

**Meeting Minutes**

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May 24, 2021 Regular Board Meeting**05/24/2021 10:00 AM**

Virtual Meeting

Arizona State Board of Education**Agenda****NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona State Board of Education, and to the general public, that the Board will hold a meeting, open to the public, on **Monday, May 24, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.**

The **Monday, May 24, 2021** State Board of Education meeting will be held virtually.

A copy of the agenda for the meeting is attached. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings. One or more members of the Board may participate telephonically.

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Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 (H), the Board may discuss and take action concerning any matter listed on the agenda.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (2), the Board may vote to convene in executive session, which will not be open to the public, for discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3), the Board may vote to convene in executive session, which will not be open to the public, for discussion or consultation for legal advice concerning any item on this agenda.

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- When the meeting starts, you will see a “live” video. If you do not see this, and the meeting’s start time has passed, you may need to hit the refresh button on your browser

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Written Comment:

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- fax to (602) 542-3046
- USPS to 1700 W. Washington St., Executive Tower, Suite 300, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

The deadline to submit a written comment will be Friday, May 21, 2021 at 12:00 PM.

Written comments received after the deadline will not be posted and will not be provided to members.

Written comments will not be read into the record, however, staff will post all written comments received by the deadline on the Board's agenda by **Friday, May 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM.**

Verbal Comment:

Individuals must register to submit a verbal comment at the meeting. Please use the link below to register.

The deadline to register for a verbal comment will be Friday, May 21, 2021 at 12:00 PM.

By registering, you are submitting a request to speak form and Board staff will call on you to speak during the appropriate public comment agenda item.

Individuals who register after the noon deadline on **Friday, May 21, 2021** will not be provided the opportunity to give verbal public comment at the meeting.

Please review the Board’s agenda to determine at which public comment agenda item (#2, #4, #6, #8) you will be called. The name in which you register **MUST** match the name on the account when signing into the meeting to speak. Prior to the meeting, you may need to download the Zoom application to your device and create an account to ensure name matching. Board staff will only call speakers once and then will move on to the next speaker. If you miss your turn, Board staff will attempt again at the end of the list. The order in which names are called will be in the order in which the registrations are received.

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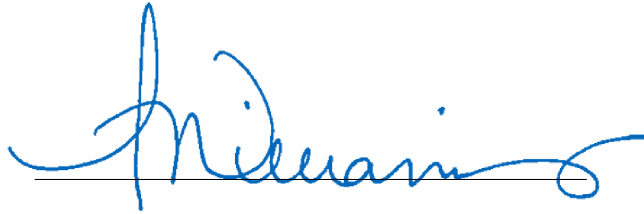
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DATED AND POSTED this 13th day of May 2021.

Arizona State Board of Education

By:



Alicia Williams

Executive Director

(602) 542-5057

10:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Attendees

Voting Members

Calvin Baker, Board Member

Dr. Daniel Corr, Vice President

Patricia Welborn, Board Member

Christine Burton, Board Member

Michele Kaye, Board Member

Janice Mak, Board Member

Lucas Narducci, President

Kathy Hoffman, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Armando Ruiz, Board Member

1. BUSINESS REPORTS

A. President's Report

Dr. Corr informed the Board that there were no updates to report.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. General Arizona Department of Education Updates

Superintendent Hoffman congratulated all 2021 graduates and thanked teachers, staff, students, and community members who supported and guided students during this year. She informed the Board that with the help of teachers, families, and students schools were able to successfully and safely administer Statewide assessments.

2. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Funding

Superintendent Hoffman provided updates regarding Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Funding.

3. Ready for School Task Force

Superintendent Hoffman provided updates regarding the Ready for School Task Force.

C. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Williams did not have any updates to report.

2. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Executive Director Williams informed the Board that two written comments were received and were included in Board material.

Deborah Stephan, representing herself, submitted a Call to the Public Request to Speak Form and addressed the Board.

Mayci Vannasap, representing OCA – Greater Phoenix Chapter, submitted a Call to the Public Request to Speak Form and addressed the Board.

Yvonne So, representing OCA – Greater Phoenix Chapter, submitted a Call to the Public Request to Speak Form and addressed the Board.

Jalyn Gerlich, representing Navajo County, submitted a Call to the Public Request to Speak Form and addressed the Board.

Kari Lopez, representing herself, submitted a Call to the Public Request to Speak Form and addressed the Board.

Astria Wong, representing OCA – Greater Phoenix Chapter, submitted a Call to the Public Request to Speak Form and addressed the Board.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve 3A through 3J and 3L through 3P.

