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Member	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	x	
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	x	
Mr. Bob Eby-Vice Chairman	x	
Mr. Mike Edwards	x	
Mr. Gordon Ferguson	x	
Mr. Larry Jensen	x	
Ms. Elissa Kim	x	
Mr. Mike Krause	x	
Mr. Nate Morrow	x	
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove-Chairman	x	

Welcome & Introductions

Chairman Lillian Hartgrove

(05:28-09:51)

I. Consent Items

Chairman Lillian Hartgrove

- A. Adoption of Agenda (09:51-0:10:59)
- B. Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2019 Meeting; December 17, 2019 Educator Preparation & Licensure Subcommittee Conference Call Meeting; January 6, 2020 SBE Conference Call Meeting; and January 22, 2020 Testing & Accountability Subcommittee Meeting.
- C. BEP Review Committee appointments, list of proposed 2020 BEP Committee members. Mr. Eby made the motion to approve the Consent items and Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the item by voice vote.

II. Report Items (0:10:59-1:05:49)

- A. 2019 Blue Ribbon Schools Recognition
Report on the 2019 Blue Ribbon Schools. Dr. Eve Carney, Chief of Districts and Schools for the Tennessee Department of Education presented the item.
- B. 2019 National ESEA Distinguished Schools Recognition
Report on the 2019 National ESEA Distinguished Schools. Dr. Eve Carney presented the item.
- C. Career and Technical Education Plan
Report on the State's federal plan for the Carl D. Perkins Act. Mr. Steve Playl, Senior Director, College and Career Experiences for the Tennessee Department of Education presented the item.

III. Action Items (First Reading)

- A. Charter School Governing Board Training Policy 6.112 (1:0:5:49-1:07:43)
This was the first reading of the item to create Policy 6.112, which will contain a list of the approved charter school governing board training courses. Ms. Ali Gaffey, Deputy Director of Charter Schools for the State Board of Education, presented the item. The motion to approve the item was made by Mr. Edwards and Mr. Cobbins seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of approving the item.
- B. Charter Schools Rule 0520-14-01 (1:07:43-1:09:10)
This was the first reading of the item to align the rule with Public Chapter 219 of the 111th General Assembly. Ms. Ali Gaffey presented the item. The motion to approve the item was made by Mr. Eby and Mr. Morrow seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of approving the item.
- C. Charter School Waiver Request Rule 0520-14-02 (1:09:10-1:10:03)
This was the first reading of the item to align the rule with Public Chapter 219 of the 111th General Assembly. Ms. Ali Gaffey presented the item. The motion to approve the item was made by Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Darnell seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of approving the item.
- D. Educator Licensure Policy 5.502 (1:10:03-1:12:09)
This was the first reading of the item to align the licensure policy with updates to Rule 0520-02-03 Educator Licensure and to remove duplicative information that is already in rule. Ms. Amy Owen, Director of Policy and Research for the State Board of Education, presented the item. Mr. Cobbins made the motion to approve the item and Mr. Eby seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of approving the item.

- E. Employment Standards Rule 0520-02-06 (1:12:09-1:32:42)
 This was the first reading of the item to create the standalone Employment Standards Rule for easier access for school and district personnel rather than including the Employment Standards as a section of Rule 0520-01-02. Ms. Amy Owen presented the item. Mr. Eby made a motion to remove paragraph 1 of section 0520-02-06-.03 and Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the item by voice vote. Mr. Eby made the motion to approve the amended item and Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of approving the item.

IV. Action Items (Final Reading)

- A. Board Meetings Policy 1.400 (1:45:12-1:46:13)
 This was the final reading of the item to update the types of items permitted to be approved on first reading. Changes have been made since first reading. Mr. Nathan James, Director of Legislative and External Affairs for the State Board of Education, and Ms. Catherine Johnson, Policy Coordinator for the State Board of Education, presented the item. Mr. Darnell made the motion to approve the item and Mr. Jensen seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the item by voice vote.
- B. Pupil Transportation Rule 0520-01-05 (2:26:01-2:27:34)
 This was the final reading of the rule to remove certain limitations on commercial advertising in alignment with statutory changes. There have been no changes since first reading. Mr. Joseph Chilton, Monitoring Coordinator, School Safety and Transportation for the Tennessee Department of Education, presented the item. Mr. Eby made the motion to approve the item and Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the item by roll call vote. *Please note that this item was considered later in the meeting as a result of the presenter's late arrival. The time stamp reflects this change.*

