

**New Jersey State Board of Education**  
**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Education**  
**March 2, 2022**

**Presiding:** Kathy Goldenberg, President

**Secretary:** Angelica Allen-McMillan, Ed.D., Acting Commissioner

**Present Constituting A Quorum**

Mrs. Mary Beth Gazi

Mrs. Elaine Bobrove

Mr. Jack Fornaro

Mrs. Fatimah Burnam-Watkins

Mr. Arcelio Aponte

Dr. Ronald Butcher

Mr. Andrew Mulvihill

Dr. Ernest Lepore

Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia

**Absent**

Dr. Joseph Ricca

Dr. Nedd Johnson

Mrs. Mary Beth Berry

**Convening**

State Board of Education President Kathy Goldenberg convened the public meeting at 9:05 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 ensure 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 (Department), 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 March 2, 2022, was called to order.

**Adjourn to Executive Session**

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 March 2, 2022.

**Reconvening**

President Kathy Goldenberg reconvened the open meeting at 10:12 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**

**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 February 2, 2022. State Board members Ms. Sylvia Sylvia-Cioffi and Dr. Ernest Lepore abstained.

**President’s Reports**

President Goldenberg welcomed the viewing audience to the virtual State Board of Education meeting and asked for a moment of silence for all those in Europe who are suffering.

**Public Testimony**

President Goldenberg stated that the State Board will receive written testimony on School District Operations (proposal level notice of substantial change) and Standards and Assessments (Bridge Year amendments). She also stated that the State Board will be accepting written testimony for the month of April on School Ethics Commission readoption with amendments.

**Report of the Permanent Student Representative**

President Goldenberg introduced and welcomed the State Board of Education’s new permanent student representative, Miss Maura Baker, a junior at West Orange High School in Essex County. Ms. Baker provided remarks encouraging students to participate in student council and the new requirement that school boards have a student liaison throughout the state.

**State Board Committee Reports**

**Policy Committee**

Ms. Elaine Bobrove, chair, Policy committee, stated that the committee met with Department staff on February 16, 2022. She stated they discussed a number of issues currently pending before the State Board, including the Bridge Year Pilot Program and changes upon adoption to Chapter 17, Education for Homeless Students and Students in State Facilities. She stated that both of those items will be discussed later in the meeting.

Ms. Bobrove further stated they also discussed the upcoming readoption of Chapters 9, 9A, 9B and 9C. She stated the four chapters include requirements for educator, administrator and educational services certificates and endorsements, as well as educator preparation programs, professional standards, and operations of the State Board of Examiners. Ms. Bobrove stated the Department will be working closely with the Policy Committee to review the existing chapters and possible changes prior to the State Board's consideration of the proposed readoption later this year.

### **CTE Committee**

Ms. Mary Beth Berry, chair, CTE committee, was not in attendance to provide the report. President Goldenberg, ex-officio, stated that the committee met with Department staff on February 23, 2022. She stated they received an update from the Department regarding a new law providing flexibility for certificate holders seeking a CTE endorsement. She stated they also discussed CTE student enrollment and national enrollment data by career cluster. She further stated they received updates on the wonderful CTE programs in a few school districts and they also received a status update on the four school districts participating in the P-TECH initiative.

### **National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Government Affairs**

Dr. Ronald Butcher gave an update on the NASBE Government Affairs Committee (GAC) monthly meeting. He stated that this year they have had two meetings and at these meetings the NASBE staff updates the then they follow with Q&A session. He stated in the most recent meeting one of their discussions centered around President Biden's stalled Build Back Better Proposal. He further stated another significant discussion held that is of great importance to the State Board and the Department is the Competes legislation recently introduced.

Dr. Butcher stated it is a major funding and policy package that includes a STEM Pathways model, Computer Science and the National Internship Act. Dr. Butcher stated that a new initiative that may be included in this package would involve assessments and accountability in innovative projects and initiatives in relation to funding for State Boards, specifically in relation to getting away from rank score tests and moving more toward achievement tests centered around specific standards and academic skills.