Superintendent Hoffman made comments highlighting agenda item 3D

Motion passed 9-0

Motion made by: Christine Burton

Motion seconded by: Michele Kaye

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Yes

Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes

Patricia Welborn - Yes

Christine Burton - Yes

Michele Kaye - Yes

Janice Mak - Yes

Lucas Narducci - Yes

Kathy Hoffman - Yes

Armando Ruiz - Yes

- A. Approval of the addition of degrees to the degree matrix to meet the Subject Matter Expert certificate degree requirement and subject knowledge exam waiver
- B. Approval of Additional Allocations to Expand Adult Education Services for FY 2021-2022
- C. Approval of additional monies for teacher compensation for initial requesting districts
- D. Approval of the Washington Elementary School District's Classroom-Based Special Education Educator Preparation Program application
- E. Approval of the Arizona State University MA Elementary Education educator preparation program leading to educator certification
- F. Approval of the Arizona State University MA Secondary educator preparation program leading to educator certification
- G. Approval of the Arizona State University Elementary/Special Education Dual Certificate educator preparation program leading to educator certification
- H. Approval of Structured English Immersion (SEI) Endorsement Coursework
- I. Approval of the expenditure of Child Nutrition Program Emergency Funds for disbursement to National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) operators
- J. UPDATED - Approval of Payson Unified School District's participation in the accounting responsibility program, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-914.01 - UPDATED
- K. UPATED - Approval of Blue Ridge Unified School District's participation in the accounting responsibility program, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-914.01 - UPDATED

Dr. Corr made a motion to table this item until the June Board meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

Motion made by: Calvin Baker

Motion seconded by: Christine Burton

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Yes
 Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes
 Patricia Welborn - Yes
 Christine Burton - Yes
 Michele Kaye - Yes
 Janice Mak - Yes
 Lucas Narducci - Yes
 Kathy Hoffman - Yes
 Armando Ruiz - Yes

- L. Receipt of notice to the State Board of Education on the process to update the approved test list for the identification of gifted students in Arizona
- M. Approval of the hearing officer's recommendations to approve the appeal for certification for reasons that do not involve immoral or unprofessional conduct for Deborah Stephan, 2021 - 003
- N. UPDATED - Approval of Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) applications - UPDATED
- O. Approval of an appointment to the WestEd Board of Directors
- P. UPDATED - Approval of appointments to the Professional Practices Advisory Committee (PPAC) in the position of elementary teacher and lay member: parent - UPDATED

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Executive Director Williams informed the Board that two written comments were received and were included in Board material.

Eslly Montenegro, representing American Federation for Children, submitted a Call to the Public Request to Speak Form and addressed the Board.

Rebekah Cross, representing herself, submitted a Call to the Public Request to Speak Form and addressed the Board.

Janine Blair, representing herself, submitted a Call to the Public Request to Speak Form but did not address the Board.

5. GENERAL SESSION

- A. UPDATED - Presentation and discussion on the administrative process for Empowerment Scholarship Account referral for collections and fraud - UPDATED

Kate Wright, representing the Arizona Department of Education, presented information to the Board.

Board Members held discussions around this item.

1. Approval to refer cases to the Attorney General's Office of Collections

It is recommended the Board refer the attached cases to the Attorney General's Office of Collections.

Motion passed 9-0

Motion made by: Calvin Baker

Motion seconded by: Janice Mak

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Yes
 Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes
 Patricia Welborn - Yes
 Christine Burton - Yes
 Michele Kaye - Yes
 Janice Mak - Yes
 Lucas Narducci - Yes
 Kathy Hoffman - Yes
 Armando Ruiz - Yes

2. Approval to refer Case Number: 001F to the Attorney General's Office for Criminal Investigation

It is recommended the Board refer Case Number: 001F to the Attorney General's Office for criminal investigation

Motion passed 9-0.

Motion made by: Calvin Baker

Motion seconded by: Patricia Welborn

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Yes
 Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes
 Patricia Welborn - Yes
 Christine Burton - Yes
 Michele Kaye - Yes
 Janice Mak - Yes
 Lucas Narducci - Yes
 Kathy Hoffman - Yes
 Armando Ruiz - Yes

- B. Presentation and discussion of the Empowerment Scholarship Account Quarter 3 Report

Whitney Marsh, representing the Arizona Department of Education, provided information to the Board.

Board Members held discussions around this item.

- C. Presentation, discussion and possible action to open rulemaking procedures on A.A.C. R7-2-303, Sex Education

It is recommended the Board open rulemaking procedures on R7-2-303, Sex Education

Motion passed 9-0.

