

MINUTES
Standards Recommendation Committee
Conference Call Meeting
August 11, 2015

Present.....9

Dr. Lyle Ailshie
Mr. David Pickler
Ms. Darcie Finch
Dr. Sharen Cypress
Ms. Tracy Franklin
Ms. Amy Gullion
Mr. Doug Hungate
Ms. Cathy Kolb
Ms. Shannon Duncan

Absent.....1

Dr. Shirley Curry

Dr. Sara Heyburn welcomed the group. She asked everyone to introduce themselves and give a little background on themselves.

Dr. Lyle Ailshie stated he is Superintendent of Kingsport City Schools. He has been in this position for the last four years. Before that he was Superintendent of Greenville Schools for 12 years.

Dr. Sharen Cypress is with the College of Education at Freed Hardeman. She is happy to work on this committee.

Ms. Shannon Duncan is an Assistant Principal and working on her doctorate.

Ms. Tracy Franklin is with Loudon County. She is an elementary school principal. She taught 1-8. She has worked with Common Core.

Ms. Amy Gullion is in Rutherford County. She is an elementary instructional coach in Smyrna.

Mr. Douglas Hungate was a math teacher at Cheatham High School.

Ms. Cathy Kolb is a special education resource teacher in the Clarksville/Montgomery County School System.

Mr. David Pickler was on the Shelby County Board of Education for about 12 years. He is now president of a law firm.

Dr. Heyburn thanked everyone for their introductions. She stressed the importance of this work. This is a critical time for us as a state. The Standards Recommendation Committee will look closely at the work

of the Standards Review Committee on replacing current standards. We need to ensure that the standards are high quality.

Ms. Laura Encalade discussed the structure of the Standards Recommendation Committee. She stated that the committee would go into depth at the upcoming meeting on August 15, 2015. We need to ensure that the standards process is very transparent. There was a public website through April 2015 for public feedback. We had over 130,000 review from the public. 50 educators conducted review of the feedback. Recommendations will be presented to the State Board of Education at its January 2015 Meeting. This Standards Recommendation Committee will be meeting throughout the fall. We will use Roberts Rules for the meetings. We will elect a chairperson who should be willing to commit extra time to this committee. They would be the committee person speaking with the media.

Dr. Heyburn asked who just joined the meeting. It was **Ms. Darcie Finch**. **Ms. Finch** introduced herself. She is currently a 5th grade coach. She has served on a review committee on middle school.

Dr. Heyburn called the meeting to order. **Ms. Phyllis Childress** called the roll:

All present except **Dr. Shirley Curry**. **Dr. Heyburn** read some of the Meeting agenda pertaining to the formal meeting - #3 sections d through f.

3. d. Statement of necessity: "Pursuant to statute, the Committee has a limited amount of time to review the standards and provide recommendations to the State Board of Education so that the new standards will be adopted by the State Board of Education and ready to be implemented in Tennessee public schools in the 2017-2018 school year. An organizing meeting was called to allow the Committee to elect a chair and vice-chair prior to transacting business at their first in-person meeting. As members of the Committee reside across the State, it was determined that a physical quorum of the members could not be assembled in Nashville for purposes of this special organizing meeting."
3. e. The first order of business is the election of a chair. Nominations have been received and shared with all members.
3. f. The election of the chair requires a majority of votes of the members entitled. This means in the event of a single candidate not receiving six votes the top two candidates will enter into a runoff. Without objection, we will consider the member receiving the second most votes to be the vice chairman. Is there objection? Hearing none we will proceed in that fashion.

The active nominations are: **Dr. Ailshie**, **Dr. Curry**, **Ms. Finch**, **Ms. Franklin**, **Ms. Kolb**, and **Mr. Pickler**. Each person had 2 minutes to speak.

Dr. Ailshie stated his qualifications for this position and stated he is willing to serve. He can bring a national perspective of issues.

Ms. Encalade asked if **Dr. Curry** had joined the call. (No response)

Ms. Finch thanked everyone for the nomination. She has children in the system and has experience in K-8 education. She will support whoever is nominated and is very excited to work with the group.

Ms. Franklin has worked with the State with the Intervention Program. She is now an administrator in Loudon County, and taught for 15 years in grades 1-8. She is honored to be on this team.

Ms. Kolb is always working with students. In classroom everyday - STEM school.

Mr. Pickler would be honored to serve in the role of chairman. He would have open respectful process – everyone engaged. He has served as National School Board chairman. He would go out and advocate message to implement the work of the group.

In Dr. Curry’s absence, **Ms. Encalade** read her bio to the Committee.

Ms. Encalade read the list of nominees and their title:

Lyle Ailshie – Superintendent of Kingsport City Schools

Shirley Curry –

Darcie Finch – 5th grade coach

Tracy Franklin – Elementary School Principal – Loudon County

Cathy Kolb – special education resource teacher in the Clarksville/Montgomery County School System

David Pickler – President of Law Firm

Ms. Childress called the roll and asked each individual to state who they are voting for Chairman:

Name	Voting For
Lyle Ailshie	David Pickler
Sharen Cypress	David Pickler
Shannon Duncan	Cathy Kolb
Darcie Finch	Cathy Kolb
Tracy Franklin	Lyle Ailshie
Amy Gullion	Lyle Ailshie
Douglas Hungate	David Pickler
Cathy Kolb	Tracy Franklin
David Pickler	David Pickler

Mr. Nathan James stated we need to have a run off since we need 6 votes for a chairman. Currently we have 4 votes for **Mr. Pickler**, 2 votes for **Ms. Kolb**, and 2 votes for **Dr. Ailshie**.

Ms. Childress called roll again:

Name	Voting For
Lyle Ailshie	Lyle Ailshie
Sharen Cypress	David Pickler
Shannon Duncan	Cathy Kolb
Darcie Finch	Cathy Kolb
Tracy Franklin	Lyle Ailshie
Amy Gullion	Lyle Ailshie
Douglas Hungate	David Pickler
Cathy Kolb	Lyle Ailshie
David Pickler	Lyle Ailshie

Mr. James states that there is still not the majority of votes needed to name a chairman. **Ms. Childress** called roll again:

Name	Voting For
Lyle Ailshie	Lyle Ailshie
Sharen Cypress	David Pickler
Shannon Duncan	David Pickler
Darcie Finch	Lyle Ailshie
Tracy Franklin	Lyle Ailshie
Amy Gullion	Lyle Ailshie
Douglas Hungate	Lyle Ailshie
Cathy Kolb	Lyle Ailshie
David Pickler	Lyle Ailshie

Mr. James announced that we have a final vote. **Dr. Ailshie** will be Chairman and **Mr. Pickler** will be Vice-Chairman. **Dr. Heyburn** turned the meeting over to **Dr. Ailshie**.

Dr. Ailshie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Ms. Gullion** seconded the motion.

Ms. Encalade did a wrap-up of logistics for the upcoming meeting. The Orientation Meeting will be August 14-15, 2015 at the Inn at Opryland in Nashville. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. **Ms. Encalade** will receive the hotel confirmation later this week.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will make a recommendation for future meeting dates at the meeting this weekend.

Dr. Heyburn asked if anyone had questions. **Dr. Ailshie** thanked everyone for their vote and stated he would need everyone's assistance. **Dr. Heyburn** restated what important work this group will be responsible for and that she trusts the leadership of the group and looks forward to seeing everyone this weekend.