutes: December 17, 2013:** Dr. MohdZain made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Vines, motion passed 9/0.
3. **Financial Report – \$2,395,383.31:** There was a brief discussion on the financial report. Ms. Howell made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed 9/0.
4. **Praxis II Test Update – Michael Rowland:** Mr. Rowland provided the Board with Praxis Test II changes for review.
 - a) Music: Replace current content and instruction 0114 with 0113, with a recommend cut score of 157 to be effective beginning 9/1/2014. Dr. Baine made a motion to accept the proposed changes, seconded by Ms. Vines, motion passed 11/0.
 - b) Health & Physical Education: Replace current content knowledge from 0856 to 5857, with a recommended cut score of 155 to be effective beginning 9/1/2014. Dr. Harrison made a motion to accept the proposed changes, seconded by Ms. Howell, motion passed 11/0.
 - c) Physical Education: Discontinue content and design 5095. Dr. Baine made a motion to accept the proposed change, seconded by Ms. Vines, motion passed 11/0.
5. **Public Comment –Cheryl Reinhart & Mike Lucas:**
 - a) Dr. Lucas provided the Board with a draft mark-up handout titled “ADE Policies Governing Programs for Educator Licensure offered by Institutions of Higher Education in Arkansas” for review.

- i. Ms. Howell made a motion to adopt a 25% requirement of experiences of study for teaching licensure K-6, 4-8, 7-12 and K-12 as stated in sections 7.07.1.2, 7.07.1.3, 7.07.1.4 and 7.07.1.5, seconded by Ms. Baker, motion passed 11/0.
 - ii. Ms. Howell made a motion to adopt all other proposed changes as presented to sections: 7.07.3, 7.08, 7.08.1, 7.08.2, and 9.09, seconded Dr. Baine, motion passed 11/0.
- b) Code of Ethics – Standard 2: Ms. Reinhart provided the Board with a handout titled “Public Comment Matrix-Proposed Rules Governing Nontraditional Licensure”, for review.
 - i. Ms. Howell made a motion to eliminate the language in Standard 2 that states: *The professional educator shall not on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, marital status, political or religious beliefs, family, social or cultural background, or sexual orientation (a) unfairly exclude any student or colleague from participation in any program, or (b) deny benefits or grant any advantage to any student or colleague. Furthermore, an educator shall not intentionally or knowingly misrepresent facts or make false or malicious statements about a student, parent or guardian, colleague, or the school system,* seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed 11/0.

6. Program Approval Request: Code of Ethics Training – Cheryl Reinhart: Ms. Reinhart provided the Board with a handout titled “ADE Program Approval for Ethics Program” for review and gave a brief summary of its purpose. Ms. Howell made a motion to adopt that “No outside provider shall be approved for ethics programs”, seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed 11/0.

7. IHE Pilot for Performance-based Assessment – Karli Saracini: Ms. Saracini provided the Board with a handout titled “edTPA” and “Praxis Performance Assessment for Teachers (PPAT)” for review. She provided the Board with reasons for requesting the expenditure to pilot both programs, from PLSB funds. To pilot both programs for two (2) years it would cost \$45,000. After a brief discussion by the Board Mr. Poore made a motion to approve the pilot only as presented, seconded by Ms. Vines, motion passed 11/0. Ms. Vines made a motion to table the appropriation for the pilots until the next quarterly PLSB meeting in June, seconded by Dr. Harrison, motion passed 11/0.

8. Ethics Violators Database Update – Cheryl Reinhart/Karli Saracini: Ms. Reinhart provided the Board with a brief update on what to look for when using the ALS Licensure System, regarding a Standard 1 violation (sexual abuse), that is available to anyone to view. She went through the steps on how to search, by using an educator’s last name or social security number. It will show the sanctions and any other conditions that an educator has on his or her license.

9. Proposed Legislative Changes – Dr. Willison: If you are interested in helping to craft legislative proposals involving what is allowable expenditures from the PLSB funds, the PLSB Database or anything else that involves the PLSB for the next legislative session let him know.

10. Electronic Fingerprinting – Karli Saracini: Ms. Saracini provided the Board with a brief update on the electronic fingerprinting. The equipment has been purchased and the next phase is getting it set-up in each individual location. Logistics are currently being worked out on how the payments will process, whether through the district or each individual educator.

11. Other Items:

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting date: Friday, June 6, 2014; time 9:00-1:00 in the PLSB large conference room (regular meeting location).