

Memorandum

Date: July 17, 2026

To: PELSB Board Members

From: Steve Rollin, Rulemaking Attorney

Re: R4863 Rulemaking Update - REPORT

Background

In Spring 2025, PELSB closed a 60-day request for comments on proposed rule R4863 relating to teacher licensure, license renewal, and other legislative requirements. Proposed changes include:

- implementing legislative changes that expand the exemption from a bachelor's degree requirement for licensure to include teachers seeking licensure in World Language & Culture, and the Visual or Performing Arts;¹
- Adopting required components to the renewal requirement specific to American Indian history and culture;²
- Streamlining certain components of the licensure via portfolio process;³
- Defining "meaningful progress," for the purpose of determining whether a teacher on a Tier 2 license can renew;⁴ and,
- Early Childhood Education, Ethnic Studies, and Computer Science licensure.⁵

In May through November 2025, the Board discussed revisions to the rule draft and ultimately voted to adopt changes and move forward with filing a dual notice.

Current Status

For the Dual Notice of Intent to Approve the Rule, the Court of Administrative Hearings requires the following actions, most of which are now complete:

- Final review and edits of the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) by PELSB staff
- Final PELSB version of SONAR completed
- MMB review complete – no concerns from MMB (the report is included in your materials)

¹ pp. 11, 13, 16, 19 & 20 of the 10/3/25 draft rule

² pp. 7, 14, 16, 17, 18 & 69 of the 10/3/25 draft rule

³ pp. 23-29 of the 10/3/25 draft rule)

⁴ pp. 9, 21, 22, 67 & 68 of the 10/3/25 draft rule

⁵ pp. 32-38 of the 10/3/25 draft rule, pp.39-56 of the 10/3/25 draft rule, and pp. 56-67 of the 10/3/25 draft rule

- Governor’s Office review – waiting for approval –
- may request revisions to the “need & reasonableness” section of the proposed Ethnic Studies teacher licensure

See the PELSB webpage for further information about the proposed rule ([Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Teacher Licensure, Renewal, and Other Legislative Requirements / Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board \(PELSB\)](#)).

Options

This is a report. No action is needed.