

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JUNE 14, 2011**

The State Board of Education met via telephone conference call at 11:15 a.m., CDT, on June 14, 2011.

<b>Present..... 9</b>	<b>Absent.....1</b>
<b>Mr. Jim Ayers</b>	<b>Mr. Flavius Barker</b>
<b>Ms. Vernita Justice</b>	
<b>Ms. Carolyn Pearre</b>	
<b>Mr. Richard Ray</b>	
<b>Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chair</b>	
<b>Dr. Jean Anne Rogers</b>	
<b>Ms. Teresa Sloyan</b>	
<b>Dr. Melvin Wright</b>	
<b>Mr. Chip Woods</b>	

**Others Present**

**Dr. Gary Nixon, State Board of Education (SBE)**  
**Dr. David Sevier, SBE**  
**Mr. Art Fuller, SBE**  
**Ms. Dannelle Walker, SBE**  
**Ms. Phyllis Childress, SBE**  
**Commissioner Kevin Huffman, Department of Education (DOE)**  
**Dr. Sara Heyburn, DOE**  
**Mr. Stephen Smith, DOE**  
**Mr. Tim Gaddis, DOE**

**Chairman Rolston** called the meeting to order.

**I. Consent Items**

**A. *Adoption of Agenda***

**ACTION:** **Mr. Ray** moved approval. **Ms. Sloyan** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. Action Items (First Reading)**

**A. *Educator Evaluation Policy and Rule***

**Dr. Gary Nixon**, State Board of Education, presented changes to the approval process of the State's default teacher evaluation model.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Ray** moved approval on first reading. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded and a roll call vote was taken as follows:

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Jim Ayers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Flavius Barker</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Vernita Justice</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dick Ray</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Jean Anne Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Teresa Sloyan</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Melvin Wright</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Chip Woods</b>	<b>X</b>		

The motion passed unanimously.

### **III. Action Items (Final Reading)**

#### **A. Educator Evaluation Models**

**Dr. Sara Heyburn**, Department of Education, presented the models recommended by the Commissioner of Education to evaluate Tennessee teachers. She stated that the Department was recommending the TEAM model and listed three alternate models as well that could be used in any LEA.

**Mr. Ray** recommended that the models be limited to 4-5 key items rather than a “laundry list” and stated that after having conversations with principals in East Tennessee, instructional guidance was not high on the list of priorities for principals.

**Chairman Rolston** agreed that experience shows that we need to scale back some.

**Dr. Heyburn** stated that the Department fully expected to refine the models.

**Ms. Sloyan** stated that she felt that all these points were well-taken and that education was taking an important first step.

**Commissioner Huffman** said that he was excited to have multiple models to start with so that each model could be studied.

**Vice Chair Pearre** asked about on-going support such as more staff in the Department and funding.

**Commissioner Huffman** responded that this was a high priority and that **Dr. Heyburn** would be the contact person for hiring people. He stated that guidance would be provided to all systems.

**Ms. Sloyan** asked what the timetable would be when the Commissioner could share with the Board information on the process. He responded that it would be an ongoing process and he could report as they come in real time.

**ACTION:** **Ms. Sloyan** moved approval. **Mr. Ray** seconded and a roll call vote was taken as follows:

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Jim Ayers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Flavius Barker</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Vernita Justice</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dick Ray</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Jean Anne Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Teresa Sloyan</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Melvin Wright</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Chip Woods</b>	<b>X</b>		

The motion passed unanimously.

**Chairman Rolston** thanked members for being available to participate in the meeting by telephone. The meeting was adjourned with the remaining meeting dates being August 5 and November 4, 2011.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_