

**Arkansas Department of Education  
Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)  
Friday, June 06, 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 June 06, 2014. Members of the Board present were Ms. Lisa Baker, Ms. Kathy Howell, Ms. Cindy Romeo, Ms. Brenda Brown, Ms. Debbie Miller, Dr. Zaidy MohdZain, Dr. Shelly Albritton, Ms. Jo Vines, Ms. Evelyn Thrower, and Ms. Karli Saracini. Guest in attendance was Ms. Brenda Robinson-AEA and Mr. Wayne Ruthven. ADE staff members in attendance were Tameka Parker, Cheryl Reinhart, Eric James, Bryan Presley, Tara Amuimuia, April Daniel, Ivy Pfeffer and Joan Luneau. Members of the Board absent were Ms. Tonya Williams, Dr. Judy Harrison, Dr. Brad Baine, Mr. Michael Poore, Dr. Randy Willison and Dr. Karen Walters.

The board consisted of nine (9) voting members and two (2) non-voting members, representing a quorum.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Ms. Howell, acting-chairperson.
2. **Approval of the Previous Minutes: March 07, 2014:** Dr. MohdZain made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Brown, motion passed 8/0.
3. **Financial Report – \$2,330,912.34:** There was a brief discussion on the financial report. Ms. Baker made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Ms. Vines, motion passed 8/0.
4. **New ADE Staff members –**
  - a) Mr. Wayne Ruthven - Chief Investigator of PLSB, effective June 9, 2014.
  - b) Ivy Pfeffer - Assistant Commissioner of Human Resources, effective July 1, 2014.
5. **Board Positions/Chair Selection –** Ms. Howell reminded the Board that selections needed to take place on various positions. After a brief discussion:
  - a) Ms. Baker nominated **Dr. Willison as the chairperson** for the PLSB, seconded by Ms. Vines, motion passed 8/0 with no other chairs being nominated.
  - b) Ms. Miller nominated **Ms. Howell as the assistant chairperson** for the PLSB, seconded by Ms. Baker, motion passed 8/0 with no other assistant chairs being nominated.
  - c) Dr. MohdZain made a nomination that the existing PLSB subcommittee members stay the same, seconded by Ms. Miller, motion passed 9/0 with no other nominations being made.
6. **Praxis II Tests Update – Michael Rowland:** The board was given a handout titled “Praxis II Test Recommendations,” after a brief discussion Ms. Miller made a motion to accept the below listed changes, seconded by Ms. Baker, motion passed 9/0.
  - a) Age 3-4 Endorsement to a K-6 License:
    - i. Praxis Education of Young Children (5024): Cut score 160 (STATE ONLY REVIEW)
  - b) Early Childhood Special Education Integrated:

- i. Praxis Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (5023): Cut Score 160
- ii. Praxis Education for Young Children (5024); Cut score 160 (STATE ONLY REVIEW)

**7. PLSB Unit Update – Ivy Pfeffer:**

- a) Ms. Pfeffer informed the Board that Ms. Reinhart’s new title is Director of PLSB.
- b) The PLSB office is receiving more allegations monthly and we would like to look at more training for educators to reduce those numbers.
- c) Ms. Reinhart has been very instrumental in writing the licensure rules and getting the legislative packets ready for review.
- d) The Ethics powerpoint is being revamped to be used more as a tool for educators.

**8. Program Approval Request: Code of Ethics Training – Cheryl Reinhart:** The Board agreed to table this item until September 05, 2014.

**9. EDTPA Funding – Karli Saracini:** Ms. Saracini provided the Board with a handout titled “edTPA budget” for review. It gives a breakdown of the student fees, attendee’s fees, consultant fees and an estimated cost of the edTPA Implementation Conference in California. After a brief discussion Ms. Miller made a motion to accept and approve the expenditure for \$60,034.20, seconded by Dr. MohdZain, motion passed 9/0.

**10. Praxis Tests (GT, 3-4 Endorsement, EC/SPED and B-K)– Karli Saracini:** The board was given a handout titled “Praxis II Test Recommendations,” after a brief discussion Ms. Miller made a motion to accept the below listed changes, seconded by Ms. Baker, motion passed 9/0.

- a) Gifted Education (5358): Cut score 155 (MULTI-STATE REVIEW)
- b) Middle School Science (5440): Cut score 150 (MULTI-STATE REVIEW)
- c) Physics: Content Knowledge (5265): Cut score 135 (STATE ONLY REVIEW)
- d) Speech Language Pathology (5331): Cut score: 162 (MULTI-STATE REVIEW)

**11. Live Scans for Electronic Fingerprinting Update – Karli Saracini:** Ms. Saracini provided the Board with a brief update on the electronic fingerprinting. The live scan equipment has been installed into each of the co-op for use. Fingerprints and background checks are being completed within days, instead of months.

**12. Proposed Legislative Changes Sub-committee:** Ms. Howell acquired a list of contact information for anyone that may interested in making changes to proposed legislation.

**13. Other Items:**

Meeting adjourned

**Next meeting date: Friday, September 05, 2014; time 9:00-1:00 in the PLSB large conference room.**