

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Harrisburg, PA 17126**

**January 13, 2022**

The 366<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Board of Education was convened on January 13, 2022. Due to public health measures being implemented across the Commonwealth to address the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Board and members of the public participated in the meeting virtually via webinar and teleconference. Public notice of the meeting was made in accordance with the Sunshine Meeting Act of 1986. The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

**Attending:**

James Agras  
Hon. Carol Aichele  
Nathan Barrett  
Sandra Dungee Glenn  
Reva Gandhi

Pamela Gunter-Smith  
Jeffrey Keeling  
Hon. Maureen Lally-Green  
Hon. Mark Longietti  
Jonathan Peri

Eva Rankin  
Karen Farmer White  
Lee Williams  
Hon. Lindsey Williams

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 17, 2021, meeting of the Board were approved on an **Aichele/Dungee Glenn** motion.

**COUNCIL OF BASIC EDUCATION**  
**REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Dr. Lee Williams, Chair of the Council of Basic Education, shared that the Council met earlier that day and approved final-form amendments to Chapter 4 (Academic Standards and Assessments). Dr. Williams said the Council conducted an extensive review of the final-form amendments that will replace the current academic standards for Science and Technology and Environment and Ecology with three sets of new standards as follows: the *Pennsylvania Integrated Standards for Science, Environment, Ecology, Technology and Engineering (Grades K-5)*, *Pennsylvania Integrated Standards for Science, Environment and Ecology (Grades 6-12)*, and *Pennsylvania Technology and Engineering Standards (Grades 6-12)*. Final amendments respond to stakeholder concerns about the sufficiency of content in the Board’s proposed standards related to the environment, ecology, and agriculture by establishing a new fifth domain for Environmental Literacy and Sustainability across all grade levels.

Dr. Williams said the final amendments to Chapter 4 also make technical revisions to align the regulation with statutory changes to high school graduation requirements. a change that lowered the compulsory school age to 6, and terminology updates that replace references to “vocational-technical education” with “Career and Technical Education” and references to “Area Vocational-Technical School” with “Area Career and Technical School.”

Dr. Williams said the final amendments to Chapter 4 approved by the Council of Basic Education were being transmitted to the State Board of Education for its consideration later in the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Final-form Chapter 4 (Academic Standards and Assessments)**

A motion to approve final-form amendments to Chapter 4 (Academic Standards and Assessments), as recommended by the Council of Basic Education, was made by Lee Williams and seconded by Hon. Lally-Green.

VOTE: The motion to approve final-form amendments to Chapter 4 (Academic Standards and Assessments) was approved by a roll call vote of 13-0 (YEA: Agras, Aichele, Barrett, Bracey-Green, Dungee Glenn, Gunter-Smith, Keeling, Lally-Green, Longietti, Peri, Farmer White, Lee Williams, and Lindsey Williams)

**Annual Report to the Governor and the General Assembly**

A motion to approve the 2021 Annual Report to the Governor and the General Assembly was made by James Agras and seconded by Pamela Gunter-Smith.

VOTE: All were in favor as indicated by unanimous voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Jonathan Peri announced his retirement from the State Board of Education, effective immediately.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m. on an **Agras/Lally-Green** motion.

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