

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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The meeting of the Council of Higher Education was called to order by Council Chairman Jonathan Peri at 1:05 p.m.

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Attending:

James Agras (via phone)	Nicole Carnicella	Jonathan Peri
Carol Aichele	Sandra Dungee Glenn	Ashley Svec
James Barker	Pamela Gunter-Smith	Karen Farmer White
Nathan Barrett	Kirk Hallett	A. Lee Williams
Jamie Bracey-Green	Jeffrey Keeling	

BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Karen Farmer White, Chair of the State Board of Education, called to order the Council of the Whole. She welcomed two new members of the Board – Dr. Jeffrey Keeling, Principal of Greenville Junior/Senior High School, and Dr. Jamie Bracey-Green, Director of the Center for Inclusive Competitiveness at Temple University. Dr. Keeling and Dr. Bracey-Green were administered the oath of office by notary Tina Weaver.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 12, 2018, meeting of the Council of Higher Education were approved on by **Dungee Glenn/Carnicella** motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT
TEACHER AND SCHOOL LEADER EFFECTIVENESS

Sandra Dungee Glenn, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee met earlier in the day to receive recommendations from the Secretary of Education for revisions to Chapter 49 (Certification of Professional Personnel). Department of Education (PDE) staff provided a detailed overview of the proposed changes, and Ryan Saunders, of the Learning Policy Institute, presented research on educator preparation that demonstrates support for the recommendations.

Ms. Dungee Glenn said consideration of the Secretary's recommendations on Chapter 49 was accepted on the Committee's agenda. She said the Committee's next step will be to convene public hearings across the state to provide an opportunity for interested parties to share their perspectives on the Secretary's proposed changes.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY POSTSECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Noe Ortega, Deputy Secretary of the Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education (OPHE), offered the following report.

Deputy Secretary Ortega thanked the Teacher and School Leader Effectiveness Committee for the opportunity to present recommendations on Chapter 49 on behalf of the Secretary. He noted that the recommendations were informed by stakeholder input and reflect the Department of Education's guiding principals regarding equity and inclusion.

Mr. Ortega provided an update on implementation of the 8 clinical residency grants recently issued by PDE to train teachers and principals. He also reported on efforts to incorporate prior learning credit into the Statewide College Credit Transfer System, which Mr. Ortega noted is one of the postsecondary affordability strategies being advanced by PDE.

Next, Mr. Ortega provided an update on It's On Us PA grant submissions for 2018 that support postsecondary institutions in addressing concerns around sexual assault on college campuses.

Deputy Secretary Ortega then introduced Saxon Nelson, a new OPHE staff member. Mr. Nelson shared highlights of the projects he is advancing to engage school counselors and to diversity the educator workforce.

Ms. Dungee Glenn stated that it seems counselors fill multiple roles dealing with students' social, emotional and behavioral health issues and supporting career exploration and preparation. She asked Mr. Saxon to address the state's capacity for training counselors to serve these multiple needs and asked whether more counselors are needed carry out their responsibilities.

Mr. Nelson responded that PDE's work tries to address how multiple school leaders impact the responsibilities identified by Ms. Dungee Glenn. He added that counselors report to PDE that caseload is an issue and spoke to tools that are being developed to support counselors. Ms. Dungee Glenn spoke in support of expanding the community schools model to engage other agencies in bringing social services and other resources into school buildings.

Ms. Dungee Glenn said Pennsylvania lags the nation in the diversity of its educator workforce and asked Mr. Nelson to speak to that issue. Mr. Nelson said the profession historically has been dominated by women and that retention of educators from different backgrounds is an area for focus.

Dr. Bracey-Green inquired about whether the Department is emphasizing the need for cultural competency training for preservice teachers to address the changing demographics of the Commonwealth. Mr. Nelson indicated that has been under discussion.

PRESENTATION
ACT 101 PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

Dr. Peri recognized Elizabeth McCloud, Vice President of State Grants and Special Programs at the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, for a presentation on the status of Act 101 programs in the Commonwealth. Ms. McCloud discussed the history of the programs, the number of institutions currently participating, program funding, the criteria for identifying students eligible for Act 101 services, and student retention and academic indicators.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sally Winterton, of the Pennsylvania Association of College and Teacher Educators (PAC-TE), said their members are thrilled to be working in partnership with PDE and the Board on Chapter 49. She also thanked Secretary Rivera, Deputy Secretary Ortega, and PDE staff who attended PAC-TE's recent conference.

Judy Bookhamer, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association, thanked the Department for its focus on school counselors and the praised the school counselor symposiums convened by PDE as a great success.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.



Karen Molchanow