Dr. Butcher stated another item discussed is the Supreme Court's decision to look at the lawsuit in Maine that relates to higher education admission practices. He also stated that a question came up regarding the Competes Act and how it will deal with funding related to social and emotional learning, as well as the staffing shortages throughout the United States; and a Prep Act, primarily related to higher education; as well as environmental conditions related to facilities issues such as lead in water. Dr. Butcher stated that he will send a link to the Competes Act to Ms. Shoener so that it can be disseminated to the State Board.

## **Commissioner's Report**

### **Read Across America**

Acting Commissioner Allen-McMillan stated that each year, National Read Across America Day is celebrated on March 2nd, the birthday of Theodore Giselle, otherwise known as Dr. Seuss. She stated the annual event is part of a reading initiative established in 1998 by the National Education Association to help get students excited about reading. She further stated on this day, students, teachers, parents, and community members around the nation come together to read books and celebrate the joy of reading. She stated whether hardcover, paperback, on paper, or on an electronic tablet, computer, or phone, reading great material is more accessible now more than ever. She stated this year the White House annual proclamation points to the path to literacy that begins with timeless traditions being read to at bedtime, gathering in classrooms for story time, and attending events at local libraries with family and friends. Acting Commissioner Allen-McMillan stated today's stories and adventures are as diverse as in the world in which we live, and by reading them we come to more fully understand the vibrant diversity of our nation and the world.

### **Resolution in Recognition of Gifted and Talented Students Month in New Jersey**

Acting Commissioner Allen-McMillan requested that the State Board adopt a resolution recognizing March as Gifted and Talented Students Month in New Jersey.

The State Board unanimously adopted the following ceremonial resolution read by Mary Beth Gazi recognizing March as Gifted and Talented Students Month in New Jersey.

#### **Resolution in Recognition of Gifted and Talented Students Month In New Jersey**

**Whereas,** gifted and talented children and youth demonstrate high achievement capability in areas such as intellectual, creative, artistic, or leadership capacity, or in specific academic fields, and need services and activities not ordinarily provided by the school in order to fully develop those capabilities; and

**Whereas,** gifted and talented education is needed to provide education for advanced students, to teach gifted and talented students the skills needed in their careers and lives, to meet social and emotional needs of students, and to keep them engaged in school; and

**Whereas,** longitudinal research has shown that gifted and talented programs have a positive effect on students' post-secondary plans, including a higher rate of advanced college degrees and involvement in creative productive work following college and graduate school; and

**Whereas,** the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Department support Statewide and local education agencies' efforts to meet the needs of gifted and talented and twice-exceptional students and to ensure they are appropriately identified and provided the opportunity to fulfill their potential; and

**Whereas,** in response to Governor Murphy's enactment of the Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act, the New Jersey Department of Education (Department) established the Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) to provide

recommendations and guidance on the law’s implementation, identification of students, programming, the intersectionality of cognitive and affective needs, and professional development; and

**Whereas**, the Department and the Advisory Committee continue to support gifted and talented students by developing resources for school districts to enhance the gifted and talented continuum of services, policies, and procedures implemented in school districts, as well as professional development for teachers, educational services staff, and school leaders; now, let it be

**Resolved**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education recognize the month of March as “Gifted and Talented Students Month in New Jersey” to honor the gifted and talented students of New Jersey, as well as their parents, teachers, and school leaders who are working to ensure that these students have equitable access to the resources and opportunities they need to achieve their full potentials.

### **Resolution in Recognition of Social and Emotional Learning Day in New Jersey**

Acting Commissioner Allen-McMillan requested that the State Board recognize Social and Emotional Learning Day in New Jersey.

The State Board unanimously adopted the following ceremonial resolution red by Fatimah Burnam-Watkins recognizing Social and Emotional Learning Day in New Jersey.

