



MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Winter Quarterly Meeting
February 27, 2026
9:00 am CT
Video Recording:

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MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	Notes
Mr. Darrell Cobbins - Vice-Chair	X		
Mr. Ryan Holt	X		
Dr. Steven Gentile - THEC Executive Director	X		Dr. Victoria Harpool - designee
Mr. Larry Jensen	X		
Ms. Cathy Kolb	X		
Dr. Ina Maxwell	X		
Ms. Krissi McInturff	X		
Mr. Jordan Mollenhour	X		
Ms. Britain Sapp - Student Member	X		
Mr. Warren Wells	X		
Mr. Bob Eby - Chair	X		

Welcome and Comments (00:00:00-00:08:26)

Mr. Bob Eby, Chair of the State Board of Education

February 26, 2026, Board Workshop Update

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

I. Public Comments (00:08:27-00:39:19)

II. Consent Items (00:39:20-00:39:40)

A. Adoption of Agenda

B. Minutes from November 21, 2025, Meeting

C. School Board Training Advisory Committee Member Removal

Chair Eby presented the items. This item was approved without objection.

III. Report Items (00:39:41-00:57:43)

A. State Board of Education Member Reports

B. Accountability Hearings Report

Ms. Ali Reid of the State Board presented the item.

C. Local Education Agency (LEA) Compliance Report 2025-26

Mr. Schuyler Travis of the Department of Education presented the item.

D. Fiscal Accountability Standards Report

Ms. Maryanne Durski of the Department of Education presented the item.

E. Annual Alternative Education Report for School Year 2024-25

Mr. Scott Indermuehle of the Department of Education presented the item.

IV. Consent Items: Educator Licensure Actions (00:57:44-01:05:45)

A. License Discipline Settlement Approvals

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

Item/Motion: License Discipline Settlement Approvals	AYE	NO	PNV	Absent
MEMBER				
Mr. Darrell Cobbins - Vice-Chair	X			
Mr. Ryan Holt	X			
Mr. Larry Jensen	X			
Ms. Cathy Kolb	X			
Dr. Ina Maxwell	X			
Ms. Krissi McInturff	X			
Mr. Jordan Mollenhour	X			
Ms. Britain Sapp - Student Member	X			
Mr. Warren Wells	X			
Mr. Bob Eby - Chair	X			

B. Automatic Teacher Licensure Actions: Revocation, Permanent Revocation, & Prohibition

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

Item/Motion: Automatic Teacher Licensure Actions: Revocation, Permanent Revocation, & Prohibition				
MEMBER	AYE	NO	PNV	Absent
Mr. Darrell Cobbins - Vice-Chair	X			
Mr. Ryan Holt	X			
Mr. Larry Jensen	X			
Ms. Cathy Kolb	X			
Dr. Ina Maxwell	X			
Ms. Krissi McInturff	X			
Mr. Jordan Mollenhour	X			
Ms. Britain Sapp - Student Member	X			
Mr. Warren Wells	X			
Mr. Bob Eby - Chair	X			

c. License Discipline Actions

Mr. Todd Madison, Alex Anderson, Jamie Formont, and Ryan Shanahan of the State Board presented the item. Mr. Jordan Mollenhour requested to pull out Item IV.C.2 for discussion. Mr. Mollenhour made the motion to approve the staff's recommendations for licensure actions other than Item IV.C.2. Mr. Wells provided the second. This motion required a roll call vote, and the motion was approved.

Item/Motion: License Discipline Actions other than IV.C.2				
MEMBER	AYE	NO	PNV	Absent
Mr. Darrell Cobbins - Vice-Chair	X			
Mr. Ryan Holt	X			
Mr. Larry Jensen	X			
Ms. Cathy Kolb	X			
Dr. Ina Maxwell	X			
Ms. Krissi McInturff	X			
Mr. Jordan Mollenhour	X			
Ms. Britain Sapp - Student Member	X			
Mr. Warren Wells	X			
Mr. Bob Eby - Chair	X			

After discussion, Mr. Jordan Mollenhour made a motion to accept the staff's recommendation for Item IV.C.2, and Vice Chair Cobbins seconded the motion. This motion required a roll call vote, and the motion was approved.

Item/Motion: License Discipline Actions IV.C.2				
MEMBER	AYE	NO	PNV	Absent
Mr. Darrell Cobbins - Vice-Chair	X			
Mr. Ryan Holt	X			
Mr. Larry Jensen	X			
Ms. Cathy Kolb	X			
Dr. Ina Maxwell	X			
Ms. Krissi McInturff	X			
Mr. Jordan Mollenhour	X			
Ms. Britain Sapp - Student Member	X			
Mr. Warren Wells	X			
Mr. Bob Eby - Chair	X			

V. First Reading Items

A. Standards for School Administered Child Care Program Rules 0520-12-01

(01:05:46-01:09:14)

Ms. Misty Moody of the Department of Education presented the item. Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the motion to accept the item on first reading, and Mr. Jensen provided the second. This item was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

B. Repeal Standards for School Administered Child Care Program Rules 0520-12-01 (01:09:15-01:11:25)

Ms. Misty Moody 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.

