

*The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the EPSB at the May 3, 2018, special meeting. This information is provided in summary form; an official record of the meeting is available in the permanent records of the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB), 100 Airport Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601.*

**Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB)  
Summary Minutes of the Special Meeting  
EPSB Offices, 100 Airport Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Frankfort, Kentucky**

**Call to Order**

Chair Rob Akers called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. EDT. He read the mission statement to the Board and audience.

**Swearing in of New Board Member**

Kathleen Ragland, a notary from the KHEAA agency, swore in new Board member, Wayne Lewis. Mr. Lewis, who is currently serving as the interim Kentucky Education Commissioner, will represent KDE as a member of the Board.

**Roll Call**

The following Board members were present during the May 3, 2018, EPSB meeting: Tracy Adams, Rob Akers, Kathy Gornik, David Graham, Donna Hedgepath, Robert King, Wayne Lewis, Sherry Powers, and Steven Thomas.

Sarah Burnett, Tolya Ellis, Daniel Morgan, Dustin Phelps, Shad Sletto and Rachel Watson were absent.

**Report of the Executive Director**

EPSB Executive Director Adams provided updates to the Board. He announced that Ashley Absire had accepted a position at Kentucky State University and that John Fields would soon be leaving the EPSB to serve as an Assistant Superintendent in the Franklin County Public Schools district.

Mr. Adams also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Bob King, who will be retiring from the CPE in June, for his leadership, mentoring and comradery.

**Information/Discussion Item**

Discussion Concerning the Requirement of Rank II for Certification Renewal

Executive Director Adams informed the Board that the Information/Discussion Item was included on the Board agenda to provide background information and an important discussion opportunity that would assist the Board before making a final decision on the Action Item appearing on the agenda.

Ms. Donna Brockman and Mr. John Fields listed and reviewed the recommendations from the Rank II Options Committee that were initially presented during a prior Board meeting. Much discussion occurred after the recommendations were again presented, and it was noted that the Rank II requirements and committee recommendations would appear on the June 18, 2018,

Board meeting agenda when more Board members would be present for discussion and before final decision-making could occur.

### **Action Item**

#### **Certification Issuance Process Affected by Suspension of the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP)**

##### **2018-19**

Executive Director Adams explained the certification process currently in place for new candidates successfully completing an educator preparation program in Kentucky. He further explained the KTIP requirement in regulation, how the suspension of KTIP will affect the certification process, and the impact for staff and candidates if switching from an initial Statement of Eligibility (SOE) to a Professional Certificate for new educator program completers.

Discussion followed as the Board considered options. After much discussion, Board Chair Rob Akers called for a motion to approve the issuance of a Professional Certificate in place of a SOE and waive KTIP requirements in regulation.

*Motion made by Ms. Kathy Gornik, seconded by Mr. Wayne Lewis, to approve the issuance of a Professional Certificate and waive the regulatory requirements of the issuance of a SOE.*

**Vote:** *Unanimous*

### **Adjournment**

*Motion made by Mr. David Graham, seconded by Mr. Steven Thomas, to adjourn.*

**Vote:** *Unanimous*

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Next Special Meeting of EPSB:

June 18, 2018  
9:00 AM (EDT)  
EPSB Board Room  
Frankfort, Kentucky