MINNESOTA
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
LICENSING AND STANDARDS BOARD

Board Meeting Minutes

July 17, 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 Shoemaker
Dr. Gift Saloka
Dr. Kurt Stumpf (Virtual)
Justin Hoelscher
Glazell Toledo
Rochelle Dyer
Liana Lingofelt
Nathan Wood
Abby Marta
Dr. Sapna Thapa

Board members absent:
Jennifer Trask

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
Molly Kleist, Assistant Attorney General

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Toledo moved to approve the Agenda with flexibility and move Chair from Aho to Shoemaker. Wood seconded the motion.

VOTE: All aye.
RESULT: The motion passed.

ORAL ARGUMENTS

The board heard oral arguments in the matter of Ms. Hannah Haugh's license renewal application. The board was advised by Assistant Attorney General Nathan Hartshorn. Oral arguments were made by Assistant Attorney General David Cullen. Ms. Haugh and their attorney, Jonathan Reiner, were present.

MOTION: Dyer moved to enter Closed Session. Hoelscher seconded the motion.

VOTE: All aye.
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. **Kristin Edwards (FFN 515001):** The Board adopted a stipulation agreement and consent order whereby Kristin Edwards's teaching licenses are subject to a two-year stayed suspension.
2. **Harris Meh (FFN 349423):** The Board adopted findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order whereby Harris Meh's renewal application is denied.
3. **Hayden Vosbeek (FFN 1035896):** The Board adopted a stipulation agreement and order whereby Hayden Vosbeek's teaching license is subject to a one year stayed suspension.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Shoemaker moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Wood seconded the motion.
VOTE: Aye: Shoemaker, Saloka, Wood, Dyer, Thapa, Hoelscher, Sumpf, Lingofelt, Toledo, Aho.
ABSTAIN: Marta.
RESULT: The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2026 Board Retreat

Amy Aho, PELSB Board Chair, summarized the topics of the three sessions from the Thursday, June 25 Board Retreat.

Board members commented on the depth of discussions had with community partners and the large attendance number.

R4863 Update

Steve Rollin, PELSB Rulemaking Attorney, gave an update on the omnibus rule, outlining the seven main parts. The next steps include posting a dual notice and working with state lawmakers.

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Teacher Prep

Caren Custer, PELSB Data and Compliance Specialist, highlighted new data in the PELSB dashboard, ways the data can be engaged with, and the additional contextual information present with the data.

REPORTS

COMMITTEES & SUBCOMMITTEES

i. Executive Committee

The committee met on July 8 to approve the board meeting agenda. The next meeting is on August 5.

ii. Licensing Committee

The committee will meet on July 30.

iii. Teacher Preparation Committee

The committee met on July 8. All items are on the consent agenda. The next meeting is on August 3.

iv. Legislative Committee

No report.

v. Increase Teachers of Color and Indigenous Teachers Committee

No report.

vi. Standards and Rules Advisory Committee

Next meeting is on August 13.

Staff Report

Dr. Bailey highlighted community engagement for the last month, as well as giving notice of accepting applications for the science licensure writing group and those that are interested contact Mr. Rollin.

Dr. Zane Sheehan, Lakes Country Service Cooperative, presented Debby Odell the Award of Merit.

Chair Report

Chair Aho recognized the Semiquincentennial of the United States of America, the success of the board retreat, welcoming new board members, and announced the new board committee assignments.

ADJOURN

Chair Aho adjourned the meeting at 11:44 am.

Appendix A: CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVE MINUTES

Approve Minutes from June 26, 2026, board meeting.

UNIT APPROVALS

None

PROGRAM APPROVALS

None

LICENSES AND PERMISSIONS

None

TEACHER PREPARATION – DISCRETIONARY VARIANCES

	Unit/Program	Rule	Staff Recommendation
a.	Bemidji State University (candidate)	8705.1010, Subp. 3.C.2 (80 percent of the contracted week)	Approve with conditions
b.	Bemidji State University (unit)	8705.1010, Subp 3C1b and Subp3D1b (experience with students who differ in home language)	Approve
c.	Bemidji State University (programs)	8705.1010, Subp. 6A (administer approved program)	Approve
d.	Southwest MN State University (programs)	8705.1010, Subp. 3.C.2 (80 percent of the contracted week)	Approve with conditions