

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD  
BOARD OF MEDICINE, SUITE 200- CHEYENNE, WYOMING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER – 8:00 AM**

Present: BOARD: Jon Abrams, Diane Beffert, Peter Martin, Timothy O’Gan, Shawn Peck, Kay Persichitte, Eric Stemle, Allen Trent, BOARD via LeaderPhone: Molly Potas, Walter Wilcox, STAFF: Teresa Sexton, Andrea Bryant, Ashley Rabeth, AG: Ken Nelson, GUEST’S: Kathy Scheurman, Carol Illian GUEST’S via LeaderPhone Stephanie Weaver and Kirk Hughes.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Allen Trent and seconded by Kay Persichitte to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS OF PTSB STAFF**

Teresa Sexton introduced staff members: Trisha Wright, Nannette Tardif, Aurmelia Decker, Ashley Rabeth, Janna Allen, Morgan Baker, and Andrea Bryant with descriptions of their positions, duties and accomplishments at PTSB.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Jon Abrams and seconded by Timothy O’Gan to approve minutes for December 14, 2011, December 16, 2011 and January 24, 2011. Motion carried.

**BUDGET REPORT**

Teresa Sexton explained some of the recent significant expenses. They included: Betsie Martinez’s retirement, hiring of temps, and inconsistency with state billing cycles. Teresa reported that Accounting Technician Janie White has been working to clean up some of PTSB’s fiscal operations. Projects have included processing/follow-up of non-sufficient funds (NFS) as well as using proper object codes in WOLF’S. Jon Abrams requested clarification regarding PTSB’S need to rent office space. Janie explained that because we are a self-funded state agency we would have to pay rent even if we were to go to a state building.

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

Teresa Sexton discussed PTSB staff positions and situations, and her request to move the two AWEC positions to FTE positions. She explained the increase in workload for the staff with graphs that indicated increases in license/permit applications, phone calls and customer service needs. Teresa reported on licensure discipline cases, newsletter, district/college training sessions, data collection, fingerprint redo’s, NSF collections, file archive cleanup and preparation for migration to full online licensure, and finally the impact of proposed legislative changes. Andrea spoke on the progress of the online licensure, and the feedback from district Directors and educators.

**EXCEPTION AUTHORIZATIONS**

Guests Carol Illian and Stephanie Weaver spoke on behalf of Wyoming Department of Education in regards to highly qualified special education teachers. They presented to the Board a draft of a memorandum they intend to forward on to school district superintendents, directors of special

education, and human resource directors. Carol and Stephanie summarized to the Board the intent of the memorandum and answered questions by Board Members.

Kay Persichitte suggested implementing the wording from PTSB rules chapter 5 (b) (iv) (A) “a customary search has been conducted and no properly licensed and qualified educator is available;” on the certification of customary search and applicant supervision form required for the exception authorization.

Allen Trent moved and Kay Persichitte seconded to make the exception authorization application language parallel to the wording used in PTSB Rules Chapter 5 (b) (iv) (A). Motion carried.

### **TIERED LICENSURE**

Guest Kirk Hughes phone in to the meeting for the purpose of giving district comments regarding tiered licensure. He highlighted that he feels as though the meetings have been very productive and informative, but he doesn't see the value of tiered licensure for Wyoming. Teresa Sexton and Andrea Bryant provided information about what tiered licensure could potentially look like but explained that it is still being reviewed by the tiered licensure committee. Kay Persichitte said she sees the process of tiered licensure as an opportunity for educators as a pathway for career opportunities as well as incentives to further their own education. Guest Kathy Scheurman expressed that she is not currently convinced that tiered licensure would be a positive move but she is open to seeing more research and information as to the purpose and reward of implementing it in Wyoming.

Jon moved and Shawn seconded to table tiered licensure for one year and decide at that time whether to re-open it or to dismiss it completely. Motion carried.

### **CLARIFICATION OF DEMONSTRATION OF COMPETENCY (DOC) REQUIREMENTS**

Teresa Sexton had Andrea Bryant explain some issues PTSB is having in processing DOCs and asked for clarification from the Board regarding whether or not PTSB should accept credits toward DOC completion that were obtained via credit by exam, “pass” (equivalent to a “C or higher,” per PTSB Rules & Regs) or military credits that were accepted by a college and transcribed for credit at that institution.

Kay Persichitte moved and Peter Martin seconded that, regarding transcribed military credits, if the military credits appear on the applicant's transcript from an accredited institution, they may be considered as possible courses to add the endorsement via DOC. Motion carried.

Kay Persichitte moved and Timothy O'Gan seconded that PTSB would accept no more than six (6) credit hours of “pass” grade or credit by exam. Three (3) of the six (6) credits allowable may be in pedagogy. Motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into executive session at 3:30 pm and regular session resumed at 4:30 pm. In executive session the Board discussed three disciplinary cases which included the following docket numbers: 2010-628, 2011-010, and 2011-018. The Board also conducted the annual Director's review.

Jon Abrams moved and Kay Persichitte seconded for the Board to support the recommendation of the Investigative Committee for disciplinary action in the case of Docket# 2010-628. Motion carried.

Jon Abrams moved and Diane Beffert seconded that the Board support the disciplinary action taken on Docket# 2011-018. Motion carried.

Peter Martin moved and Kay Persichitte seconded to accept the settlement agreement in the case of Docket# 2011-010. Motion carried.

Timothy O'Gan moved and Kay Persichitte seconded that the Board continue the employment of Teresa Sexton as Executive Director of Professional Teaching Standards Board and that they submit a request to A&I for a 5% salary increase. Motion carried.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Molly Potas nominated Eric Stemle for the position of Board Chair and Allen Trent seconded. By acclamation Eric accepted. Kay Persichitte nominated Molly Potas for the position of Board Vice Chair and Jon Abrams seconded. By acclamation Molly accepted. Kay nominated Peter Martin the position of Board Parliamentarian and Timothy O'Gan seconded. By acclamation Peter accepted.

#### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Teresa Sexton recommended the Board retain the current Investigative Committee and Application Review Committee members as they are with the intent of keeping consistency for another year. Teresa also recommended that Timothy O'Gan and Molly Potas be the sole Application Review Committee and that Jon Abrams and Linda Wolfskill as well as Eric Stemle and Shawn Peck continue as the Board's Investigative Committees.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Moved by Jon Abrams and seconded by Peter Martin to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm. Motion carried.