

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

**333 Market Street | 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17126**

**July 13, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Council Chair Dr. Lee Williams.

**Attending:**

Carol Aichele	Natalie Imhoof	Sen. Scott Martin
Nathan Barrett	Pamela Gunter-Smith	Hon. Pedro Rivera
Jamie Bracey-Green	Sarah Jordan	Hon. Curt Sonney
Claire Chi	Jeffrey Keeling	Karen Famer White
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Hon. Maureen Lally-Green	Lee Williams
Reva Gandhi	Hon. Mark Longietti	Hon. Lindsey Williams

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 13, 2022, meeting of the Council of Basic Education were approved on an **Aichele/Lally-Green** motion.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

Dr. Williams introduced final-omitted technical amendments to Chapter 11 (Student Attendance) and Chapter 12 (Students and Student Services) that make provisions within those Chapters that address compulsory attendance requirements consistent with the definition of “compulsory school age” in the Public School Code. Dr. Williams explained that in Act 16 of 2019 the General Assembly amended the definition of “compulsory school age” in the Public School Code. That statutory change lowered the age by which students must begin school from age 8 to age 6 and raised the age until which students must remain in school from 17 to 18, unless a student already has graduated from high school. Dr. William said the changes enacted by Act 16 took effect with the 2019-2020 school year, and that the final-omitted amendments to Chapter 11 and Chapter 12 that she intended to call for a vote at the end of the meeting is necessary because the Board’s regulations continue to reference outdated ages for compulsory attendance. Within Chapter 12, Dr. Williams said the technical amendments also correct a typographical error in the existing text of the regulation as published. She invited discussion among the Council on the final-omitted amendments to Chapter 11 and Chapter 12.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ACTION ITEM**

**FINAL-OMITTED CHAPTER 11 (STUDENT ATTENDANCE) AND FINAL-OMITTED CHAPTER 12 (STUDENTS AND STUDENT SERVICES)**

A motion to approve final-omitted Chapter 11 (Student Attendance) and final-omitted Chapter 12 (Students and Student Services), was made by Hon. Aichele and seconded by Hon. Lally-Green.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Student members Reva Gandhi and Claire Chi presented an update on their initiative Students for Education in Pennsylvania (SEPA). SEPA serves as a forum for students to discuss education policies and issues and to gather collective input from students statewide.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m. on an **Aichele/Longietti** motion.



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