### **Resolution in Recognition of Social and Emotional Learning Day in New Jersey**

**Whereas**, the second Friday in March has been designated internationally as the third annual SEL Day by SEL4US and the Urban Assembly; and

**Whereas**, social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions; and

**Whereas**, SEL supports individuals and communities coping with significant challenges, to build protective factors for mental health and wellness, develop resiliency skills, seek help when needed, and exhibit care for fellow citizens; and

**Whereas**, SEL competencies develop throughout people’s lives – from early childhood, through adolescence, and beyond – and are essential to success in schools, workplaces, homes, and communities; and

**Whereas**, New Jersey relies on citizens who exhibit the knowledge and skills encompassed in New Jersey’s SEL competencies and sub-competencies, which include self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, responsible decision-making, and relationship skills; and

**Whereas**, schools, families and the wider community must be engaged to enhance the strength, depth, and pace of acquisition of SEL competencies; and

**Whereas**, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education continue to recommend school districts implement the *New Jersey Social and Emotional Learning Competencies* to promote safe, supportive, and challenging learning environments in schools; and

**Whereas**, SEL competencies enhance educators' capacity to navigate stressors, foster positive learning environments and connections among colleagues and students; and

**Whereas**, SEL advances educational equity and excellence through authentic school-family-community partnerships to establish learning environments and experiences that feature trusting and collaborative relationships, rigorous and meaningful curriculum and instruction, and ongoing evaluation; and

**Whereas**, SEL can be incorporated into different subject matters and seamlessly embedded in everyday instruction; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education hereby recognize March 11, 2022, as SEL Day in New Jersey.

**Items for Consideration:**

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

**\*A. Appointments**

- Approved the following appointment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-32-35 and N.J.A.C. 6A:2-1.1 et seq.:
  - Mr. Mackey Pendergrast, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Teaching and Learning Services
  - Mr. Heath Bernstein, Executive Director, Human Resources
  - Mr. Christopher Jones, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs

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

- There were no districts for certification.

**\*C. Education for Homeless Children and Students in State Facilities**

- Adopted the readoption with amendments pertaining to the rules at N.J.A.C. 6A:17, Education for Homeless Children and Students in State Facilities, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7B-1 et seq., 18A:7F-43 et seq., and 18A:38-1.d.

**\*D. Religious Holidays Calendar Resolution**

- Adopted the following revised resolution pertaining to the annual calendar of religious holidays for the 2021-2022 school year as established at N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3(j), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14-16.

**Resolution**

**The List of Religious Holidays Permitting Student Absence from School**

**Whereas**, according to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14 through 16 and N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3(j), regarding student absence from school because of religious holidays, the Commissioner of Education, with the

approval of the State Board of Education, is charged with the responsibility of prescribing such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of the law; and

**Whereas**, the law provides that:

1. Any student absent from school because of a religious holiday may not be deprived of any award or of eligibility or opportunity to compete for any award because of such absence;
2. Students who miss a test or examination because of absence on a religious holiday must be given the right to take an alternate test or examination;
3. To be entitled to the privileges set forth above, the student must present a written excuse signed by a parent or person standing in place of a parent;
4. Any absence because of a religious holiday must be recorded in the school register or in any group or class attendance record as an excused absence;
5. Such absence must not be recorded on any transcript or application or employment form or on any similar form; and
6. The Commissioner, with the approval of the State Board of Education, is required to:
  - (a) prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act; and
  - (b) prepare a list of religious holidays on which it shall be mandatory to excuse a student. The list, however, is to be a minimum list. Boards of education, at their discretion, may add other days to the list for the schools of their districts; and

**Whereas**, the New Jersey Department of Education makes every attempt to ensure the accuracy of the dates using the lunar, Gregorian and Julian calendars; and

**Whereas**, the district board of education has the right to add any bona fide religious holiday to the list for its own schools;

**Whereas**, dates within this resolution may not be fixed before the State Board adopts the annual calendar and may require additional revision; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the State Board of Education permits the Commissioner of Education, after annual adoption by the State Board of Education, to revise the dates provided in list of religious holidays; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the State Board of Education adopts the following list of religious holidays for the 2021 - 2022 school year:

## 2021-22 School Year Observances

Revised on March 2, 2022 to reflect addition of the Govinda Dawadashi (Hindu), Meena Sankranthi (Hindu) and Holika Dahan (Hindu) holidays.

