



MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Conference Call Meeting
September 21, 2018
2:00 P.M. (CDT)

Note: These minutes correspond to the audio recording. Each item has a minute counter assigned to the subject location on the recording.

Attendance (roll call)

Member	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	X	
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	X	
Mr. Bob Eby		X-Excused
Mr. Mike Edwards	X	
Mr. Gordon Ferguson-Vice Chairman	X	
Ms. Elissa Kim	X	
Ms. Wendy Tucker	X	
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove-Chairman	X	

Welcome & Introductions

I. Statement of Necessity (07:21-08:30)

Presented by Ms. Amy Owen, Director of Policy and Research with the Tennessee State Board of Education.

II. Consent Items

A. Adoption of Agenda Chairman Hartgrove called for a roll call vote

Item/Rule: Adoption of Agenda			
Motion: Ms. Kim			
Second: Mr. Darnell			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	X		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	X		
Mr. Mike Edwards	X		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson-Vice Chair	X		
Ms. Elissa Kim	X		
Ms. Wendy Tucker	X		

Ms. Lillian Hartgrove-Chairman	X		
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III. Action Items (Final Reading)

A. State Identified Priority Schools (09:54-18:29)

This was the first and final reading of the state’s 2018 Priority schools. The item was presented by Mr. Evan Kramer, Executive Director, Data and Research with the Tennessee Department of Education. The item was adopted by a roll call vote.

Item/Rule: 2018 State Identified priority schools			
Motion: Mr. Ferguson Second: Ms. Tucker			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	X		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	X		
Mr. Mike Edwards	X		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson-Vice Chair	X		
Ms. Elissa Kim	X		
Ms. Wendy Tucker	X		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove-Chairman	X		

B. State Identified Reward Schools (18:29-23:09)

This was the first and final reading of the state’s 2018 Reward schools. The item was presented by Evan Kramer. The item was adopted by a roll call vote.

Item/Rule: 2018 Reward Schools			
Motion: Ms. Tucker Second: Mr. Darnell			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	X		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	X		
Mr. Mike Edwards	X		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson-Vice Chair	X		
Ms. Elissa Kim	X		
Ms. Wendy Tucker	X		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove-Chairman	X		

C. Districts Identified as in Need of Improvement (23:09-26:44)

This was the first and final reading of the state’s 2018 districts in Need of Improvement. The item was presented by Mr. Evan Kramer. The item was adopted by a roll call vote.

Item/Rule: Districts in need of improvement			
Motion: Mr. Ferguson Second: Mr. Edwards			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	X		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	X		
Mr. Mike Edwards	X		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson-Vice Chair	X		
Ms. Elissa Kim	X		
Ms. Wendy Tucker	X		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove-Chairman	X		

D. Districts Identified as Exemplary (26:44-31:06)

This was the first and final reading of the state’s 2018 Exemplary districts. The item was presented by Mr. Evan Kramer. The item was adopted by a roll call vote.

Item/Rule: 2018 Exemplary Districts			
Motion: Mr. Edwards Second: Ms. Kim			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	X		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	X		
Mr. Mike Edwards	X		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson-Vice Chair	X		
Ms. Elissa Kim	X		
Ms. Wendy Tucker	X		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove-Chairman	X		

E. Board Members Policy 1.200 (31:06-33:29)

This was the final reading of this item to update the policy to reflect legislative and procedural changes. There have been no changes since the first reading. This item was presented by Mr. Nathan James, Director of Legislative and External Affairs with the State Board of Education. The item was adopted by a roll call vote.

Item/Rule: Board Members Policy			
Motion: Mr. Edwards Second: Mr. Darnell			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	X		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	X		
Mr. Mike Edwards	X		

Mr. Gordon Ferguson-Vice Chair	X		
Ms. Elissa Kim	X		
Ms. Wendy Tucker	X		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove-Chairman	X		

F. Board Meetings Policy 1.400 (33:29-35:48)

This was the final reading of the item to update Board meeting policy in accordance with recent legislation. There have been changes since the first reading. This item was presented by Mr. Nathan James. The item was adopted by a roll call vote.

Item/Rule: Board Meeting Policy			
Motion: Mr. Edwards			
Second: Mr. Ferguson			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	X		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	X		
Mr. Mike Edwards	X		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson-Vice Chair	X		
Ms. Elissa Kim	X		
Ms. Wendy Tucker	X		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove-Chairman	X		

G. Uniform Grading Policy 3.301 (35:48-41:07)

This was the final reading of the item to remove the requirement that students sit for the aligned exams for early postsecondary courses in order to receive an additional quality point on a local grading policy. There have been changes since the first reading. The item was presented by Ms. Amy Owen. The item was adopted by a roll call vote.

Item/Rule: Uniform Grading Policy			
Motion: Mr. Cobbins			
Second: Ms. Kim			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	X		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	X		
Mr. Mike Edwards	X		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson-Vice Chair	X		
Ms. Elissa Kim	X		
Ms. Wendy Tucker	X		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove-Chairman	X		

H. Basic Education Program (BEP) Allocations for Fiscal Year 2018-19 (41:05-42:58)

This was the first and final reading of BEP allocations for Fiscal Year 2018-19. The item was presented by Ms. Elizabeth Fiveash, Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Legislation with the State Department of Education. The item was adopted by a roll call vote.

Item/Rule: BEP allocations 2018-2019			
Motion: Mr. Ferguson Second: Mr. Edwards			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	X		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	X		
Mr. Mike Edwards	X		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson-Vice Chair	X		
Ms. Elissa Kim	X		
Ms. Wendy Tucker	X		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove-Chairman	X		

I. Charter Schools Annual Authorizer Fee, Rule 0520-14-01-.05 (42:58-46:16)

This was the final reading of the item to align authorizer fee practices to the 2017 High Quality Charter Schools Act. Since first reading, changes have been made based on feedback received from charter school authorizers and charter school operators. The item was presented by Ms. Marcy Tidwell, Director of School Choice with the State Department of Education. The item was adopted by a roll call vote.

Item/Rule: Charter Schools Annual Authorizer Fee			
Motion: Ms. Tucker Second: Mr. Darnell			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	X		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	X		
Mr. Mike Edwards	X		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson-Vice Chair	X		
Ms. Elissa Kim	X		
Ms. Wendy Tucker	X		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove-Chairman	X		

J. Minimum Requirements for the Approval of Public Schools, Rule 0520-01-03 (46:16-57:30)

This is the final reading to update the rule to align with legislation passed during the 2018 legislative session and to make additional minor clarifications. Since first reading, the required English III and Chemistry end-of-course exams have been eliminated per the recommendation of

the Assessment Task Force. The item was presented by Ms. Elizabeth Fiveash. The item was adopted by a roll call vote.

Item/Rule: Minimum Requirements for the Approval of Public Schools			
Motion: Mr. Darnell Second: Mr. Cobbins			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	X		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	X		
Mr. Mike Edwards		X	
Mr. Gordon Ferguson-Vice Chair	X		
Ms. Elissa Kim	X		
Ms. Wendy Tucker	X		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove-Chairman	X		

- IV. Member Questions and Comments (57:30-1:02:34)
- V. Adjournment (1:02:34)

REMAINING MEETING DATES FOR 2018:

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