Motion made by: Patricia Welborn

Motion seconded by: Michele Kaye

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Yes
 Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes
 Patricia Welborn - Yes
 Christine Burton - Yes
 Michele Kaye - Yes
 Janice Mak - Yes
 Lucas Narducci - Yes

Kathy Hoffman - Yes
Armando Ruiz - Yes

- D. Presentation, discussion and possible action to open rulemaking on A.A.C. R7-2-205, R7-2-607, Article 7, and Article 13, relating to Educator Discipline

It is recommended the Board open rulemaking procedures on A.A.C. R7-2-205, R7-2-607, Article 7, and Article 13, relating to Educator Discipline

Motion passed 9-0.

Motion made by: Christine Burton

Motion seconded by: Patricia Welborn

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Yes
Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes
Patricia Welborn - Yes
Christine Burton - Yes
Michele Kaye - Yes
Janice Mak - Yes
Lucas Narducci - Yes
Kathy Hoffman - Yes
Armando Ruiz - Yes

- E. Presentation, discussion and possible action to open rulemaking procedures on A.A.C. R7-2-317, State Seal of Biliteracy

It is recommended the Board open rulemaking procedures on A.A.C. R7-2-312, State Seal of Biliteracy.

Motion passed 9-0.

Motion made by: Patricia Welborn

Motion seconded by: Lucas Narducci

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Yes
Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes
Patricia Welborn - Yes
Christine Burton - Yes
Michele Kaye - Yes
Janice Mak - Yes
Lucas Narducci - Yes
Kathy Hoffman - Yes
Armando Ruiz - Yes

- F. Presentation, discussion and possible action to open rulemaking procedures on A.A.C. R7-2-809, Emergency Administration of Auto-Injectable Epinephrine and A.A.C. R7-2-810 Emergency Administration of Inhalers

It is recommended the Board open rulemaking procedures on R7-2-809, Emergency Administration of Auto-Injectable Epinephrine and R7-2-810, Emergency Administration of Inhalers

Motion passed 9-0.

Motion made by: Christine Burton

Motion seconded by: Michele Kaye

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Yes
 Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes
 Patricia Welborn - Yes
 Christine Burton - Yes
 Michele Kaye - Yes
 Janice Mak - Yes
 Lucas Narducci - Yes
 Kathy Hoffman - Yes
 Armando Ruiz - Yes

- G. UPDATED - Presentation and discussion regarding legislative affairs including recommended implementation steps of enacted legislation. The Board may take action to support, oppose or remain neutral on specific legislative proposals - UPDATED

Deputy Director Baden presented information to the Board.

6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No Request to Speak forms were submitted.

7. CONSENT AGENDA - CERTIFICATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

A motion was made to approve 7A1 through 7A8.

Motion passed 9-0.

Motion made by: Calvin Baker

Motion seconded by: Michele Kaye

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Yes
 Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes
 Patricia Welborn - Yes
 Christine Burton - Yes
 Michele Kaye - Yes
 Janice Mak - Yes
 Lucas Narducci - Yes
 Kathy Hoffman - Yes
 Armando Ruiz - Yes

- A. Approval of the voluntary surrender of the educator certificates held by:

1. Gregory Contreras, Case no. C-2021-000243
 - a. Gregory Contreras, Case no. C-2021-000243 - Supporting Documents
2. Josey Eslick, Case no. C-2020-002685
 - a. Josey Eslick, Case no. C-2020-002685 - Supporting Documents
3. Shamaine Jenkins, Case no. C-2020-002321
 - a. Shamaine Jenkins, Case no. C-2020-002321 - Supporting Documents
4. Karen Mitchell, Case no. C-2020-001208
 - a. Karen Mitchell, Case no. C-2020-001208 - Supporting Documents

5. Aude Odeh, Case no. C-2021-000708
 - a. Aude Odeh, Case no. C-2021-000708 - Supporting Documents
6. Robert Purington, Case no. C-2021-000457
 - a. Robert Purington, Case no. C-2021-000457 - Supporting Documents
7. Thomas Seronko, Case no. C-2019-000196
 - a. Thomas Seronko, Case no. C-2019-000196 - Supporting Documents
8. Garrett Wilkes, Case no. C-2021-000590
 - a. Garrett Wilkes, Case no. C-2021-000590 - Supporting Documents

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No Request to Speak forms were submitted.

9. GENERAL SESSION - CERTIFICATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

- A. Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the Negotiated Settlement Agreements for:

A motion was made to approve 9A1 through 9A4.

Motion passed 9-0.