### July 2021

Date	Observance
July 9	Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)
July 17-22	Hajj Day (Islam)*
July 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tish'a B'Av (Jewish)</li> <li>Yawm al-Arafa (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*</li> </ul>
July 19	Eid al-Adha (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
July 19-23	Eid al-Adha (Islam)*
July 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist)</li> <li>Guru Purnima</li> </ul>
July 27	Eid-e-Ghadeer (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*

### August 2021

Date	Observance
August 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fast in Honor of the Holy Mother of Lord Jesus (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>Lammas (Christian and Wicca)</li> </ul>
August 6	Transfiguration of the Lord (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
August 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Muharram (Islamic New Year)</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Muharram (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*</li> </ul>
August 9-18	Ashara Mubarak (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
August 12-23	Onam (Hindu)*
August 13	Naga Panchami (Hindu)* <sup>1</sup>
August 13-15	Obon (Buddhist)
August 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic Christian)</li> <li>Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)</li> </ul>
August 18	Yawm Aashura (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
August 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ulambana (Buddhist)</li> <li>Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)*</li> </ul>
August 30	Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)*

<sup>1</sup> \* Disclaimer: New Jersey Department of Education has made every attempt to ensure the accuracy of the dates. The information has been verified through the use of various sources and some dates may vary due to the lunar, Gregorian and Julian calendars.

## September 2021

Date	Observance
September 1	Ecclesiastical Year begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 3-10	Paryushana (Jain)*
September 6-8	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
September 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• His Holiness Sakya Trizin's Birthday (Buddhist)</li> <li>• Feast of Trumpets (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)</li> </ul>
September 8	Nativity of Mary (Christian)
September 10	Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)*
September 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yom Kippur (Jewish)</li> <li>• Day of Atonement (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)</li> </ul>
September 21	Nativity of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
September 21-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sukkot (Jewish)</li> <li>• Feast of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)</li> </ul>
September 21-29	Mabon (Wicca/Pagan)
September 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>• Chehlum Imam Hussain (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*</li> </ul>
September 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)</li> <li>• Sh'mini Atzeret (Jewish)</li> </ul>
September 29	Simchat Torah (Jewish)

## October 2021

Date	Observance
October 7-15	Navaratri (Hindu)*
October 18	Milad an-Nabi (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
October 19	Maulid al-Nabi (Islam)*
October 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth (Sikh)</li> <li>• Birth of B'ab (Bah'i)</li> </ul>
October 22	Urus-Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*

## November 2021

Date	Observance
November 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Saints' Day (Christian)</li> <li>• Samhain-Beltane (Wicca)</li> </ul>
November 1-5	Diwali (Hindu, Jain, Puja, Deepavali and Sikh)*
November 2	All Souls' Day (Christian)

Date	Observance
November 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Saints' Day (Christian)</li> <li>Samhain-Beltane (Wicca)</li> </ul>
November 5	Goverdhan Puja (Hindu)*
November 7	Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
November 9	Milad Imam-uz-Zamaan (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
November 21	The Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
November 24	Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom (Sikh)
November 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Day of Covenant (Baha'i)</li> <li>Milad Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*</li> </ul>
November 27	Ascension of 'Abdul'l Baha (Baha'i)
November 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nativity Fast begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>First Sunday of Advent (Christian)</li> </ul>
November 28-December 6	Hanukkah (Jewish)
November 29	Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikh)

## December 2021

Date	Observance
December 8	Immaculate Conception (Christian)
December 21-22	Yule (Wicca and Christian)
December 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas (Christian)</li> <li>The Nativity of Christ (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> </ul>
December 26	Zarathosht Diso (Zoroastrian)

## January 2022

Date	Observance
January 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gantan-sai (Shinto)</li> <li>Mary, Mother of God - Catholic Christian</li> </ul>
<b>January 3-10</b>	Holy Convocation (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
January 5	Birthday of Guru Gobindh Singh Sahib (Sikh)
January 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feast of Epiphany (Christian)</li> <li>Feast of Theophany (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox)</li> </ul>
January 7	Feast of the Nativity (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
January 10	Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
January 13	Maghi (Sikh)
January 14	Makar Sankranti and Pongal (Hindu)*
January 16	World Religion Day (Baha'i)
January 17	Tu B'shvat (Jewish)

## February 2022

Date	Observance
February 1	Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
February 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>Imbolic-Candlemas (Wicca and Christian)</li> </ul>
February 3 - 12	Midwinter Ceremonies (Native American)
February 5	Vasant Panchami (Hindu)*
February 15	Nirvana Day (Buddhist)
February 16	Ayyam al Beez (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
February 17	Jonah's Passover (Eastern Orthodox Church)
February 20	Urus – Syedna Taher Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
February 26 - March 1	Intercalary Days (Baha'i)
February 28	Yawm al-Mab'ath (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