Item/Rule: Pupil Transportation Rule 0520-01-05			
Motion: Mr. Eby			
Second: Mr. Edwards			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	x		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	x		
Mr. Bob Eby - Vice Chairman	x		
Mr. Mike Edwards	x		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson	x		
Mr. Larry Jensen	x		
Ms. Elissa Kim	x		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove - Chairman	x		

- C. Career & Technical Education (CTE) Standards Revisions (1:47:17-1:49:10)
This was the final reading of item to revise standards and propose new courses in several career and technical education fields. State Board staff removed the Personal Finance Standards to solicit further feedback until the May 2020 meeting. Changes have been made to the Pharmacological Sciences Standards since first reading. The other standards have not changed since first reading. Mr. Steve Playl presented the item. Mr. Edwards made the motion to approve the item and Mr. Eby seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the item by voice vote.
- D. Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators Policy 5.105 (1:49:10-1:51:00)
This was the final reading of the item to remove previously required assessments and provide new options for assessments in several World Languages. Changes have been made since first reading. Mr. David Donaldson, Chief of Human Capital for the Tennessee Department of Education, presented the item. Mr. Ferguson made the motion to approve the item and Mr. Morrow seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the item by voice vote.
- E. Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Policy 5.201 (1:51:00-1:54:26)
This was the final reading of the item to propose pathways for the approval of alternate growth measures for pre-K/K portfolios and make several other updates. Changes have been made since first reading. Mr. David Donaldson presented the item. Mr. Eby made the motion to approve the item and Ms. Kim seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the item by voice vote.
- F. Strategic Compensation Policy 5.600 (1:54:26-2:10:33)
This was the final reading of the item to require LEAs to submit vacancy data to the Department of Education annually. No changes were made since first reading. Mr. David Donaldson presented the item. Mr. Ferguson made the motion to approve the item and Mr. Jensen seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the item by voice vote.
- G. Personnel Policy 1.300 (2:10:33-2:15:34)
This was the first and final reading of the item to add a new section on settlement authority and formalizes the process for how legal settlements are handled by the State Board. Ms. Angie Sanders, General Counsel for the State Board of Education, presented the item. Mr. Eby made the motion to amend the item and Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Mr. Eby made a motion to make a second amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Edwards. All members cast voice votes in favor of approving both amendments. Mr. Edwards made the motion to approve the item as amended and Mr. Morrow seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the item by voice vote.
- H. Charter School Governing Board Training Rule 0520-14-01-.07 (2:15:34-2:18:04)
This was the final reading of the new rule regarding training requirements for charter school governing board members in accordance with statute. Changes were made since first reading. Ms. Ali Gaffey presented the item. Mr. Eby made the motion to approve the

item and Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the item by roll call vote.

Item/Rule: Charter School Governing Board Training Rule 0520-14-01-.07			
Motion: Mr. Eby Second: Mr. Edwards			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	x		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	x		
Mr. Bob Eby - Vice Chairman	x		
Mr. Mike Edwards	x		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson	x		
Mr. Larry Jensen	x		
Ms. Elissa Kim	x		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove - Chairman	x		

- I. Charter School Performance Framework (2:18:04-2:19:08)
This was the final reading of the item to update the charter school performance framework financial section to identify sources of relevant data. No changes were made since first reading. Ms. Tess Stovall, Director of Charter Schools for the State Board of Education, presented the item. Mr. Edwards made the motion to approve the item and Mr. Cobbins seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the item by voice vote.

