

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**333 Market Street | 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126**

July 13, 2022

The 369th meeting of the State Board of Education was convened on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. Public notice of the meeting was made in accordance with the Sunshine Meeting Act of 1986. The meeting was called to order at 1:26 p.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

Attending:

Hon. Carol Aichele	Pamela Gunter-Smith	Hon. Scott Martin
Nathan Barrett	Natalie Imhoof	Hon. Pedro Rivera
Jamie Bracey-Green	Sarah Jordan	Hon. Curt Sonney
Claire Chi	Jeffrey Keeling	Karen Farmer 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 May 4, 2022, meeting of the Board were approved on an **Aichele/Lee Williams** motion.

**REPORT OF THE ACTING SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
AND PDE'S DEPUTY SECRETARIES**

Eric Hagarty, Acting Secretary of Education, provided a report on the state budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Mr. Hagarty said the budget recently signed by Governor Wolf includes a historic \$1.8 billion increase in funding for education from pre-k through college. Mr. Hagarty noted that the Wolf Administration has increased funding for education by more than \$3.7 billion since 2015. Mr. Hagarty also shared that the Department soon will release an Educator Workforce Strategy Plan to address educator shortages and to help guide educator recruitment and retention efforts in the Commonwealth.

Dr. Tanya I. Garcia, Deputy Secretary and Commissioner for Postsecondary and Higher Education, provided updates on activity related to higher education, including the joint working session of the Council of Higher Education and the Master Plan for Higher Education Advisory Committee held earlier that morning to review and discuss a draft Master Plan for Higher Education. Dr. Garcia noted that Council and Advisory Committee members were encouraged to contribute additional comments on the draft Master Plan by August 1, 2022.

Dr. David Volkman, Acting Deputy Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, introduced Mr. Brian Campbell, Director of the Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction. Mr. Campbell presented updates on the Department's plans for resuming federal school improvement designations under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jeff Jacobs, Ms. Bev Martin, and Ms. Jessica Peconi spoke on behalf of Shape PA and encouraged the Board to update and revise the state's academic standards for Health, Safety, and Physical Education.

ACTION ITEMS

Final-omitted Chapter 11 (Student Attendance) and Final-omitted Chapter 12 (Students and Student Services)

A motion to approve final-omitted amendments to Chapter 11 (Student Attendance) and Chapter 12 (Students and Student Services) was made by the Hon. Carol Aichele and seconded by Rep. Mark Longietti.

VOTE: The motion to approve final-omitted amendments to Chapter 11 (Student Attendance) and Chapter 12 (Students and Student Services) was approved by a roll call vote of 13-0 (YEA: Aichele, Barrett, Bracey-Green, Dungee Glenn, Gunter-Smith, Keeling, Lally-Green, Longietti, Martin, Rivera, Farmer White, Lee Williams, and Lindsey Williams)

2023 Meeting Calendar

A motion to approve the State Board of Education's 2023 Meeting Calendar was made by the Hon. Carol Aichele and seconded by Jeffrey Keeling.

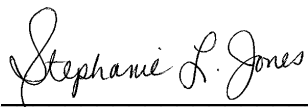
VOTE: All were in favor as indicated by unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Karen Farmer White announced that recent changes to the Board's membership made it necessary to refresh assignments for the Board's Standing Committees. Ms. Farmer White said an updated Committee list was posted on the Board's website. She recognized Nathan Barrett as the new Chair of the Board's School and University Safety Committee and thanked him for his willingness to take on this new leadership role.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m. on a **Gunter-Smith/Dungee Glenn** motion.



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