## March 2022

Date	Observance
March 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shrove Tuesday (Christian)</li> <li>Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)*</li> <li>Lailat al Miraj (Islam)*</li> </ul>
March 2	Ash Wednesday (Christian)
March 7	Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
March 13	L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday (Church of Scientology)
March 14	Govinda Dwadashi (Hindu)*
March 15	Meena Sankranthi (Hindu)*
March 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purim (Jewish)</li> <li>Holika Dahan (Hindu)*</li> </ul>
March 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holi (Hindu)*</li> <li>Hola Mohalla (Sikh)*</li> </ul>
March 19	Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)*
March 20	Ostara (Wicca)
March 21	Naw-Ryz (Baha'i)
March 22	Nowruz (Zoroastrian)
March 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (Christian)</li> </ul>
March 26	Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian)

## April 2022

Date	Observance
April 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Souramana Yugadi (Hindu)*</li> <li>• Chandramana Yugadi(Hindu)*</li> </ul>
April 2 – May 1	Ramadan (Islam)
April 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visakha Puja (Buddhist)</li> <li>• Buddha’s Birthday/Buddha Day-Buddha Day*</li> </ul>
April 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palm Sunday</li> <li>• Ramnavami (Hindu)*</li> </ul>
April 13 - 20	Memorial of the Feast of the Lord’s Passover (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
April 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Thursday (Christian)</li> <li>• Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)*</li> </ul>
April 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Friday (Christian)</li> <li>• Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ)</li> <li>• Lord’s Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah’s Witness)</li> <li>• Passover (United Church of God)</li> </ul>
April 15 - 22	Passover (Jewish)
April 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lazarus Saturday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>• Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)</li> <li>• First Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)</li> </ul>
April 16 - 22	Days of Unleavened Bread (Philadelphia Church of God)
April 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter (Christian)</li> <li>• Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> </ul>
April 18	Easter Monday (Christian)
April 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Day of Ridvan (Baha’i)</li> <li>• Shahadat – Amirul Mumineen (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*</li> </ul>
April 21	Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
April 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>• The Last Friday of the Great Lent (Eastern Orthodox Church)</li> <li>• Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)</li> </ul>
April 23 - 24	Laylatul Qadr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
April 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>• Milad Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*</li> </ul>
April 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 11th Panchen Lama’s Birthday (Buddhist)</li> <li>• Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> </ul>
April 26	Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)*
April 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha’i)</li> <li>• Laylatul Qadr (Islam)*</li> </ul>
April 29	Aakhir Jumo’a (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*

## May 2022

Date	Observance
May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Beltane (Wicca)</li><li>Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)</li></ul>
May 2	Eid al-Fitr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)*
May 3	Eid al Fitr (Islam)*
May 5-6	Yom Ha'Azmaut (Jewish)
May 19	Lag B'Omer (Jewish)
May 24	Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)
May 26	Ascension of Our Lord (Christian)
May 29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

## June 2022

Date	Observance
June 5	Pentecost (Christian)
June 4-6	Shavuot (Jewish)
June 12	Pentecost (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
June 16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)
June 20	Fast of the Holy Apostles (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
June 24	Litha (Wicca)

### E. Religious Holidays Calendar Resolution

- Discussed the resolution pertaining to the annual calendar of religious holidays for the 2022-2023 school year as established at N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3(j), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-14-16.

### F. Standards and Assessments

- Discussed the amendments to N.J.A.C. 6A:8, Standards and Assessments, that set forth the requirements for the Bridge Year Pilot Program, pursuant to P.L. 2020, c.41.

### G. School Ethics Commission

- Discussed the readoption with amendments pertaining to N.J.A.C. 6A:28, School Ethics Commission, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15 and 18A:12-21 et seq.

## New Business

There was no new business.

## Public Testimony

- School District Operations (proposal level notice of substantial change)
- Standards and Assessments (Bridge Year amendments)

## **Adjournment**

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its March 2, 2022, public meeting at 11:18 a.m.

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Angelica Allen-McMillan, Ed.D., Acting Commissioner  
Acting Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education