

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

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

November 14, 2024

The meeting the Council of Basic Education (Council) was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Council Chair Lee Williams.

Attending:

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

Aarushi Dedhiya
Sandra Dungee Glenn
Ernest Hadrick
Amanda Hetrick
Jeffrey Keeling
Hon. Maureen Lally-Green
Robert Mitchell

Hon. Pedro Rivera
Rep. Peter Schweyer
Monica Taylor
Karen Famer White
Lee Williams
Benjamin Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 12, 2024, meeting of the Council were approved on an **Aichele/Lally-Green** motion.

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

Dr. Carrie Rowe, Deputy Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, and Brian Campbell, Director of the Bureau of Curriculum and Assessment, presented state assessment results for the 2023-2024 school year. They also provided an update on other assessment-related efforts that are in progress, including plans to migrate all Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) and Keystone Exams testing online in 2026, the adoption of technology-enhanced items as part of state assessments, and the establishment of a new benchmarking tool (PA Firefly) that will be available for schools to pilot in the winter of 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Secretary Rowe extended an invitation to Board members to attend the Standards Aligned Systems (SAS) conference hosted by the Department of Education in December.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m. on an **Aichele/Christiano** motion.

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