

Board Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Payne called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. Board Meeting was held in person and via WebEx.

Board members present:

Dr. Lucy Payne, Board Chair
Amy Aho
Brandee Shoemaker
Dr. Gift Saloka
Dr. Kurt Stumpf (Virtual)
Jennifer Trask (Virtual)
Justin Hoelscher
Rochelle Dyer
Janie Yang
Liana Lingofelt
Nathan Wood

Board members absent:

Glazell Toledo

Board staff (present at various times):

Dr. Yelena Bailey, Executive Director
Debby Odell, Licensing and Operations Manager
Erin Doan, Director of Educator Preparation and Pathways
Steve Rollin, Rulemaking Attorney
Caren Custer, Data and Compliance Specialist
Tanwaporn Chino, Communications Specialist
Maria Zaloker, Teacher Ethics Attorney (Virtual)
Katherine Oswald, Office Manager

Attorney General's Office:

Nathan Hartshorn, Assistant Attorney General
(Virtual)
David Cullen, Assistant Attorney General
(Virtual)

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Aho moved to approve the Agenda with flexibility. Yang seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye: Aho, Trask, Wood, Lingofelt, Payne, Shoemaker, Saloka, Yang, Hoelscher, Dyer.

Stumpf did not vote due to technical difficulties.

RESULT: The motion passed.

III. ORAL ARGUMENTS

The board heard oral arguments in the matter of Mr. Stephens's license. The board was advised by Assistant Attorney General Nathan Hartshorn. Oral arguments were made by Assistant Attorney General David Cullen. Neither Mr. Stephens, or their attorney, were present.

MOTION: Shoemaker moved to enter Closed Session. Saloka seconded the motion.

VOTE: All aye.

RESULT: The motion passed.

IV. DISCIPLINE MATTERS (Closed Session)

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.01, subdivision 2, the Board moved into closed session for the purposes of disciplinary proceedings.

V. REPORT OUT: DISCIPLINE MATTERS (Open Session)

Chair Payne announced Board action from Closed Session as follows:

- 1. Steven Casavant (FFN 430720):** The Board adopted findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order, whereby Steven Casavant's application renewal is denied.
- 2. Juan Diaz Sanchez (FFN 1014207):** The Board adopted a stipulation agreement and consent order whereby Juan Diaz Sanchez's teaching license is subject to a one year stayed suspension.
- 3. Phillip Erickson (FFN 450797):** The Board adopted a stipulation agreement and consent order whereby Phillip Erickson's renewal application is denied.
- 4. Marqus Emmanuel Flicek (FFN 1011369):** The Board adopted a stipulation agreement and consent order whereby Marqus Emmanuel Flicek's teaching license is revoked.
- 5. Thomas Hagerty (FFN 324407):** The Board adopted a stipulation agreement and consent order whereby Thomas Hagerty's teaching license is subject to a one-year stayed suspension.
- 6. Lucas Henry Holzhueter (FFN 440389):** The Board adopted a stipulation agreement and consent order whereby Lucas Henry Holzhueter's teaching license is subject to a three-year stayed suspension.
- 7. John Mayock (FFN 371219):** The Board adopted a stipulation agreement and consent order whereby John Mayock's teaching license is subject to a one year stayed suspension.
- 8. Christopher G. Nelson (FFN 389663):** The Board adopted a stipulation agreement and consent order whereby Christopher G. Nelson's teaching license is subject to a one-year stayed suspension.
- 9. Aaron Stephens (FFN 1033001):** The Board adopted findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order, whereby Aaron Stephens's teaching license is subject to a one year suspension.
- 10. Annie Sundin (FFN 502785):** The Board adopted a stipulation agreement and consent order whereby Annie Sundin's teaching license is subject to a two year stayed suspension.
- 11. Abdul Wright (FFN 471908):** The Board adopted findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order, whereby Abdul Wright's teaching license is revoked.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Yang moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Hoelscher seconded the motion.

VOTE: All aye.

RESULT: The motion passed.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Mogelson, MN Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

Presented concerns about the PELSB legislative priority that would allow Tier 2 candidates to enroll in out-of-state pathway programs. Explaining that out-of-state programs may not meet Minnesota legislative standards.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Streamlining Licensure

Dr. Lucy Payne, PELSB Board Chair, presented the Ad Hoc Committee findings on how to improve efficiency.

Board members commented that if licensing changes, it could jeopardize the existing standards and requirements that make sure teachers are highly qualified.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Board Resolution – CEUs

Emily Busta, Minnesota Department of Education Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Specialist, presented a summary of the proposed change to Minnesota Rules, part 8710.7200, subpart 4, item B (1) that would lift the maximum number of clock hours a mentoring teacher can earn in a five-year relicensure period.

MOTION: Aho moved to adopt the proposed resolution as presented. Shoemaker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye: Payne, Aho, Saloka, Shoemaker, Wood, Lingofelt, Dyer, Hoelscher, Yang, Trask.

Stumpf did not vote due to technical difficulties.

RESULT: The motion passed.

B. Board Resolution – CTE

Debby Odell, PELSB Licensing and Operations Manager, presented the proposed change to Minnesota Rules, part 8710.0312 subpart 2, item A (3).

