

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COUNCIL OF BASIC EDUCATION**

**333 Market Street | 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126**

January 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Kirk Hallett.

Attending:

James Agras <i>(via phone)</i>	Sandra Dungee Glenn <i>(via phone)</i>	Maureen Lally-Green
Carol Aichele	Anne Griffin	Jonathan Peri
James Barker <i>(via phone)</i>	Kirk Hallett	Arynn Pratt
Nathan Barrett	Jeffrey Keeling	Jillian Sweigard
Jamie Bracey-Green		Karen Farmer White

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 13, 2019, meeting of the Council of Basic Education were approved on a **Lally-Green/Barrett** motion.

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Deputy Secretary Matthew Stem highlighted priority projects and initiatives within the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education including:

- Career Ready PA
- Comprehensive Planning Tool – *Launching February 3, 2020*
- Literacy Updates
- Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment
- PA Academic Standards – *Science Standards Update*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Jacobs requested that the State Board of Education and the Department of Education update the state’s Health and Physical Education standards. Mr. Jacobs stated that comprehensive health and quality education programs today are much more sophisticated and are based on state and national standards and use best-practices to develop healthy and physically literate students. He said studies have shown that fitness-based physical education improves student attention and focus, increases student attendance, helps to boost academic performance, and decreases discipline issues. Mr. Jacobs stated that new academic standards are desperately needed. He concluded that antiquated standards affect those who deliver instruction, write

curriculum and prepare teachers, and said he and his colleagues have worked for four years to develop the best possible academic standards and outcomes.

Daphne Uliana, with the Dyslexia and Literacy Network, thanked Deputy Secretary Stem for making literacy a priority with the Department of Education.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm on a **Lally-Green/Aichele** motion.



Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant