

**New Jersey State Board of Education  
Minutes of the Meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Education  
In the Conference Room on the First Floor  
100 River View Executive Plaza  
Trenton, NJ**

**July 3, 2019**

**Presiding:** Kathy Goldenberg, President

**Secretary:** Lamont O. Repollet, Ed. D., Commissioner

**PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM**

Mr. Arcelio Aponte (via teleconference)  
Mrs. Kathy Goldenberg  
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill  
Dr. Joseph Ricca  
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi (via teleconference)  
Mr. Jack Fornaro  
Mrs. Elaine Bobrove  
Dr. Ernest Lepore  
Mrs. Fatimah Burnam-Watkins (via teleconference)  
Mrs. Mary Beth Berry  
Dr. Nedd J. Johnson  
Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia-Cioffi

**ABSENT**

Dr. Ronald Butcher

**CONVENING**

State Board of Education Vice President Kathy Goldenberg convened the public meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the reading of the statement pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

The Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the State Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Department of Education, Secretary of State's Office and notice also having been given to the State House Press Corps, the Governor's Office and the State Board agenda subscribers.

And seeing there was a quorum, the meeting of July 3, 2019 was called to order.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vice President Goldenberg then read the resolution pertaining to the executive session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the personal privacy and to avoid situations wherein the public interest might be disserved, the Open Public Meetings Act permits public bodies to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which certain matters are discussed, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b, the State Board Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session on July 3, 2019.

### **RECONVENING**

Vice President Kathy Goldenberg reconvened the open meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the resumption of the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b, the State Board will now adjourn from executive session to resume the open session of this meeting.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OFFICERS**

#### **Nominations**

Commissioner Lamont O. Repollet, secretary to the State Board, conducted the annual election of State Board officers. Commissioner Repollet presented the slate of officers as presented by the State Board Nominating Committee. Commissioner Repollet stated that the Nominating Committee recommended Kathy Goldenberg for President and Joseph Ricca for Vice President. Commissioner Repollet asked for any additional nominations for either the office of President or Vice President. State Board member Mary Beth Berry nominated Andrew Mulvihill for Vice President. Commissioner Repollet then asked the nominees if they accepted the nominations as presented. Kathy Goldenberg accepted the nomination for President. Joseph Ricca accepted the nomination for Vice President. Andrew Mulvihill also accepted the nomination for Vice President.

#### **Elections**

##### *President*

Commissioner Repollet stated that typically when the elections were uncontested, the State Board has voted first for President, followed by a vote for the Vice President and that the elections in the past have been by voice vote, Yea or Nay. Commissioner Repollet stated that a voice vote would be held with State Board members voting Yea or Nay for President. State Board members Arcelio Aponte, Mary Beth Gazi and Fatimah Burnam-Watkins would cast their ballots by way of telephone conference.

The State Board members elected Kathy Goldenberg as State Board President for a one-year term.

##### *Vice President*

Commissioner Repollet stated that since the Vice President election is contested, the State Board would use a roll call vote to cast their ballots. He stated that when each State Board member's name is called alphabetically, the member would state the name of the candidate of their choice. Joseph Ricca asked if discussion would be permitted prior to the election. Commissioner stated that discussion is permitted. Both nominees for Vice President provided information regarding their interest and qualification for the position. State Board members Arcelio Aponte, Mary Beth Gazi and Fatimah Burnam-Watkins would cast their ballots by way of telephone conference.

The following State Board members voted for Joseph Ricca for Vice President: Elaine Bobrove, Nedd James Johnson, Joseph Ricca and Sylvia Sylvia. The following State Board members voted for Andrew Mulvihill for Vice President: Arcelio Aponte, Mary Beth Berry, Fatimah Burnam-Watkins, Jack Fornaro, Mary Beth Gazi, Ernest Lepore and Andrew Mulvihill. State Board member Kathy Goldenberg abstained.

The State Board members elected Andrew Mulvihill as State Board Vice President for a one-year term.

Commissioner Repollet congratulated both President Goldenberg and Vice President Andrew Mulvihill on their election.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meeting conducted on June 5, 2019. State Board members Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi, Mr. Jack Fornaro, Dr. Ernest Lepore and Dr. Joseph Ricca abstained.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**

#### **Announcements**

##### **Public Testimony**

President Goldenberg stated public testimony would not be held at 2 p.m. today because there are no topics scheduled.

President Goldenberg stated that public testimony would be held on August 7, 2019. She also stated the topic scheduled for the August 7, 2019, public testimony session is the proposal level amendments pertaining to the career and technical education endorsement in Chapters 9, Professional Standards, and 9B, State Board of Examiners and Certification. She further stated that registration for the August 7, 2019, public testimony session will open Thursday, July 18, 2019, and close at noon on Thursday, August 1, 2019.

##### **Introduction of the new Permanent Student Representative**

President Goldenberg introduced and welcomed the new permanent student representative, Sahil Ganatra, to the State Board of Education. Sahil is a rising senior from South Brunswick High School in Middlesex County. Sahil introduced himself to the State Board members. He also expressed his excitement about the opportunity to represent New Jersey's student body. He also stated that he looks forward to apprising the State Board of issues that concern students and, likewise, ensuring all students are more aware of the happenings of the State Board.

##### **State Board Committee Reports**

***Career and Technical Education*** — Kathy Goldenberg, chair, and committee members Elaine Bobrove and Mary Beth Berry recounted their experiences attending the Department's recent regional stakeholder symposiums regarding Perkins V, which is the reauthorization of the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. The members expressed the benefit of hearing from parents, industry representatives, and focus group participants regarding their viewpoints on career and technical education.

***Special Education*** — Mary Beth Berry, chair, stated that committee member Kathy Goldenberg attended the State Special Education Advisory Council meeting on June 13, 2019. President Goldenberg stated the

council spent a considerable amount of time discussing assessments as they relate to students with disabilities. She also stated there appeared to be a lot of misinformation about assessment requirements and identified the need for more communication between the Department and members of the council.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

### **Charter Schools Update**

Dr. Julie Bunt, Acting Director of the Office of Charter and Renaissance Schools, presented a charter authorization report. Dr. Bunt spoke about the core functions of the office and its use of the Performance Framework to gauge the success of the State's charter schools. She also stated the Performance Framework outlines the measurable objectives charter schools must meet by asking three essential questions: Is the academic program a success?; Is the school financially viable?; and Is the school equitable and organizationally sound?. Dr. Bunt also discussed the State's two application cycles for charter schools and the preparedness process before a charter school can open and start serving students. Dr. Bunt further discussed the processes by which a charter school can request an expansion, receive a renewal of its charter, be placed on probation, or have its charter revoked.

### **Assessment Update and Phase II Outreach**

Dr. Linda Eno, Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Academics and Performance; Chris Huber, Special Assistant to the Commissioner; Diana Pasculli, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Performance; and Gilbert Gonzalez, Director of the Office of Assessments presented on the amended consent order approved by the Superior Court Appellate Division that extended the graduation assessment requirements for the classes of 2019 and 2020 to the classes of 2021 and 2022. They also outlined the three assessment pathways available to students in the classes of 2019 through 2022, the spring administration of the State high school assessments, the upcoming releases of State assessment results on student, school district, and Statewide levels. They further mentioned the second phase of stakeholder engagement regarding the future of State assessments and the timing of the request for proposals for the next State assessment system.

### **Announcement of Statewide Equity Conference**

Dr. Linda Eno, Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Academics and Performance, and Tonya Breland, Director of the Office of Professional Learning, reviewed the Department's upcoming Statewide conference titled "Equity for All." Ms. Breland stated that equity was chosen as the topic for this year's conference as part of the Department's vision to increase equity for all students through access, opportunity, and inclusion. She stated that Dr. Tyrone Howard, professor in UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, where he serves as Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Ms. Breland also stated the conference will illuminate the work that educators, schools, and districts are doing to strengthen teaching, leading, and learning through the lens of equity; feature educators who will serve as models for other educators and school systems throughout the State for how they provide equitable access and opportunities to students; and promote cross-district collaboration and partnership, where school districts can learn promising practices and exchange resources. The day-long conference, which will be held on July 31, 2019, at The College of New Jersey, will include panel discussions, interactive workshops, TED-style talks, and the announcement of the second cohort of Lighthouse Districts.

### **Summer Outreach and Engagement**

Lavar Young, Director of the Office of Civic Engagement, presented on the outreach efforts the office is undertaking this summer to interact with students, parents, and other New Jersey residents. Mr. Young stated the Department will be setting up tables on boardwalks in various towns at the shore and at festivals

and county fairs Statewide to provide information education opportunities in the State, the Department's services, and the current administration's educational initiatives. He also state the office's efforts, which will start next week and conclude with a back-to-school event, will reach all 21 counties.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

*\*Items scheduled for a vote are marked with an asterisk.*

**\*A. Appointments**

- There were no appointments

**\*B. Certification of School Districts**

- Certified for a period of three years, the following school district(s) recommended by the Commissioner, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14a and b. State Board members Jack Fornaro and Ernest Lepore recused.

<b>District</b>	<b>County</b>
Alpine	Bergen
Bogota	Bergen
Cliffside Park	Bergen
Dumont	Bergen
Haworth	Bergen
Norwood	Bergen
Wallington	Bergen
Delran	Burlington
Voorhees	Camden
Guttenberg	Hudson
Weehawken	Hudson
Delaware Valley Reg. HS	Hunterdon
Franklin Township	Hunterdon
Frenchtown	Hunterdon
High Bridge	Hunterdon
Hunterdon Central Reg. HS	Hunterdon
Kingwood Township	Hunterdon
Lebanon Township	Hunterdon
Milford	Hunterdon
Holmdel	Monmouth
Little Silver	Monmouth
Red Bank Reg.	Monmouth
Rumson Borough	Monmouth
Shrewsbury	Monmouth
Spring Lake Hts.	Monmouth

Upper Freehold Reg.	Monmouth
Wall Township	Monmouth
Denville Township	Morris
Hanover Park Reg. HS	Morris
Harding Township	Morris
Jefferson Township	Morris
Long Hill Township	Morris
Mendham Borough	Morris
Mendham Township	Morris
Montville Township	Morris
Morris Co. Voc.	Morris
Morris Hills Reg.	Morris
Parsippany-Troy Hills	Morris
Rockaway Borough	Morris
Rockaway Township	Morris
Washington Township	Morris
West Morris Reg. HS	Morris
Bedminster Township	Somerset
Bernards Township	Somerset
Fredon Township	Sussex
Blairstown	Warren
Lopatcong	Warren
Oxford Township	Warren
Pohatcong Township	Warren
White Township	Warren

**\*C. Resolution to Adopt a new PRAXIS Test and Qualifying Score for PRAXIS Core Academic Skills for Educators; Mathematics, and New School Leadership Series Tests for School Administrators and Principals**

- Adopted a new Praxis test and qualifying score for Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators; and new School Leadership Series Tests for School Administrators and Principals, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8 and N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT NEW TESTS AND QUALIFYING SCORES FOR PRAXIS CORE ACADEMIC SKILLS FOR EDUCATORS; MATHEMATICS, TEACHING READING: K-12, AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SERIES ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND PRINCIPALS**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Board of Education (State Board) has required that teacher certification candidates pass tests in specified disciplines in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.

**WHEREAS**, the State Board has required that school administrator candidates pass a test in specified disciplines in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Board has required that principal candidates pass a test in specified disciplines in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12; and

**WHEREAS**, the Educational Testing Service (ETS) has recently established new tests to replace the current Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics (Praxis Core Mathematics), Teaching Reading: K-12, and School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) and School Superintendent Assessment (SAA) (School Leadership Series) that are in use by the Department of Education (Department); and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has participated in national standard-setting studies for the Praxis Core Mathematics and the School Leadership Series to determine the validity of and the theoretically appropriate qualifying score for those tests; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Board approves the Department's selection of the respective Praxis Core Mathematics, Teaching Reading: K-12, and School Leadership Series assessments and initial qualifying assessment scores; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department will monitor the impact of these tests and qualifying scores on the passing rates for each subject area and will report any problems with the same to the State Board; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the State Board hereby supports the Department's selection of the Praxis Core Mathematics, Teaching Reading: K-12, and School Leadership Series; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education hereby acknowledges and approves the following qualifying scores, effective September 1, 2019:

Qualifying Scores

Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics	150
Teaching Reading: K-12	156
School Leaders Licensure Assessment	151
School Superintendent Assessment	162

**WORK SESSION**

There was no work session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Goldenberg stated the State Board will discuss committees and assignments for 2019-2020 in the near future. She also stated that all members serving on committees should continue to do so in the meantime.

President Goldenberg also encouraged all State Board members to attend public testimony sessions as much as possible to listen to feedback from stakeholders and the public.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

There was no public testimony.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its July 3, 2019, public meeting at 12:21 p.m.

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Kevin Dehmer, Acting Commissioner  
Acting Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education