

Yenetta Harper, Director

James Wagner, Chair

**Ohio Educator Standards Board
Annual Report
September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021**

Mission Statement:

“The Educator Standards Board collaboratively promotes educator quality, professionalism and public accountability on behalf of the students and citizens of Ohio.”

Vision Statement:

“Student achievement driven by quality educator development.”

Annual Report of the Ohio Educator Standards Board (ESB) 2020-2021:

- The Educator Standards Board held seven business meetings from September 2020 through June 2021.
- The Educator Standards Board received reports from the Ohio Department of Education, State Board of Education, and the Ohio Department of Higher Education as part of the business meetings.
- The Educator Standards Board continued to collaborate with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) on the implementation of the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES and OTES 2.0); Ohio Principal Evaluation System (OPES and OPES 2.0); the Electronic Teacher and Principal Evaluation System (eTPES); the Ohio Evaluation System (OhioES); the School Counselor Evaluation System, the Ohio Resident Educator (RE) Program and the Ohio Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA).
- Mr. James Wagner served as the Chair and Ms. Debra McDonald served as the Vice-Chair to the ESB.

September 2020, Webex Virtual Meeting

- The September Educator Standards Board meeting was held on September 18, 2020.
- The meeting of the Licensure Committee introduced committee chairperson Joseph Friess.
 - Ms. Bell read the resolution regarding the adoption of the ETS Praxis Test 5205, Teaching Reading: Elementary, as well as requiring a passing score of 159 or higher be adopted. All members present were in favor. The motion passed.
- The meeting of the Standards Committee introduced committee chairperson Cassandra Daniels.
- James Wagner was confirmed as Chair of the ESB, and Debra McDonald was confirmed as Vice Chair. They assumed their positions at the October 2020 meeting.

October 2020, Webex Virtual Meeting

- The October Educator Standards Board meeting was held on October 16, 2020.
- The Licensure Committee was briefed by Thomas McGee, Director of the Office of Educator Licensure at the Ohio Department of Education (the Department), on alternative licensure rules up for five-year review. One rule pertained to the alternative principal's license and the other to the alternative superintendent and specialists' licenses. The changes were for clarification and consistency with the language of other similar documents and licensing standards. The committee recommended that the State Board authorize the Department to finalize those two rules.
- There was discussion on the challenges for people who were licensed teachers that have exited the profession for a while but who were now looking to get back into teaching. The Department will be looking into how to make it easier for those people to get back into the profession.

- The standards committee received a presentation on equity, diversity and inclusion. A discussion followed. The Department will expand upon definitions for equity, diversity and inclusion and a taskforce has been formed. The Department asked board members to be trained on biases and equity and that the ESB crafted a draft resolution about equity.
- Mr. Friess stated that the Licensure Committee recommended that the board move forward with OAC 3301-24-11 Alternative Principal License. All members present were in favor. The motion passed.
- Mr. Friess stated that the Licensure Committee recommended that the board move forward with OAC 3301-22-12 Alternative Superintendent and Alternative Specialist License. All members present were in favor. The motion passed.

December 2020, Webex Virtual Meeting

- The December Educator Standards Board meeting was held on December 11, 2020.
- The Licensure Committee discussed the alternative license for principals and superintendents and administrative specialist. The wording was put out for comment and several comments were received indicating that community schools should be included in the rule so that community schools and districts could request an alternative administrative specialist license or an alternative superintendent license. The committee made the recommendation that the term community schools be included during action items of the business meeting.
- The Standards Committee discussed reinstating the subcommittee for superintendent standards and to postpone the work of the subcommittee until the fall of 2021 because of pandemic circumstances.
- The Standards Committee reviewed the State Board's Resolution to Condemn Racism and to Advance Equity and Opportunity for Black Students, Indigenous Students and Students of Color. The committee planned to review this resolution and work on its own resolution for equity, diversity and inclusion.
- The Licensure Committee moved that the Educator Standards Board recommend that the term Community Schools be included in the proposed edits to OAC 3301-24-12 renewal of the Alternative Superintendents and Administrative Specialist License. All members were in favor. Motion passed.

January 2021, Webex Virtual Meeting

- The January Educator Standards Board meeting was held on January 15, 2021.
- Mr. McGee explained that the rule OAC 3301-24-13 for relinquishing licenses was up for review. After discussion with the committee, there were no recommended changes. Mr. Friess made a motion to recommend no changes. All members present were in favor and the motion passed.

