



AGENDA
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Davy Crockett Tower
1st Floor – Conference Room 1A
500 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243
May 30, 2025
9:00 a.m. CDT
Livestreaming Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/4bWqigi>

Welcome & Introductions

I. Consent Items

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| 9:05 a.m.
Mr. Bob Eby | A. <i>Adoption of Agenda</i> |
| Mr. Bob Eby | B. <i>Minutes from February 21, 2025, and March 20, 2025, Special Called Virtual Meeting</i> |
| Mr. Bob Eby | C. <i>Licensure Discipline Settlement Approvals</i>
An item to approve settlements on licensure actions as recommended by State Board attorneys. |
| Mr. Bob Eby | D. <i>Strategic Planning Committee Appointments</i>
An item to approve the establishment of and appointment of members to a newly formed committee. |

II. Report Items

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| 9:15 a.m.
Various Board
Members | A. <i>State Board of Education Member Reports</i>
Members will share information about participation in regional stakeholder groups and days in the district. |
| Ms. Lexi Harless | B. <i>Local Education Agency (LEA) Compliance Report 2024-25</i>
Report item of annual report of data pertinent to LEA compliance. |
| Ms. Deborah Thompson | C. <i>Blue Ribbon Schools Recognition</i>
Report item of six Tennessee public schools recognized as 2024 Blue Ribbon Schools. |

- D. *National ESEA School Recognitions*
Report item of Tennessee public schools recognized as National ESEA Distinguished Schools

III. Automatic Teacher Licensure Actions

- 9:35 a.m.
Mr. Todd Madison, Mr. Alex Anderson, & Mr. Ryan Shanahan
(Roll Call Vote)
- A. *Automatic Teacher Licensure Actions: Revocation & Permanent Revocation*
Item to approve automatic licensure revocation actions as recommended by State Board attorneys.

IV. Teacher Licensure Discipline Actions

- 9:40a.m.
Mr. Todd Madison, Mr. Alex Anderson, & Mr. Ryan Shanahan
(Roll Call Vote on all)
- A. *Dea Batson – Formal Reprimand*
B. *Timothy Coates – Suspension, 1-Year Concurrent with Probation with Proof of Counseling*
C. *Mark Craddock – Formal Reprimand with Proof of Professional Development*
D. *Amy East – Suspension, 2 Years with Proof of Treatment*
E. *Elizabeth Fewell – Suspension, 6 Months Retroactive with Proof of Professional Development*
F. *Dana Floyd – Formal Reprimand*
G. *Joe Gray – Denial*
H. *Robert McCarter – Formal Reprimand*
I. *Kristen Neu – Suspension, 1-Year Retroactive with Proof of Evaluation*
J. *Ashley Newell – Suspension, 2 Years with Proof of Treatment*
K. *Merilyn Silcox – Formal Reprimand with Proof of Professional Development*
L. *Brenda Smith – Suspension, 1-Year Retroactive and 1-Month Prospective*
M. *Christopher Smith – Formal Reprimand*
N. *Mark Stribling – Suspension, 1-Month Retroactive*
O. *Dan Strong – Denial*
P. *Davina Tompkins – Formal Reprimand with Proof of Professional Development*
Q. *Stephen Tompkins – Formal Reprimand*
R. *Elizabeth Umpierre – Suspension, 1- Year with Proof of Treatment*
S. *David Young – Formal Reprimand with Proof of Professional Development*

V: Action Items (First Reading)

Note: Redlines reflect changes proposed on first reading ONLY.

- 9:55 a.m.
Dr. Amy Owen
- A. *Innovative School Districts Rule 0520-01-25*
First reading of item to establish a process by which eligible universities may apply to operate their training school(s) through an Innovative School District.
- Ms. Taylor Reid
- B. *Educator Licensure Policy 5.502*
First reading of item to revise the endorsements section by removing 2026 retirement dates from the Early Childhood Education Pre-K–3, Early Development and Learning Pre-K–K, and Special Education Early Childhood Pre-K–3 endorsements.

