



MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May Quarterly Meeting
May 30, 2025
9:00 a.m. CT
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Note: Each item below has a timestamp range corresponding to the video recording above.

| MEMBER | PRESENT | ABSENT | Notes |
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| Mr. Darrell Cobbins – Vice-Chair | X | | |
| Ms. Bonza Auberson – Student Member | X | | |
| Mr. Ryan Holt | X | | |
| Dr. Steven Gentile | X | | Dr. Victoria Harpool - designee |
| Mr. Larry Jensen | | X | Excused |
| Ms. Marsha Johnson | X | | |
| Dr. Ina Maxwell | X | | |
| Ms. Krissi McInturff | X | | |
| Mr. Jordan Mollenhour | X | | |
| Mr. Warren Wells | X | | |
| Mr. Bob Eby - Chair | X | | |

Welcome and Comments

(00:00:00-00:01:20)

Bob Eby, Chair of the State Board of Education

May 29, 2025, Board Workshop Update

(00:01:21-00:04:27)

Dr. Sara Morrison, Executive Director of the State Board of Education

I. Consent Items

(00:04:28-00:05:18)

A. Adoption of Agenda

B. Minutes from February 21, 2025, and March 20, 2025, Special Called Virtual Meeting

C. Licensure Discipline Settlement Approvals

D. Strategic Planning Committee Appointments

Chair Eby presented the consent items. Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the motion to approve the consent agenda, and Mr. Holt provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

II. Report Items (00:05:19-00:37:41)

A. State Board of Education Member Reports

B. Local Education Agency (LEA) Compliance Report 2024-25

Ms. Lexi Harless of the Department of Education presented the item.

C. Blue Ribbon Schools Recognition

Ms. Deborah Thompson of the Department of Education presented the item.

III. Automatic Teacher License Actions (00:37:42-00:39:26)

A. Automatic Teacher License Actions – Revocation & Permanent Revocation

Mr. Todd Madison, Alex Anderson, and Ryan Shanahan of the State Board presented the item. Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the motion to approve the staff's recommendations for licensure actions, and Mr. Wells provided the second. This motion required a roll call vote, and the motion was approved.

| Item/Motion: Automatic Teacher License Actions | | | | |
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| MEMBER | AYE | NO | PNV | Absent |
| Mr. Darrell Cobbins – Vice-Chair | X | | | |
| Ms. Bonza Auberson – Student Member | X | | | |
| Mr. Ryan Holt | X | | | |
| Mr. Larry Jensen | | | | X |
| Ms. Marsha Johnson | X | | | |
| Dr. Ina Maxwell | X | | | |
| Ms. Krissi McInturff | X | | | |
| Mr. Jordan Mollenhour | X | | | |
| Mr. Warren Wells | X | | | |
| Mr. Bob Eby - Chair | X | | | |

IV. Teacher License Discipline Actions

Teacher License Discipline Actions

(00:39:27-00:41:18)

Chair Eby made a motion to approve the staff's recommendations for licensure actions as a consent agenda. There were no objections. Mr. Todd Madison, Alex Anderson, and Ryan Shanahan of the State Board presented the item. Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the staff's recommendations

for licensure actions. Mr. Mollenhour provided the second. This motion required a roll call vote, and the motion was approved.

| Item/Motion: Teacher License Discipline Actions | | | | |
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| MEMBER | AYE | NO | PNV | Absent |
| Mr. Darrell Cobbins – Vice-Chair | X | | | |
| Ms. Bonza Auberson – Student Member | X | | | |
| Mr. Ryan Holt | X | | | |
| Mr. Larry Jensen | | | | X |
| Ms. Marsha Johnson | X | | | |
| Dr. Ina Maxwell | X | | | |
| Ms. Krissi McInturff | X | | | |
| Mr. Jordan Mollenhour | X | | | |
| Mr. Warren Wells | X | | | |
| Mr. Bob Eby - Chair | X | | | |