C. School and Student Health Services Rules 0520-01-13 (01:11:26-01:26:03)

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

D. Educator Preparation Clinical Experiences Rule 0520-02-04-.10 (01:26:04-01:29:27)

Ms. Kristy Brown of the Department of Education presented the item. Ms. McInturff provided the motion to accept the item on first reading, and Ms. Kolb provided the second. This item was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

10-minute break

E. District and School Improvement Planning Policy 2.101 (01:43:48-01:46:37)

Ms. Ginger Leach of the Department of Education presented the item. Mr.

Jensen provided the motion to accept the item on first reading, and Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the second. This item was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

F. Educator Licensure Policy 5.502 (01:41:51-01:43:47)

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.

Note: Items V.E. & V.F. were heard in reverse order of the agenda.

G. Uniform Grading Policy 3.301 (01:46:38-01:48:05)

Mr. Michael Deurlein of the State Board presented the item. Mr. Wells provided the motion to accept the item on first reading, and Mr. Mollenhour provided the second. This item was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

H. Approved High School Courses Policy 3.205 (01:48:06-01:49:36)

Ms. Breanna Sommers of the State Board presented the item. Dr. Maxwell provided the motion to accept the item on first reading, and Mr. Wells provided the second. This item was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

I. 2029-30 Tennessee English Language Arts (ELA) Standards (01:49:37-01:53:56)

Ms. Breanna Sommers of the State Board presented the item. Vice-Chair Cobbins 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.

J. Graduation Requirements Rule 0520-01-03-.06 (01:53:57-03:19:53)

Mr. Bob Eby, State Board of Education member, presented the item. Chair Eby provided the motion to accept the item on first reading, and Ms. McInturff provided the second. After discussion, Chair Eby tabled his motion, and there was a second. The matter was tabled as a result of the roll call vote.

Item/Motion: Graduation Requirements Rule 0520-01-03-.06				
MEMBER	AYE	NO	PNV	Absent
Mr. Darrell Cobbins - Vice-Chair	X			
Mr. Ryan Holt	X			
Mr. Larry Jensen	X			
Ms. Cathy Kolb	X			
Dr. Ina Maxwell	X			
Ms. Krissi McInturff	X			

Mr. Jordan Mollenhour	X			
Ms. Britain Sapp - Student Member	X			
Mr. Warren Wells	X			
Mr. Bob Eby - Chair	X			

Chair Eby directed the State Board of Education staff to draft new revised language that requires directors of schools to accept course waivers and notes that diplomas are considered of equal value regardless of a course waiver.

VI. Final Reading Items

A. Organization and Administration of Schools Rule 0520-01-02-.31

(03:19:54-03:24:10)

Mr. Schuyler Travis of the Department of Education presented the item. Mr. Jensen provided the motion to approve the item on final reading, and Mr. Wells provided the second. This motion required a roll call vote, and the motion was approved.

Item/Motion: Organization and Administration of Schools Rule 0520-01-02-.31				
MEMBER	AYE	NO	PNV	Absent
Mr. Darrell Cobbins - Vice-Chair	X			
Mr. Ryan Holt	X			
Mr. Larry Jensen	X			
Ms. Cathy Kolb	X			
Dr. Ina Maxwell	X			
Ms. Krissi McInturff	X			
Mr. Jordan Mollenhour	X			
Ms. Britain Sapp - Student Member	X			
Mr. Warren Wells	X			
Mr. Bob Eby - Chair	X			

B. Coordinated School Health Policy 4.204 (03:24:11-03:25:53)

Ms. Lori Paisley of the Department of Education presented the item. Vice-Chair Cobbins 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. Health Education Standards: Tennessee Lifetime Wellness Standards: Grades 9-12 (03:25:54-03:28:50)

Ms. Lori Paisley of the Department of Education presented the item. Vice-Chair Cobbins 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.

D. Educator Preparation Policy 5.504 (03:28:51-03:30:19)

Dr. Jennifer Nelson of the Department of Education presented the item. Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the motion to approve the item on final reading, and Mr. Jensen provided the second. This motion required a roll call vote, and the motion was approved.

E. Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators Policy 5.105 (03:30:20-03:31:35)

Ms. Taylor Reid of the Department of Education presented the item. Ms. Kolb 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.

F. Graduation Permissions and Substitutions Policy 3.103 (03:31:36-03:32:38)

Ms. Breanna Sommers of the State Board presented the item. Vice-Chair Cobbins 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.

G. Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) and Specialty Area Programs (SAPs) Approvals (03:32:39-03:37:08)

Dr. Jennifer Nelson of the Department of Education presented the item. Vice-Chair Cobbins provided the motion to approve the item on first and final reading, and Mr. Jensen provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

H. 2025 Charter Authorizer Evaluations (03:37:09-03:42:19)

Ms. Ali Reid of the State Board presented the item. Mr. Mollenhour provided the motion to approve the item on first and final reading, and Dr. Maxwell provided the second. This item was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

I. The State Board of Education's Master Plan 2026-2028 (03:42:20-03:48:07)

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

VII. Other Business (03:48:08-03:49:41)

VIII. Adjournment

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