

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

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

**May 3, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 11:47 a.m. by Council Chair Dr. Lee Williams.

**Attending:**

James Agras  
Hon. Carol Aichele  
Nathan Barrett  
Sandra Dungee Glenn  
Reva Gandhi

Pamela Gunter-Smith  
Amanda Hetrick  
Natalie Imhoof  
Sarah Jordan  
Jeffrey Keeling

Hon. Pedro Rivera  
Monica Taylor  
Karen Famer White  
Lee Williams

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 8, 2023, meeting of the Council of Basic Education were approved on an **Aichele/Keeling** motion.

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR  
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Dr. Jeffrey Fuller provided updates on activity related to K-12 education, including the Department of Education's present efforts on supporting schools through the current state assessment window and recent visits by Department leadership to schools across the Commonwealth.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ACTION ITEM**

There were no action items.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reva Gandhi, Senior Student Member on the Council of Basic Education, provided an update on the last meeting of the school year for Students for Education in Pennsylvania (SEPA), which was conducted in conjunction with Claire Chi, the Council's Junior Student Member, as part of outreach to students across the state. Ms. Gandhi said the two main topics of conversation focused on student resources for postsecondary educational opportunities and curriculum standards. Ms. Gandhi said students want to see more postsecondary education options and

promotional events in their schools and communities, especially more hands-on opportunities such as internships and externships as means to help them more accurately determine what they want to pursue after graduating from high school.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m. on an **Aichele/Keeling** motion.

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