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| Dr. Jennifer Jordan | <p>C. <i>Graduation Requirements Rule 0520-01-03-.06</i>
 First reading of item to propose revisions to clarify computer science education requirements for students pursuing an alternate academic diplomas, and update terminology in the requirements for state graduation distinction for art disciplines.</p> |
| Dr. Jennifer Jordan | <p>D. <i>Functional Behavior Assessments and Behavior Intervention Plans Rule 0520-01-09-.24</i>
 First reading of item to clarify that an LEA or public charter school may move a student with a disability to a more restrictive environment if the student is engaging in behavior that places the student or others at risk of harm or injury.</p> |
| Mr. Taylor Jenkins | <p>E. <i>Individualized Education Accounts Rule 0520-01-11-.02</i>
 First reading of item to refer to list of qualifying disabilities in statute for the IEA program. This item will align the rule to Chapter 235 of the Public Acts of the 2025 legislative session.</p> |

VI: Action Items (Final Reading)

Note: Redlines reflect changes proposed between first and final reading ONLY. For changes proposed and approved on first reading, please refer to the relevant agenda item from a previous meeting.

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| 10:20 a.m.

Ms. Deborah Knoll | <p>A. <i>Career and Technical Education (CTE) Course Standards</i>
 Final reading of items to include new courses within CTE career clusters Energy and Sustainable resources, a new career cluster, and Education and Training. There have been no changes to this item since first reading.</p> |
| Dr. Jessica Dainty
Dr. Jennifer Nelson | <p>B. <i>Literacy and Specialty Area Standards for Educator Preparation Policy 5.505</i>
 Final reading of item to update the EPP standards for foundational literacy skills and identifying students with characteristics for dyslexia. There have been minor grammatical changes to this item since first reading.</p> |
| Mr. Michael Deurlein | <p>C. <i>Educator Preparation Policy 5.504</i>
 Final reading of item proposing multiple revisions related to clinical practice and clinical mentoring requirements for State Board approved Educator Preparation Providers. There have been changes to this item since first reading.</p> |
| Mr. Michael Deurlein and
Ms. Taylor Reid | <p>D. <i>Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators Policy 5.105</i>
 Final reading of item proposing the phase out of pedagogical assessment requirements for candidates completing educator preparation programs with a Department-approved clinical practice. There have been changes to this item since the first reading.</p> |
| Mr. Michael Deurlein
(Roll Call Vote) | <p>E. <i>Textbook and Instructional Materials Waivers Rule 0520-01-18</i>
 Final reading of an item to clarify the textbook and instructional materials waiver process for LEAs if there are no approved materials for a given course or grade level, and propose an option for LEAs to submit research or evaluation on the proposed materials to support high-quality adoption. There have been changes to this item since first reading.</p> |

Ms. Ali Reid	F.	<i>Opportunity Public Charter School Policy 6.114</i> Final reading of an item to define the documentation required to verify a student is at-risk when enrolling in an opportunity public charter school. There have been changes to this item since first reading.
Ms. Trudy Hughes (Roll Call Vote)	G.	<i>Education Freedom Scholarships Rule 0520-01-24</i> Final reading of permanent rule to define key terms, establish application and eligibility processes, establish appeals procedures, and set forth other logistical matters necessary to effectuate the Education Freedom Scholarship program. There have been changes to this item since first reading.
Ms. Deborah Knoll	H.	<i>Approved High School Course Policy 3.205</i> First and final reading of item to update the policy to ensure accuracy of current CTE course offerings.
Ms. Maryanne Durski	I.	<i>2025-26 Minimum Salary Schedule</i> First and final reading of item to approve the 2025-26 state salary schedule for licensed personnel.
Dr. Christy Wall	J.	<i>Special Course Approval Recommendations</i> First and final reading of item to present all special course applications received by the department for the 2025-26 school year, along with their approval status and, if applicable, the number of years for which the special course was approved.
Mr. Michael Deurlein	K.	<i>Textbook & Instructional Materials Waiver Request: Knox County Schools, K-5, Science</i> First and final reading of an LEA request for Textbook and Instructional materials Waivers.
Mr. Nathan James	L.	<i>Repeal Educator Diversity Policy 5.700</i> First and final reading of item to repeal the Educator Diversity Policy 5.700 in accordance with recent legislation.
Mr. Nathan James	M.	<i>Master Plan and Supplement Update</i> First and final reading of item to modify the State Board's Master Plan to align with recent legislation.
Ms. Rachel Suppe	N.	<i>Category IV Non-Public School Application: Honor School</i> First and final reading of item to recommend approval of a Category IV Non-Public School.
Ms. Ali Reid	O.	<i>Local School Board Member Training Policy 2.100</i> First and final reading of item to add approved options for local school board member training courses.
Ms. Ali Reid	P.	<i>Charter School Governing Body Training Policy 6.112</i> First and final reading of item to add approval options for charter school governing body member training courses.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjournment

MEETING DATES FOR 2025:

**August 15, 2025
November 21, 2025**

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