V. First Reading Items

A. Innovative School Districts Rules 0520-01-25

(00:41:19-00:46:02)

Dr. Amy Owen of the Department of Education presented the item. Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the motion to accept the item on first reading, and Mr. Holt provided the second. This item was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

B. Educator Licensure Policy 5.502

(00:46:03-00:48:11)

Ms. Taylor Reid of the Department of Education presented the item. Dr. Maxwell provided the motion to accept the item on first reading, and Ms. McInturff provided the second. This item was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

C. Graduation Requirements Rule 0520-01-03-.06

(00:48:12-00:50:28)

Dr. Jennifer Jordan of the Department of Education presented the item. Ms. Johnson provided the motion to accept the item on first reading, and Ms. Auberson provided the second. This item was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

D. Functional Behavior Assessments and Behavior Intervention Plans Rule 0520-01-09-.24

(00:50:29-01:03:53)

Dr. Jennifer Jordan of the Department of Education presented the item. Dr. Maxwell provided the motion to accept the item on first reading, and Ms. McInturff provided the second. This item was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

- E. **Individualized Education Accounts Rule 0520-01-11-.02** (01:03:54-01:05:13)
Mr. Taylor Jenkins of the Department of Education presented the item. Ms. Johnson provided the motion to accept the item on first reading, and Mr. Holt provided the second. This item was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

VI. **Final Reading Items**

- A. **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Course Standards** (01:05:14-01:08:06)
Ms. Deborah Knoll of the Department of Education presented the item. Mr. Mollenhour provided the motion to approve the item on final reading, and Ms. Johnson provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
- B. **Literacy and Specialty Area Standards for Educator Preparation Policy 5.50** (01:08:07-01:11:26)
Dr. Jessica Dainty of the Department of Education presented the item. Mr. Wells provided the motion to approve the item on final reading, and Dr. Maxwell provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
- C. **Educator Preparation Policy 5.504** (01:11:27-01:13:20)
Mr. Michael Deurlein of the State Board presented the item. Ms. Johnson provided the motion to approve the item on final reading, and Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
- D. **Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators Policy 5.105** (01:13:21-01:15:12)
Mr. Michael Deurlein of the State Board and Ms. Taylor Reid of the Department of Education presented the item. Dr. Maxwell provided the motion to approve the item on final reading, and Ms. McInturff provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
- E. **Textbook and Instructional Materials Waivers Rules 0520-01-18** (01:15:13-01:17:18)
Mr. Michael Deurlein of the State Board presented the item. Mr. Wells provided the motion to approve the item on final reading, and Mr. Holt provided the second. This motion required a roll call vote, and the motion was approved.

| Item/Motion: Textbook and Instructional Materials Waivers Rules 0520-01-18 | | | | |
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| MEMBER | AYE | NO | PNV | Absent |
| Mr. Darrell Cobbins – Vice-Chair | X | | | |
| Ms. Bonza Auberson – Student Member | X | | | |

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| Mr. Ryan Holt | X | | | |
| Mr. Larry Jensen | | | | X |
| Ms. Marsha Johnson | X | | | |
| Dr. Ina Maxwell | X | | | |
| Ms. Krissi McInturff | X | | | |
| Mr. Jordan Mollenhour | X | | | |
| Mr. Warren Wells | X | | | |
| Mr. Bob Eby - Chair | X | | | |

F. Opportunity Public Charter School Policy 6.114 (01:17:19-01:19:10)

Ms. Ali Reid of the State Board presented the item. Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the motion to approve the item on final reading, and Mr. Wells provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

10-minute break

G. Education Freedom Scholarships Rules 0520-01-24 (01:31:31-01:59:56)

Ms. Trudy Hughes of the Department of Education presented the item. Mr. Mollenhour provided the motion to approve the item on final reading, and Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the second.

