

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

VIRTUAL MEETING

September 12, 2024

The 382nd meeting of the State Board of Education (Board) was convened on Thursday, September 12, 2024. Public notice of the meeting was made in accordance with the Sunshine Meeting Act of 1986. The meeting was called to order at 1:49 p.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

Attending:

Hon. Carol Aichele
Sen. David Argall
Nathan Barrett
Naina Bhatia
Brenna Chernich
Katherine Christiano
Yadira Cupeles

Aarushi Dedhiya
Ernest Hadrick
Amanda Hetrick
Jeffrey Keeling
Maureen Lally-Green
Robert Mitchell
Hon. Pedro Rivera

Monica Taylor
Rep. Jesse Topper
Karen Farmer White
Lee Williams
Sen. Lindsey Williams
Benjamin Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 11, 2024, meeting of the Board were approved on a **Lee Williams/Christiano** motion.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. Pedro Rivera, Chairman of the Council of Higher Education, reported that the Council met earlier that day to receive a report from Dr. Kate Shaw, Deputy Secretary and Commissioner for Postsecondary and Higher Education. Mr. Rivera said Dr. Shaw provided an overview of legislation enacted in July, Act 69 of 2024, that will establish a new State Board of Higher Education (SHBE). He said the legislation will impact the work of the Council and the Board at large by immediately transferring responsibilities for policies and certain actions related to community colleges to the new SBHE. Mr. Rivera also discussed forthcoming work that will require the Board and the new SBHE to consult in developing recommendations for the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the appropriate delineation of roles and responsibilities related to higher education.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL OF BASIC EDUCATION

Dr. Lee Williams, Chair of the Council of Basic Education, said the Council met earlier in the day to consider final-form amendments to Chapter 4 as recommended by the Academic Standards/Chapter 4 Committee. She reported that the Council voted to approve the final-form rulemaking, and she requested that Chair Farmer White place the final-form rulemaking on the

agenda for the Board's consideration. Dr. Williams provided an opportunity for Board members to raise any questions or comments for discussion regarding the final-form rulemaking.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

Dr. Khalid Mumin, Secretary of Education, provided a report on the FY 2024-25 state budget that was signed into law by Governor Shapiro on July 11. Dr. Mumin discussed funding allocations for basic education, special education, career and technical education, adult and family literacy, PreK Counts, libraries, Intermediate Units, and higher education.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEM

FINAL-FORM 22 PA. CODE CHAPTER 4 (ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT)

A motion to approve the final-form amendments to 22 Pa. Code Chapter 4 (Academic Standards and Assessment) was made by Dr. Lee Williams and seconded by Maureen Lally-Green.

VOTE: The motion to approve final-form amendments to 22 Pa. Code Chapter 4 (Academic Standards and Assessments) was approved by a roll call vote of 16-0. (YEA: Aichele, Argall, Barrett, Christiano, Hadrick, Hetrick, Keeling (proxy), Lally-Green, Mitchell, Rivera, Taylor, Topper, Farmer White, Lee Williams, Lindsey Williams (proxy) and Wilson)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m. on an **Aichele/Mitchell** motion.



Stephanie Jones
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