Motion made by: Calvin Baker

Motion seconded by: Michele Kaye

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Yes

Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes

Patricia Welborn - Yes

Christine Burton - Yes

Michele Kaye - Yes

Janice Mak - Yes

Lucas Narducci - Yes

Kathy Hoffman - Yes

Armando Ruiz - Yes

1. Elizabeth Simchak Buchanan, Case no. C-2019-460 & C-2020-000456R
 - a. Elizabeth Simchak Buchanan, Case no. C-2019-460 & C-2020-000456R - Supporting Documents
2. Kevin Raso, Case no. C-2020-000384
 - a. Kevin Raso, Case no. C-2020-000384 - Supporting Documents
3. Phillip Redd, Case no. C-2020-001176
 - a. Phillip Redd, Case no. C-2020-001176 - Supporting Documents
4. Eliseo Garcia Jr., Case no. C-2020-002328

a. Eliseo Garcia Jr., Case no. C-2020-002328 - Supporting Documents

- B. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to suspend the certificates of Crystal Dawn Gillham, Case no. C-2019-000776, for a period of one year

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommendation of the PPAC to suspend any and all teaching certificate(s) held by Crystal Dawn Gillham, for a period of one year, with the condition of successful completion of a course in ethics, and that all states and territories be so notified.

Motion passed 9-0

Motion made by: Lucas Narducci

Motion seconded by: Calvin Baker

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Yes

Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes

Patricia Welborn - Yes

Christine Burton - Yes

Michele Kaye - Yes

Janice Mak - Yes

Lucas Narducci - Yes

Kathy Hoffman - Yes

Armando Ruiz - Yes

1. Crystal Dawn Gillham, Case no. C-2019-000776 - Supporting Documents

- C. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to revoke the certificates of Jason Guertin, Case no. C-2020-000930, for a period of five years

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommendation of the PPAC to revoke any and all teaching certificate(s) held by Jason Guertin, for a period of five years, and that all states and territories be so notified.

Motion passed 9-0

Motion made by: Patricia Welborn

Motion seconded by: Michele Kaye

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Yes

Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes

Patricia Welborn - Yes

Christine Burton - Yes

Michele Kaye - Yes

Janice Mak - Yes

Lucas Narducci - Yes

Kathy Hoffman - Yes

Armando Ruiz - Yes

1. Jason Guertin, Case no. C-2020-000930 - Supporting Documents

- D. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to suspend the

certificates of Scott Nettles, Case no. C-2019-000496, for a period of eighteen months

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommendation of the PPAC to suspend any and all teaching certificate(s) held by Scott Nettles, for a period of eighteen months, with the condition of successful completion of a classroom management course, and that all states and territories be so notified.

Motion passed 9-0

Motion made by: Lucas Narducci

Motion seconded by: Armando Ruiz

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Recuse

Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes

Patricia Welborn - Yes

Christine Burton - Yes

Michele Kaye - Yes

Janice Mak - Yes

Lucas Narducci - Yes

Kathy Hoffman - Yes

Armando Ruiz - Yes

1. Scott Nettles, Case no. C-2019-000496 - Supporting Documents

- E. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to suspend the certificates of Nicholas Ross, Case no. C-2020-000710, for a period of one year

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommendation of the PPAC to suspend any and all teaching certificate(s) held by Nicholas Ross, for a period of one year, with the condition of successful completion of a one-year alcohol treatment program, and that all states and territories be so notified.

Motion passed 9-0

Motion made by: Calvin Baker

Motion seconded by: Michele Kaye

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Yes

Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes

Patricia Welborn - Yes

Christine Burton - Yes

Michele Kaye - Yes

Janice Mak - Yes

Lucas Narducci - Yes

Kathy Hoffman - Yes

Armando Ruiz - Yes

1. Nicholas Ross, Case no. C-2020-000710 - Supporting Documents

- F. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to issue a letter of censure on the certificates of James Simmons, Case no. C-2020-000072

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the Recommendation of the PPAC to issue a letter of censure on any and all

teaching certificate(s) held by James Simmons, and that all states and territories be so notified.

Motion passed 9-0

Motion made by: Patricia Welborn

Motion seconded by: Armando Ruiz

Voting:

Calvin Baker - Yes

Dr. Daniel Corr - Yes

Patricia Welborn - Yes

Christine Burton - Yes

Michele Kaye - Yes

Janice Mak - Yes

Lucas Narducci - Yes

Kathy Hoffman - Yes

Armando Ruiz - Yes

1. James Simmons, Case no. C-2020-000072 - Supporting Documents

10. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, FUTURE MEETING DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Member Baker and Member Welborn provided comments regarding accountability.

Member Welborn requested that a topic at one of the upcoming mini-meetings relates to evidence based methodologies for accelerated learning and other strategic topics.

Executive Director Williams informed the Board that it is more than likely that the Board retreat will be canceled this year.

Vice President Corr congratulated all graduates across the state.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.