

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**January 11, 2023**

The 372<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the State Board of Education (Board) was convened on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Public notice of the meeting was made in accordance with the Sunshine Meeting Act of 1986. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

**Attending:**

James Agras  
Hon. Carol Aichele  
Hon. David Argall  
Nathan Barrett  
Nicole Carnicella  
Claire Chi

Sandra Dungee Glenn  
Reva Gandhi  
Pamela Gunter-Smith  
Amanda Hetrick  
Natalie Imhoof  
Sarah Jordan

Jeffrey Keeling  
Maureen Lally-Green  
Hon. Pedro Rivera  
Monica Taylor  
Karen Farmer White  
Lee Williams

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 10, 2022, meeting of the Board were approved on an **Aichele/Rivera** motion.

**CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS**

Chair Farmer White introduced Amanda Hetrick and Dr. Monica Taylor for their inaugural meeting as new members of the Board. Ms. Hetrick currently serves as the Superintendent of the Forest Area School District and Dr. Taylor is the Graduate Program Director and an Associate Professor in the Kinesiology Department at Temple University’s College of Public Health. Chair Farmer White announced that she assigned Ms. Hetrick to serve on the Teacher and School Leader Effectiveness Committee and the Committee on Academic Standards/Chapter 4. Ms. Farmer White named Dr. Taylor to serve on the Career and Technical Education Committee, the Teacher and School Leader Effectiveness Committee, and the School and University Safety Committee.

Chair Farmer White also welcomed Senator David Argall who recently was named as the new Majority Chairman of the Senate Education Committee and, in that new role, also now serves as a voting member of the Board. Sen. Argall will be seated with the Council of Basic Education.

Additionally, Ms. Farmer White shared that Governor-elect Josh Shapiro intends to nominate Dr. Khalid Mumin to serve as the next Secretary of Education and, by virtue of that position, he also will become the new CEO the Board. Dr. Mumin most recently served as the Superintendent of the Lower Merion School District and previously served as Superintendent in the Reading School District.

Ms. Farmer White also congratulated Claire Chi, the Junior Student Member on the Council of Basic Education, on being selected as a delegate for the U.S. Senate Youth Program.

Finally, Chair Farmer White announced that Highmark has agreed to extend its financial support for the Board's student leadership program. She thanked Highmark for serving as a valued partner since 2013 in providing grant funds to make the Board's student leadership program possible.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT** **ACADEMIC STANDARDS/CHAPTER 4**

Dr. Lee Williams, Chair of the Academic Standards/Chapter 4 Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the day to continue work on its next phase of academic standards reviews. Dr. Williams reminded the Council that, in September, the Committee reached consensus to open three sets of standards for review: Career Education and Work, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Economics. She noted that, in September, the Committee also directed the Department of Education to engage content experts in reviewing and developing recommendations on updated standards and that the Committee further requested that the Department bring the names of nominees to serve on those external advisory bodies to the Board's Chapter 4 Committee for approval.

Dr. Williams said Brian Gasper, Chief of the Department's Division of Instructional Quality, appeared before the Committee to present the nominees to serve on the academic standards review teams. She said the Department received a robust response to its application for standards review team members. The Department recommended forming three workgroups – one for each set of standards – comprised of 15 nominees per workgroup, plus alternates. Nominees reflected educators and curriculum specialists from multiple grade levels, school administrators, postsecondary professionals, and community non-profits selected from within the state's 10 PA Career Ready Regions. Upon discussion, Dr. Williams said committee members saw a need to add regional representation from Philadelphia and from the state's Northern Tier. She said the Committee adopted a motion approving the nominees recommended by the Department and directing the Department to expand the review teams to include members from Philadelphia and from the state's Northern Tier without needing to return to the Committee for approval of additional regional representatives. Lists of the Department's nominees were shared with all Board members for review.

Dr. Williams said Mr. Gasper also provided an update to the Committee on the implementation of recently-adopted Science, Technology, and Engineering, Environmental Literacy and Sustainability (STEELS) Standards. She said Mr. Gasper conducted a virtual tour of the resources available on the new STEELS Hub that is part of the Department's Standards Aligned System (SAS) website. The Foundation Boxes resources that provide detail for each standard by grade level are launched and were completed ahead of schedule. The STEELS Hub also will include curriculum frameworks, professional learning resources, assessment resources, and safety guides.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**TEACHER AND SCHOOL LEADER EFFECTIVENESS**

Ms. Sandra Dungee Glenn, Chair of the Teacher and School Leader Effectiveness Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the day to receive an update on implementation of Pennsylvania’s Educator Workforce Strategy. Ms. Dungee Glenn said Tomás Hanna, the Department’s Chief Talent Officer, and Dr. Lee Burket, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (CTE), appeared before the Committee. Mr. Hanna discussed the problems contributing to the state’s educator workforce challenges, the five focus areas of the state’s plan to address these challenges, and the status of implementing various strategies including “Grow Your Own” apprenticeship programs, creating grant opportunities to strengthen relationships between schools and educator preparation programs, unveiling out-of-state teacher reciprocity, and modernizing the teacher certification process. Mr. Hanna also discussed implementation of Act 55 of 2022 which directed the Department to establish a Committee on Education Talent Recruitment. In conjunction with Dr. Burket, Mr. Hanna also provided an update on the development of a CTE Program of Study in Education for use in secondary schools.

**REPORT OF THE ACTING SECRETARY OF EDUCATION**

Mr. Eric Hagarty, Acting Secretary of Education, expressed his support for Dr. Mumin to serve as the next Secretary of Education. Mr. Hagarty also thanked the Board for its support during his tenure at the agency. He reflected on collective accomplishments over the last nine months of the Wolf Administration, including:

- Securing the most historic education funding increases in Pennsylvania’s history as part of the 2022-23 state budget signed into law by Governor Wolf in July 2022
- Developing and publishing a new Five-Year Plan for the Office of Commonwealth Libraries
- Developing and beginning to implement *The Foundation of Our Economy: Pennsylvania Educator Workforce Strategy*
- Partnering with the Center for Schools and Communities to develop a Pennsylvania-specific mobile and desktop app, Finding Your Way in PA, which can help students and families experiencing homelessness connect with local services and resources
- Creating the Hunger Free Campus Initiative
- Providing for universal free breakfast in all Pennsylvania schools, public and private
- Removing Erie Public Schools, the School District of the City of York, and the Scranton City School District from their financial watch and recovery statuses, representing the first school districts in a financial watch or recovery status of any kind being removed from that designation after successful turnaround stories
- Publishing Structured Literacy Program Framework Guidelines and Culturally-Relevant and Sustaining Education Program Framework Guidelines

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

A motion to approve the Board’s Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly for the 2022 calendar year was made by James Agras and seconded by Sandra Dungee Glenn.

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

**Resolution Honoring Acting Secretary Eric Hagarty**

A motion to approve a resolution honoring Acting Secretary Eric Hagarty was made by the Hon. Carol Aichele and seconded by Nathan Barrett.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. on a **Lee Williams/Lally-Green** motion.

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