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Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's March 20th [meeting](#). Recordings of prior meetings are on [YouTube](#).

The Board received a presentation from representatives at the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) on Arizona's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Initiatives. The Board also received presentations from Board staff on the Board's Educator Discipline Process and the development of an Arizona Portrait of a Graduate.

Update to Public Comment Process

Starting with the April 2023 meeting, the deadline for written public comments is being moved from noon on the Friday prior to the Board meeting to noon on the Thursday prior to Board meeting. This change is being made in order to allow time for Board staff to redact comments appropriately. As always, any written public comments received after the deadline will be added to the next Board meeting's materials.

Consent Agenda Items

The Board took action to approve items on the consent agenda. Item 3. C. was pulled for Board discussion prior to being approved.

Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) Handbook

The Board received written and verbal public comment from numerous individuals related to the Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) Program and the Fiscal Year 2024 ESA Handbook. The Board voted to reject the draft of the Fiscal Year 2024 ESA Handbook presented by the Arizona Department of Education.

Certification Actions

The Board took action to approve the voluntary surrender of educator certificates and approve the revocation of relevant educator certificates pursuant to A.A.C. R7-2-1307(A). Additionally, the Board approved the negotiated settlement agreements of relevant educators, adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee (PPAC) to revoke the certificates of relevant educators, and adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the PPAC to issue a letter of censure to an educator.

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Educator Discipline Lookup

Prior to hiring both certified and non-certified educators, schools are required to check the Arizona Department of Education's (ADE) public-facing and internal systems for possible discipline or open investigations for immoral or unprofessional conduct.

To assist schools, the Board is providing a list of many of the educators who were disciplined at the most recent meeting. Please note that this information is only a snapshot of most educators who were disciplined at the most recent Board meeting and does not, in and of itself, satisfy the requirement for schools to check ADE's systems described above prior to hiring. Because educators have the right to appeal their disciplinary action, there may be an approximately 30-day lag in reporting some disciplinary action. To view the list please use this link:

<https://c0abe837.caspio.com/dp/5a506000251753529c6846539a08>.

Meeting Schedule

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 24th, 2023 at 9 am. The Board will hold a special meeting on the FY24 Empowerment Scholarship Account Handbook Feedback on March 30th, 2023 at 9 am. Moving forward, the Board expects to schedule meetings to begin at 9 am.

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