MOTION: Shoemaker moved to adopt the proposed resolution as presented. Wood seconded the motion.

VOTE: All aye.

RESULT: The motion passed.

C. Arts Steering Committee

Alina Campana, Minnesota Department of Education Arts Specialist, and Max Clark-Vail, Perpich Center for Arts Education Leadership & Data Specialist, presented the arts licensure survey results for Media Arts, Music, and Dance & Theater.

Board members expressed concern on having a combined music license.

MOTION: Stumpf moved to have the Executive Director create a new art licensure committee with the majority of the committee members representing current practicing K-12 educators and administrators for all areas. Dyer seconded the motion.

BOARD IN RECESS 12:41 – 12:51 PM

MOTION: Aho moved to table Stumpf's motion until the end of the whole conversation for the Arts Steering update. Shoemaker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye: Yang, Aho, Hoelscher, Wood, Lingofelt, Saloka, Shoemaker, Trask.

No: Payne, Dyer, Stumpf.

RESULT: The motion passed.

Board members discussed Media Arts as well as Dance & Theater recommendations.

Trask offered an amendment to the motion to focus only on music.

MOTION: Trask moved to amend the initial motion. Shoemaker seconded the motion.

Board members clarified language and intention.

Trask rescinded her motion.

Stumpf offered an amendment to the motion to only restart music.

MOTION: Stumpf moved to amend the initial motion. Aho seconded the motion.

MOTION: Dyer moved to call the question. Aho seconded the motion.

VOTE: Aye: Yang, Aho, Hoelscher, Payne, Wood, Lingofelt, Dyer, Saloka, Shoemaker, Trask.

No: Stumpf.

RESULT: The motion passed.

Role call vote to amend the initial motion.

VOTE: Aye: Yang, Aho, Hoelscher, Payne, Lingofelt, Dyer, Saloka, Shoemaker, Stumpf, Trask.

No: Wood.

RESULT: The motion passed.

Board members discussed the current motion on the floor.

MOTION: Aho moved to call the question. Dyer seconded the motion.

VOTE: All aye.

RESULT: The motion passed.

Role call vote on amended motion.

VOTE: Aye: Stumpf.

No: Yang, Aho, Hoelscher, Payne, Wood, Lingofelt, Dyer, Saloka, Shoemaker, Trask.

RESULT: The motion failed.

MOTION: Aho moved to reconvene steering committee with teacher representatives as determined by the steering committee and in conjunction with PELSB to review the work that has been completed and come forward with recommendations from that committee. Shoemaker seconded the motion.

VOTE: All aye.

RESULT: The motion passed.

MOTION: Shoemaker moved to table all remaining agenda items except legislative priorities and staff and chair reports until next month. Stumpf seconded the motion.

VOTE: All aye.

RESULT: The motion passed.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026 Legislative Priorities

Dr. Yelena Bailey, PELSB Executive Director, outlined the recommended legislative priorities, consisting of removing barriers to licensure, meeting the needs of Minnesota students, and operational excellence. The Board will vote on final legislative priorities at the December board meeting.

XI. REPORTS

A. Staff Report

Dr. Bailey highlighted the community engagement. Additionally, recognized two new PELSB staff: Alissa Gebeke (customer service) and Calvin Lewis (teacher education specialist).

B. Chair Report

Chair Payne thanked staff that had prepared for business items this month.

XII. ADJOURN

Chair Payne adjourned the meeting at 2:13 pm.

Appendix A: CONSENT AGENDA

I. APPROVE MINUTES

Approve Minutes from October 10, 2025, board meeting.

II. UNIT APPROVALS

None.

III. PROGRAM APPROVALS

Capella University

	Program	Program request
i.	Early Childhood	Voluntary Discontinuation

Minnesota State University Mankato

	Program	Staff recommendation
i.	Elementary Education (graduate)	Continuing approval with focus (accept interim report)

North Central University

	Program	Staff recommendation
i.	Elementary Education	Continuing approval (accept interim)

IV. LICENSES AND PERMISSIONS

None.

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V. TEACHER PREPARATION – DISCRETIONARY VARIANCES

	Unit/Program	Rule	TPC Recommendation
a.	Augsburg University	8705.1010, Subp. 3C(2) (face-to-face)	Approve
b.	Lakes Country Service Cooperative	8705.1010, Subp. 4F, 8705.2200, Subp. 2.A.(2)(board-adopted teacher performance assessment)	Approve with conditions
c.	Gustavus Adolphus College	MN Rule 8705.1010, Subp. 3D(1)(a) (prior to student teaching)	Approve with conditions
d.	Southwest Minnesota State University	8710.3200, Subp. 3a “variety of field experiences”, 8710.4050, 8710.4200, 8710.4250, 8710.4400, 8710.4400, 8710.4600, 8710.4650, 8710.4750, 8710.4800, 8710.4900, 8710.5000-5080, Subp. 3a “broad range of targeted field experiences”	Approve
e.	St. Catherine University	8705.1010, Subp. 3C(2) (80% of contracted week)	Approve
f.	University of MN Twin Cities	8705.1010, Subp. 3C(2) (face-to-face)	Approve
g.	Walden University	8705.1010, Subp. 3C2a	Approve with conditions