

Arizona State Board of Education

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Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's February 24th meeting. Recordings of these meetings are available on <u>YouTube</u>.

The Board recognized Eliza McCall, a 7th grade student at Marley Park Elementary and Samson Harney, a 5th grade student at Rice Intermediate School as the February 2025 Students of the Month.

Consent Agenda Items

The Board voted to approve items on the consent agenda.

Still Missing Too Much School Chronic Absenteeism Study

The Board received a presentation from Dr. Paul Perrault, Senior Vice President of Community Impact and Learning at the Helios Education Foundation, and Dr. Lenay Dunn, Senior Research Director at WestEd, on their statewide study of K-8 chronic absence in Arizona. The study looked at trends in student absences, chronic absence rates by student group and grade level, and compared chronic absence before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Algebra II Standards for Revision

The Board received a presentation from Eboney McKinney, Director of Mathematics and Education Technology at the Arizona Department of Education, on the recommendation of the Arizona Mathematics Collaborative's to open Arizona's Algebra II Standards for revision. The Board voted to open the Arizona Algebra II Standards for revision.

Move on When Reading Annual Report

The Board received a presentation from Tianna Sanchez and Linda Burrows from the Arizona Department of Education, giving an overview of the Move On When Reading (MOWR) Annual Report, early literacy initiatives, and early literacy data.

Updates on the Perkins V Plan Development

The Board received a presentation from Trevor Stokes, Vice-President of Career Readiness Initiatives at Pathways to Careers, who provided updates to the Board on the current development of the Perkins V state plan. The plan will be presented for a vote for approval at the April Board meeting.

Rulemaking

The Board voted to close rulemaking procedures for A.A.C. R7-2-615, endorsements.

Legislative Affairs

The Board received a presentation from Board Staff regarding legislative affairs.



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Certification Actions

The Board voted to take all of the following disciplinary actions for relevant educators.

- Approve the voluntary surrender of educator certificates or right to work in an Arizona district or charter school
- Approve the permanent revocation of any and all educator certificates pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550(A)
- Approve the revocation of any and all educator certificates pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-534.04(C)
- Approve the non-issuance and/or revocation of educator certificates pursuant to A.A.C. R7-2-1307(A)
- Approve the summary suspension of any and all certificates pursuant to A.A.C. R7-2-1309(A)
- Approve Negotiated Settlement Agreements
- Adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law and the recommendations of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee related to educators' certificates and the right to work in Arizona district and charter schools

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 March 24th at 9am.