

MINUTES STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Harrisburg, PA 17126**

July 9, 2025

On Wednesday, July 9, 2025, the 386th meeting of the State Board of Education (Board) was convened and called to order at 1:18 p.m. by the Honorable Pedro Rivera. Public notice of the meeting was made in accordance with the Sunshine Meeting Act of 1986.

Attending:

Hon. Carol Aichele	Amanda Hetrick	Monica Taylor
Katherine Christiano	Jeffrey Keeling	Karen Farmer White
Sen. Lynda Culver	Maureen Lally-Green	Lee Williams
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Robert Mitchell	Sen. Lindsey Williams
Ernest Hadrick	Hon. Pedro Rivera	Benjamin Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 8, 2025, meeting of the Board were approved on a **Lee Williams/Dungee Glenn** motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT **TEACHER AND SCHOOL LEADER EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Sandra Dungee Glenn, Chair of the Teacher and School Leader Effectiveness Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier that day to discuss two informational items. First, Dr. Carissa Pokorny Golden, Director of the Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality, presented the revised PDE-430 form that will be made available for use by the field in the fall. Dr. Pokorny Golden discussed feedback received from a pilot of the new PDE-430 and highlighted the refinements that were made to the form based on that input.

Ms. Dungee Glenn said the Committee also continued its review of the assessments required of candidates for certification. Dr. Pokorny Golden presented an analysis of assessment pass rates disaggregated by race and gender. She also presented an overview of how some states have incorporated portfolios into their teacher certification assessments and discussed new assessment products that are available from various testing vendors.

Ms. Dungee Glenn said the Committee will convene again in September for another informational session on certification assessment requirements and to begin developing a framework for recommendations that the Committee may consider issuing to the Secretary of Education.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

Dr. Carrie Rowe, Acting Secretary of Education, provided an update on activity at the federal level involving a delay in delivering federal funds that support critical education programs throughout Pennsylvania. Dr. Rowe also discussed various efforts being led by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to attract, prepare, and retain educators in the Commonwealth. Among those efforts, she noted that PDE recently relaunched the Teach in PA website as a resource to support educator recruitment and strengthen Pennsylvania's educator workforce. Dr. Rowe also announced that the Harrisburg City School District has exited receivership from financial recovery. Finally, she announced actions taken by the Shapiro Administration that have made the GED and HiSET exams available for free for individuals seeking to earn a Commonwealth Secondary Diploma through one of these tests.

Dr. Rowe also was joined by Ms. Amy Lena, Deputy Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education. Ms. Lena announced that the external committees appointed by the Board to review the Arts and Humanities and the Health, Safety and Physical Education standards began meeting in person this morning. She thanked Dr. Lee Williams, Chair of the Council of Basic Education, for joining her to welcome the standards review committees earlier in the day. Ms. Lena also reported on key changes that PDE has made to offer more flexible and accessible professional development for school administrators, the upcoming Advancing Education Together Summit being hosted by PDE, and efforts that are underway to review new test items if the Keystone Exams and the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment.

Finally, the Board also received updates on activity related to postsecondary and higher education from Deputy Secretary Kuhn. Dr. Kuhn discussed an increase in FAFSA completion rates, PDE's involvement in the "Last Call for Fall" college application campaign, and the rebranding of PA MASLOW as PA EmpowerU. Dr. Kuhn also highlighted ongoing efforts to expand the number of transfer and articulation agreements that provide pathways for Associates Degrees to transfer directly in Baccalaureate Degree programs. Finally, Dr. Kuhn also discussed revisions that are under consideration to the Certification Staffing and Policy Guidelines for certification in General Science and highlighted other activity in the Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

Ms. Amber Czerniakowski, the new Executive Director of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (PSPC), presented the PSPC's 2024 Annual Report. Ms. Czerniakowski was joined by Ms. Nadya Chmil from PDE's Office of Chief Counsel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEM

2026 MEETING CALENDAR

A motion to approve the Board's 2026 Meeting Calendar was made by Dr. Monica Taylor and seconded by Ms. Dungee Glenn.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. on a **Dungee Glenn/Hetrick** motion.

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