- J. Charter School Local Education Agency (LEA) Policies (2:19:08-2:24:00)
This was the first and final reading of the updates to the policies that govern Board authorized charter schools. This item updates Policy 6309 Zero Tolerance and Policy 6317 Required Remands and Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority. Mr. Nate Parker, Coordinator of Policy and Federal Programs Tennessee State Board of Education, presented the item. Mr. Eby made the motion to approve the item and Mr. Morrow seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the item by voice vote.

- K. Occupational Educator Scholarship Rule 0520-02-05 (2:24:00-2:26:01)
This was the final reading of the item to create rules for the Occupational Educator Scholarship Program. The item has changed since first reading. Ms. Amy Owen presented the item. Mr. Ferguson made the motion to approve the item and Mr. Jensen seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously to approve the item.

Item/Rule: Occupational Educator Scholarship Rule 0520-02-05			
Motion: Mr. Ferguson Second: Mr. Jensen			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN

Mr. Darrell Cobbins	x		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	x		
Mr. Bob Eby - Vice Chairman	x		
Mr. Mike Edwards	x		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson	x		
Mr. Larry Jensen	x		
Ms. Elissa Kim	x		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove - Chairman	x		

V. Charter School Appeal Actions

A. Nashville Classical Charter School Appeal (2:27:34-2:34:24)

This was the final reading of the Nashville Classical Charter School appeal to the State Board of Education. Ms. Tess Stovall presented the item. Mr. Jensen made the motion to approve the Executive Director’s recommendation and Mr. Morrow seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the item by roll call vote.

Item/Rule: Charter School Appeal Actions			
Motion: Mr. Jensen			
Second: Mr. Morrow			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	x		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	x		
Mr. Bob Eby - Vice Chairman	x		
Mr. Mike Edwards	x		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson	x		
Mr. Larry Jensen	x		
Ms. Elissa Kim	x		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove - Chairman	x		

VI. DHS Licensure Actions

A. Tennessee Department of Human Services (DHS) Defaults (2:34:24-2:35:24)

Educator licenses may be subject to action by the State Board based on information from DHS. Ms. Brittani Kendrick, Assistant General Counsel for Educator Discipline with the Tennessee State Board of Education, presented the item. This item did not require a vote. The item was for informational purposes only.

VII. Teacher License Actions

(2:35:14-2:36:40)

Ms. Brittani Kendrick presented the educator licensure items. Members requested one item, VII. B., be pulled for individual discussion. Mr. Cobbins made the motion to approve the remaining

items and Mr. Darnell seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the items by roll call vote.

- A. Cathryn Coop – Suspension 2 Years
- C. Devin Harper – Suspension 3 Months
- D. Jonathan Isley – Voluntary Surrender
- E. Steven Lynch – Suspension 3 Months
- F. Colleen Molnar – Suspension, 2 Years Retroactive* *
(Item VII. F. is subject to the Board Rule filed on January 25, 2016 and expired on September 4, 2017.)
- G. Frank Shaw – Voluntary Surrender
- H. David Weatherford – Voluntary Surrender

Item/Rule: VII. Teacher Licensure Actions A,C,D,E,F, G, and H			
Motion: Mr. Cobbins Second: Mr. Darnell			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	x		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	x		
Mr. Bob Eby - Vice Chairman	x		
Mr. Mike Edwards	x		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson	x		
Mr. Larry Jensen	x		
Ms. Elissa Kim	x		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove - Chairman	x		

- B. John Demerdjian – Formal Reprimand (2:36:40-2:42:10)
Mr. Eby made the motion assigning a three-month retroactive suspension for this item and Mr. Edwards seconded the motion to amend. Members unanimously approved the amended item by roll call vote.

Item/Rule: B. John Demerdjian			
Motion: Mr. Eby Second: Mr. Edwards			
Member	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mr. Darrell Cobbins	x		
Mr. Nicholas Darnell	x		
Mr. Bob Eby - Vice Chairman	x		

Mr. Mike Edwards	x		
Mr. Gordon Ferguson	x		
Mr. Larry Jensen	x		
Ms. Elissa Kim	x		
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove - Chairman	x		

VIII. Adjournment

(2:45:12)

MEETING DATES FOR 2020:

May 29, 2020

July 24, 2020

November 6, 2020

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