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**December 9, 2022**

Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's December 9<sup>th</sup> [meeting](#). Recordings of prior meetings are on [YouTube](#).

### **A-F Accountability Appeals**

The Board took action on 59 A-F Appeals filed by schools; finalizing the 2021-2022 A-F Letter Grades. More information on the current year A-F letter grades, letter grade model, and appeal policies and procedures can be found [here](#).

Schools could file an appeal due to environmental issues or events, adverse testing conditions, school or community emergencies, school tragedies, other similar substantive events, or incorrect data. A Committee made up of three Board members, reviewed every appeal and made recommendations based on the Board-adopted Rubric and Policies and Procedures. ADE and Board staff provided technical assistance to the Committee.

### **Open Enrollment/School Choice Content**

The Board is tasked with designing a public awareness effort each January that directs the public to informational resources on school choice options throughout the state.

The Board discussed the Open Enrollment/School Choice content and approved it for publication and distribution with the addition of clarifications addressed during the meeting.

### **Rulemaking Update**

The Board took action to close rulemaking procedures related to Educator Certification, Certification Fees, and Minimum Course of Study and Competency Requirements for Graduation from High School. The rules may be reviewed [here](#). Below is a summary of action the Board took on rules at the December 9, 2022 Meeting.

- ***Educator Certification:*** The Board adopted submitted drafts for R7-2-604, R7-2-607, R7-2-610.02, and R7-2-616 that are the same as the drafts presented to the Board at the September 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The Board also adopted R7-2-619 as updated pursuant to public comment that allows individuals to renew a certificate up to 10 years after expiration.
- ***Certification Fees:*** The Board adopted R7-2-618, waiving state licensing fees for the spouses of active duty service members and service members who were honorably discharged in the last two years.
- ***Minimum Course Study and Competency Requirements:*** The Board adopted R7-2-302, increases the minimum score required on the civics test to graduate from 60% to 70% beginning with the graduating class of 2025.

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### **Legislative Priorities**

The Board took action to approve the list of 2023 Legislative Priorities. These priorities include supporting the Aggregate Expenditure Limit, early literacy and clarifying changes to the Board's oversight of non-certificated educators as it relates to the Educator Identification Number (EIN) and experience in an Arizona classroom/school.

### **Executive Director Transition Plan and Selection of the New Executive Director**

The Board reviewed the Executive Director Transition Plan as it currently stands with the understanding that it will continue to be updated as Executive Director Williams prepares for her departure.

The Board took action in executive session to select the new Executive Director, and welcomed Sean Ross as the new Executive Director in open session.

### **Certification Enforcement Actions**

The Board took action to approve the voluntary surrender of the educator certificates held by 10 individuals, approve the revocation of any and all educator certificates held by 1 individual, and approve the summary suspension of any and all educator certificates held by 1 individual.

The Board took action to approve the Negotiated Settlement Agreements for 4 individuals, adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee.

- Granted 1 individual's application for certification
- Revoked the teaching certificate of 1 individual
- Denied the application, prohibited reapplication, and revoked the certificate of 1 individual
- Issued a letter of censure to 1 individual

The Board also took action to deny the Request for Review of two individuals.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2023.

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