After some discussion, Ms. Rachel Suppé of the State Board noted a clerical edit recommended by the Attorney General's Office. Chair Eby made a motion to accept the edit, and Mr. Mollenhour seconded the motion. This motion required a roll call vote, and the motion was approved.

| Item/Motion: Education Freedom Scholarships Rules 0520-01-24 amendment | | | | |
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| MEMBER | AYE | NO | PNV | Absent |
| Mr. Darrell Cobbins – Vice-Chair | X | | | |
| Ms. Bonza Auberson – Student Member | X | | | |
| Mr. Ryan Holt | X | | | |
| Mr. Larry Jensen | | | | X |
| Ms. Marsha Johnson | X | | | |
| Dr. Ina Maxwell | X | | | |
| Ms. Krissi McInturff | X | | | |
| Mr. Jordan Mollenhour | X | | | |
| Mr. Warren Wells | X | | | |
| Mr. Bob Eby - Chair | X | | | |

The rules, as amended, also required a roll call vote. The motion was approved.

| Item/Motion: Education Freedom Scholarships Rules 0520-01-24 as amended | | | | |
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| MEMBER | AYE | NO | PNV | Absent |
| Mr. Darrell Cobbins – Vice-Chair | X | | | |
| Ms. Bonza Auberson – Student Member | X | | | |
| Mr. Ryan Holt | X | | | |
| Mr. Larry Jensen | | | | X |
| Ms. Marsha Johnson | X | | | |
| Dr. Ina Maxwell | X | | | |
| Ms. Krissi McInturff | X | | | |
| Mr. Jordan Mollenhour | X | | | |
| Mr. Warren Wells | X | | | |
| Mr. Bob Eby - Chair | X | | | |

- H. Approved High School Course Policy 3.205** (01:59:57-02:04:22)
Ms. Deborah Knoll of the Department of Education presented the item. Mr. Wells provided the motion to approve the item on first & final reading, and Mr. Holt provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
- I. 2025-26 Minimum Salary Schedule** (02:04:23-02:10:37)
Ms. Maryanne Durksi of the Department of Education presented the item. Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the motion to approve the item on first & final reading, and Ms. Johnson provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
- J. Special Course Approval Recommendations** (02:10:38-02:15:13)
Dr. Christy Wall of the Department of Education presented the item. Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the motion to approve the item on first & final reading, and Mr. Holt provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
- K. Textbook & Instructional Materials Waiver Request: Knox County Schools, K-5, Science** (02:15:14-02:17:17)
Mr. Michael Deurlein of the State Board presented the item. Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the motion to approve the item on first & final reading, and Mr. Mollenhour provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
- L. Repeal Educator Diversity Policy 5.700** (02:17:18-02:21:36)
Mr. Nathan James of the State Board presented the item. Mr. Mollenhour provided the motion to approve the item on first and final reading, and Ms. Johnson provided the second. This item was approved by a voice vote with one opposed.

- M. Master Plan and Supplement Update** (02:21:37-02:23:23)
Mr. Nathan James of the State Board presented the item. Mr. Mollenhour provided the motion to approve the item on first and final reading, and Ms. Johnson provided the second. This item was approved by a voice vote with one opposed.
- N. Category IV Non-Public School Application: Honor School** (02:23:24-02:28:10)
Ms. Rachel Suppé of the State Board presented the item. Mr. Mollenhour provided the motion to approve the item on first and final reading, and Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
- O. Local School Board Member Training Policy 2.100** (02:28:11-02:30:55)
Ms. Ali Reid of the State Board presented the item. Mr. Wells provided the motion to approve the item on first and final reading, and Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
- P. Charter School Governing Body Training Policy 6.112** (02:30:56-02:37:18)
Ms. Ali Reid of the State Board presented the item. Mr. Holt provided the motion to approve the item on first and final reading, and Ms. Auberson provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

VII. Other Business (02:37:19-02:38:51)

VIII. Adjournment

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