

Board Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

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

Board members present:

Amy Aho, Board Chair
Brandee Corgard¹ (Virtual)
Dr. Gift Saloka
Dr. Kurt Stumpf (Virtual)
Jennifer Trask (Virtual)
Justin Hoelscher (Virtual)
Glazell Espiritu² (Virtual)
Rochelle Dyer
Nathan Wood (Virtual)
Dr. Sapna Thapa
Abby Marta

Board members absent:

Liana Lingofelt

Board staff (present at various times):

Dr. Yelena Bailey, Executive Director
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)

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Espiritu moved to approve the Agenda with flexibility. Saloka seconded the motion.

VOTE: Saloka, Dyer, Aho, Thapa, Marta, Wood, Stumpf, Trask, Hoelscher, Espiritu.

ABSTAIN: Corgard.

RESULT: The motion passed.

MOTION: Trask moved to enter Closed Session as well as move Chair from Aho to Corgard. Hoelscher seconded the motion.

VOTE: All yes.

¹ Formerly Brandee Shoemaker

² Formerly Glazell Toledo

RESULT: The motion passed.

DISCIPLINE MATTERS (Closed Session)

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

REPORT OUT: DISCIPLINE MATTERS (Open Session)

Chair Aho announced Board action from Closed Session as follows:

1. **Paul Azen (FFN 459529):** The Board adopted a stipulation agreement and consent order whereby Paul Azen's teaching license is subject to a 9-month stayed suspension.
2. **Hannah Haugh (FFN 100889):** The Board adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, whereby Hannah Haugh's renewal application is denied.
3. **Sylvester Mugabi (FFN 484889):** The Board adopted a stipulation agreement and consent order whereby Sylvester Mugabi's teaching licenses are revoked.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Dyer moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Thapa seconded the motion.

VOTE: All aye.

RESULT: The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Donald Allen

Spoke about disciplinary policy and information sharing.

Wendy Ambrose

Spoke about the future of Family and Consumer Sciences education and licensure.

BOARD IN RECESS 10:22 – 10:28

Cherry Cramer

Did not speak due to technical difficulties.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Speech Language Pathologist Rulemaking

Dr. Yelena Bailey, PELSB Executive Director, outlined what changes have been made that impacts Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) licensing and then showed the rule draft language.

BOARD IN RECESS 10:30 – 10:42

NEW BUSINESS

EdTPA Essentials

Madison Cooper, Pearson Partnership Management Lead, presented changes being implemented to edPTA in order to meet the needs of teacher candidates. The end result will be edTPA Essentials.

Board members asked about how updates have been made to address issues teacher candidates have as well as the relationship between edTPA, Pearson, and PELSB.

Dr. Bailey asked board members to send her their remaining questions.

REPORTS

COMMITTEES & SUBCOMMITTEES

i. Executive Committee

The committee met on August 5 to approve the board meeting agenda. The next meeting is on September 9.

ii. Licensing Committee

The committee met on July 30 to approve cross-curricular delivery permissions and discretionary variance requests. The next meeting is on August 20.

iii. Teacher Preparation Committee

The committee met on August 3. All items are on the consent agenda. The next meeting is on September 4.

iv. Legislative Committee

The committee will meet on August 17.

v. Increase Teachers of Color and Indigenous Teachers Committee

No report.

vi. Standards and Rules Advisory Committee

The committee met on August 13 to discuss the possibility of creating AI education guidance for teachers. The committee looked at existing resources created by experts and how they may be utilized for teacher and administrator resources.

Staff Report

Dr. Bailey highlighted community partner work. Additionally, recognized three new staff joining the PELSB team: Brandi Ryan (customer service), Linnea Carlyle (customer service), and Shelby Chollett (teacher education specialist).

Chair Report

Chair Aho spoke on the impacts teachers have on students, families, and communities.

ADJOURN

Chair Aho adjourned the meeting at 11:36 am.

Appendix A: CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVE MINUTES

Approve Minutes from July 17, 2026, board meeting.

UNIT APPROVALS

None

PROGRAM APPROVALS

Minnesota State University Moorhead

	Program	Staff Recommendation
i.	School Counseling	Continuing Approval

St. Cloud State University

	Program	Staff Recommendation
i.	CTE: Communications Technology Careers	Continuing Approval
ii.	CTE: Construction Careers	Continuing Approval
iii.	CTE: Manufacturing Careers	Continuing Approval
iv.	CTE: Transportation Careers	Continuing Approval
v.	Communication Arts and Literature	Continuing Approval with Focus
vi.	English as a Second Language	Continuing Approval
vii.	Health	Continuing Approval
viii.	Library Media Specialist (initial)	Continuing Approval
ix.	Math	Continuing Approval with Focus
x.	Physical Education	Continuing Approval
xi.	Science – Chemistry	Continuing Approval with Focus
xii.	Science – General Science	Continuing Approval with Focus
xiii.	Science – Life Science	Continuing Approval with Focus
xiv.	Science – Physics	Continuing Approval with Focus
xv.	Social Studies	Continuing Approval
xvi.	Teachers of Instrumental and Classroom Music	Continuing Approval with Focus

xvii.	Teachers of Vocal and Classroom Music	Continuing Approval with Focus
xviii.	Technology	Continuing Approval
xix.	Visual Arts	Continuing Approval
xx.	World Languages and Cultures: Modern: Spanish K-12	Continuing Approval with Focus

LICENSES AND PERMISSIONS

	District/Teacher	Rule	Board Licensing Committee Recommendation
a.	Jaxson Rohman/Martin County West	Waive 8710.0320 Out of Field subp. 2. A. the applicant holds a license other than for a related services profession	Approve Life Science and Science 5-8
b.	Kellyann Lockrem/Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	Waive 8710.0320 Out of Field subp. 2. A. the applicant holds a license other than for a related services profession	Approve ABS
c.	Christina Castaneda/South Washington County Schools	Waive 8710.0320 Out of Field subp. 6. Limitations and exceptions A. An individual cannot hold an out-Of-field permission to work in a related services position.	Approve School Psychologist
d.	Angela Cardinal/Watertown Mayer	Waive 8710.0320 Out of Field subp. 6. Limitations and exceptions A. An individual cannot hold an out-Of-field permission to work in a related services position.	Approve Speech & Language Pathologist
e.	Joel Sundstrom/Columbia Heights	Waive 8710.0320 Out of Field subp. 6. Limitations and exceptions A. An individual cannot hold an out-Of-field permission to work in a related services position.	Approve School Psychologist

TEACHER PREPARATION – DISCRETIONARY VARIANCES

	Unit/Program	Rule	Teacher Preparation Committee Recommendation
a.	Concordia University St. Paul	8705.1010 Subpart 3C.2(a) (aligned to the content of the licensure field sought)	Approve with conditions
b.	St. Cloud State University	8705.1010, Subp. 3D.1(a) (field experience hours)	Approve with conditions