

**Minutes
State Board Meeting
April 11, 2024**

Present: Kathy Rollins, Vice-Chair; Randy Henderson; Leigh Keener; Adrienne Woods;
Jacob Olivia, ADE Secretary

Zoom: Dr. Sarah Moore, Chair; Lisa Hunter

Absent: Ken Bragg; Jeff Wood; Capri Salaam, 2023 Arkansas Teacher of the Year

The Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) met Thursday, April 11, 2024.
Dr. Sarah Moore called the meeting to order at 9:42 AM, followed by a moment of silence.

Recognitions

III.1. Welcome to Arkansas State University

Dr. Todd Shields, Chancellor, Arkansas State University (ASU) welcomed the State Board of Education (State Board) to ASU.

III.2. Arkansas State University, College of Education

Dr. Mary Jane Bradley, Dean, ASU College of Education shared information about ASU's education programs.

III.3. Resolution Recognizing May 6-10, 2024, as Sun Safety Week in Public Schools

Item III.3. was presented by Secretary Jacob Oliva, Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Secretary.

Miss Natural State Teen, Mallory Stuckey, appeared before the State Board on February 8, 2024, and shared her platform about sun safety. On April 11, 2024, Ms. Stuckey joined the State Board meeting on Zoom, and via resolution, the State Board officially recognized the Month of May as Melanoma Skin Cancer Awareness, and May 6-10, 2024, as Sun Safety Week in Arkansas public schools.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Ms. Adrienne Woods, seconded by Ms. Leigh Keener. The motion unanimously passed.

Changes to Agenda

None

Action Agenda

V.1. District Waiver Requests for 2024-2025 School Start Date

Items V.1.a. – V.1.b. were presented by Ms. Stacy Smith, Deputy Commissioner.

Two school districts, Genoa Central School District and Spring Hill School District, requested waivers of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-106 (a)(1)(A), which requires school districts to begin school on or after the Monday of the week in which August 19 falls and no earlier than August 14, or later than August 26.

V.1.a. Genoa Central School District

A motion to approve the school district waiver request of the 2024-2025 school start date for one year for Genoa Central School District was made by Ms. Leigh Keener, seconded by Ms. Adrienne Woods. The motion unanimously passed.

V.1.b. Spring Hill School District

A motion to approve the school district waiver request of the 2024-2025 school start date for one year for Spring Hill School District was made by Mr. Randy Henderson, seconded by Ms. Leigh Keener. The motion unanimously passed.

V.2. Siloam Springs Waiver Request

Item V.2. was presented by Ms. Stacy Smith, Deputy Commissioner.

Siloam Springs School District requested a waiver for Standard for Accreditation 1-A.5 Class Size.

A motion to approve Siloam Springs' waiver request of Standard for Accreditation 1-A.5 Class Size for the 2023-2024 school year was made by Ms. Adrienne Woods, seconded by Ms. Leigh Keener. The motion unanimously passed.

V.3. Smackover-Norphlet Waiver Request

Item V.3. was presented by Ms. Stacy Smith, Deputy Commissioner.

The Smackover-Norphlet School District requested a waiver of Standard for Accreditation 4-B.2.

Standard for Accreditation 4-B.2 requires that each "Each public school district superintendent shall meet the licensure requirements in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas and the rules of the division unless the public school district has a licensure exception in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas and the rules of the division. (D/C)."

A motion to approve the waiver request of Standard for Accreditation 4-B.2 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year was made by Mr. Randy Henderson, seconded by Ms. Leigh Keener. The motion unanimously passed.

V.4. Request for Final Approval: DESE Rule Governing the Adult Diploma Program (Emergency Rule)

Item V.4. was presented by Mr. Ross White, Director, Division of Career and Technical Education.

The emergency DESE Rule Governing the Adult Diploma Program was presented for final approval.

A motion was made to approve the DESE Rule Governing the Adult Diploma Program (Emergency Rule) was made by Ms. Leigh Keener, seconded by Mr. Randy Henderson. The motion unanimously passed.

V.5. Request to Release DESE Rules for Public Comment

V.5.a. DESE Rule Governing the Adult Diploma Program

Item V.5.a. was presented to the State Board by Mr. Ross White, Director, Division of Career and Technical Education.

The DESE Rule Governing the Adult Diploma Program was presented to the State Board for approval to be released for public comment.

A motion to approve the DESE Rule Governing the Adult Diploma Program for release for public comment was made by Ms. Leigh Keener, seconded by Ms. Adrienne Woods. The motion unanimously passed.

V.5.b. DESE Rule Governing School Transformation Contracts

Item V.5.b. was presented by Ms. Stacy Smith, Deputy Commissioner.

The DESE Rule Governing School Transformation Contracts was presented for approval to be released for public comment.

A motion to approve the DESE Rules Governing School Transformation Contracts for release for public comment was made by Ms. Adrienne Woods, seconded by Mr. Randy Henderson. The motion unanimously passed.

New Business

None

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes – State Board (Regular Meeting) 03-14-2024
2. Report on Waivers to School Districts for Teachers Teaching Out of Area for Longer than Sixty (60) Days, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-309
3. Arkansas Better Chance (ABC) Reallocation of FY24 Slots
4. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case 23-141 Terry Farmer
5. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case 24-058 Dr. Dorothy Walker (Derico)
6. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case 24-131 Richard Clevenger
7. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case 24-086 Asia Rogers
8. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case 24-090 Maggie Draper
9. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case 24-096 Grant Collins
10. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case 24-093 Tanna Wierman
11. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case 24-120 Madison Harwell
12. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case 24-092 Lydia Brooks
13. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case 24-158 Justin Thomasson
14. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case 24-115 Carson Moore

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Randy Henderson, seconded by Ms. Leigh Keener. The motion unanimously passed.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

The State Board meeting was adjourned by Ms. Kathy Rollins, Vice-Chair at 11:25 AM.

Minutes recorded by Angela Scaife.

Jacob Oliva, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Education

Ms. Kathy Rollins, Vice-Chair
State Board of Education