- The Standards Committee discussed drafting a statement of support for the State Board of Education’s Resolution To Condemn Racism and to Advance Equity and Opportunity for Black Students, Indigenous Students, and Students of Color. The statement of support will include why the committee supports the resolution and how they will embed this into their work.
 - Ms. McDonald moved that the ESB create a letter of support for the Board of Education’s Resolution To Condemn Racism and to Advance Equity and Opportunity for Black Students, Indigenous Students, and Students of Color, and that the ESB create an action plan to show how their work will support that resolution. After some discussion, all members present were in favor and the motion passed.

March 2021 Webex Virtual Meeting

- The March Educator Standards Board meeting was held on March 12, 2021.
- The Licensure Committee discussed four rule changes; all members were in favor of a motion to make all the changes, and that motion passed.
 - OAC 3301-24-08: Language was added to the current rule to help educators whose license have lapsed to renew their licenses easier.
 - OAC 3301-23-41: Changes were made to have rule language align with the statutory requirement regarding temporary teaching permits for non-licensed individuals.
 - OAC 3301-24-16: Language cleaned up and modernized regarding the Senior Professional Educator License.
 - OAC 3301-24-17: Language cleaned up and modernized regarding the Lead Professional Educator License.
- The Licensure Committee discussed approving the ETS Praxis 5343 Audiology test. Mr. McGee explained that they are sunseting the previous exam and moving to a new exam and presented a recommended cut score. Mr. McGee stated the 162 scaled score is the score adopted by the Ohio Speech Language and Audiology Board as well as OSHA, for national certification. Mr. Friess moved to vote on the proposed recommendation language for the audiology test. All members present were in favor. The motion passed.
- The Standards Committee reviewed and discussed the letter of support for the State Board of Education’s Resolution to Condemn Racism and to Advance Equity and Opportunity for Black Students, Indigenous Students and Students of Color. Discussion included the need to keep the letter of support strong and within the Board’s area of work. There was also discussion of the word anti-racist and how it makes the statement of support stronger. The committee asked the Board to review and discuss the proposed letter of support and to offer feedback.
- Ms. McDonald moved that the ESB recommend that the State Board of Education adopt the proposed revised standards-based state framework for the evaluation of principals (OPES 2.0). All members present were in favor. The motion passed.

May 2021, Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

- The May Educator Standards Board meeting was held on May 7, 2021.
- The Licensure Committee discussed a student teacher permit to allow student teachers to serve as substitute teachers during and after their student teaching experience. This authorization will expire June 30, 2021. The committee expected to receive language to review on this permit in the future.
- The Standards Committee reviewed the letter of support for the State Board of Education's Resolution to Condemn Racism and to Advance Equity and Opportunity for Black Students, Indigenous Students and Students of Color. The committee proposed bringing its recommendation and statement for support forward at the Board meeting next month.

June 2021, Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

- The June Educator Standards Board meeting was held on June 11, 2021.
- Mr. Wagner reported that new members will be joining the Board in the fall: Abbey Bolton, Carrie Cass, Andrew Gibson and Rosalind Moore. He also reported that some current members are leaving the Board: Joe Friess, Julie Lather, Cynthia Lombardo, Eve Bolton and Kelly Bell.
- The Licensure Committee reviewed OAC 3301-25-09 (Two-Year School Speech Language Pathology Permit). The committee did not recommend any changes. It was moved that the OAC 3301-25-09 have no revisions. There was no discussion. All members were in favor. The motion passed.
- The Standards Committee discussed the memo of support to the State Board of Education's Resolution to Condemn Racism and to Advance Equity and Opportunity for Black Students, Indigenous Students and Students of Color. It was moved to adopt the memo of support. There was no discussion. All members were in favor. The motion passed.
- The board discussed a resolution to lower the OAE Educator Licensure Test cut score in Biology (007) and Mathematics (027) by one standard error of measurement (SEM). Ms. Bell asked if it would be explained to the State Board of Education that the ESB is requesting that Pearson review the tests. Ms. Harper clarified that the company reviewing the tests depends on who is awarded the pending contract for Ohio educator licensure testing. Ms. Bell is concerned that this is the third time that the ESB has asked to have biology cut scores reviewed and would like them to know this is of primary importance to the ESB. Ms. Harper stated that she would relay the ESB's concerns. All members present were in favor. The motion passed.

Members of the Ohio Educator Standards Board – 2020-2021

Chair: **James Wagner**, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Vice Chair: **Debra McDonald**, Wayne County Joint Vocational School District

Monica Asher, Chagrin Fall Exempted Village School
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Yenetta Harper, Director, Office of Educator Effectiveness