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**MINUTES OF THE  
CALLED STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Atlanta, Georgia  
Scott Sweeney, Chairman

December 21, 2020  
Richard Woods, Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

The State Board of Education convened at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 21, 2020, via conference call. Chairman Scott Sweeney called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**ATTENDEES**

**State Board of Education:**

Mr. Mike Long	Mr. Scott Sweeney	Mr. Scott Johnson
Dr. Butch Mosely	Mr. Mike Royal	Mr. Trey Allen
Ms. Helen Rice	Mr. Jason Downey	Ms. Lynn Nabors
Ms. Lisa Kinnemore	Ms. Lee Anne Cowart	Ms. Phenna Petty
Mr. Kenneth Mason	Ms. Martha Zoller	

Others participating via teleconference: Mr. Richard Woods, Mr. Matt Jones, Ms. Stacey Suber-Drake, Ms. Tiffany Taylor, Ms. Allison Timberlake, Ms. Shaun Owens, Mr. Keith Osburn and Ms. Susan Haynes.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the public notice and posting of the agenda, the Chair asked if there were any comments from the public regarding State Board Rule - Georgia Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score. No one signed up to speak.

**ACTION ITEM**

**AGENDA**

Motion from Ms. Martha Zoller and a second from Ms. Helen Rice was made to approve the agenda. The State Board of Education unanimously approved the agenda.

**RULES COMMITTEE ITEMS**

1. **State Board Rule - Georgia Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score (Adoption)**. Upon motion by Dr. Butch Mosely and a second from Ms. Phenna Petty, the State Board of Education unanimously approved State Board Rule - Georgia Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score. (Appendix 1)

## **OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. **Election of 2021 State Board Officers.** Dr. Butch Mosely recommended the proposed slate of 2021 officers to serve in accordance with the bylaws to establish SBOE leadership.

Mr. Scott Sweeney, Chairman  
Mr. Jason Downey, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, Chair of Appeals

Upon motion from Mr. Scott Johnson and a second from Mr. Kenneth Mason, the State Board unanimously approved the slate of 2021 State Board of Education officers as presented.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:30 p.m., by motion of Mr. Jason Downey and a second from Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Caputo  
Recording Secretary

**160-4-2-.13 STATEWIDE PASSING SCORE.**

**(1) DEFINITION.**

(a) **Minimum passing score** – the lowest possible score that a student can earn and still meet the requirements for completion of a subject or grade.

(b) **Georgia Milestones End-of-Course (EOC)** –assessments administered at the completion of core high school courses specified by the State Board of Education, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 20-2-281(f), to measure student achievement in the four content areas of English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

**(2) REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) Each local board of education shall establish 70 as the minimum passing score for all subjects/courses taught in grades 4-12 in the public schools of the state.

(b) Each school containing any grade 9-12 shall record and maintain numerical grades of students in all courses for which credit is given in those courses.

(c) If letter grades instead of numerical grades are given in grades 4-8, the local board of education shall determine the relationship of letter grades to the numerical passing score of 70.

(d) The Georgia Milestones EOC shall be used as the final exam in the courses assessed by a Georgia Milestones EOC. Georgia Milestones EOC reports shall provide students, parents, and educators with individual scores on each EOC taken; student scores must be recorded on, in, or with the individual student report card.

(e) For students who entered ninth grade for the first time before July 1, 2011, the numeric score on the Georgia Milestones EOC shall count for 15% of the student's final numeric grade in the course assessed by the Georgia Milestones EOC.

(f) For students who enter ninth grade on or after July 1, 2011, the numeric score on the Georgia Milestones EOC shall count for 20% of the student's final numeric grade in the course assessed by the Georgia Milestones EOC.

1. For the 2020-2021 school year only, the numeric score on the Georgia Milestones EOC shall count for 0.01%, at a minimum, of the student's final numeric grade in the course assessed by the Georgia Milestones EOC.

**Authority:** O.C.G.A. §§ 20-2-240; 20-2-281.

**Adopted:**

**Effective:**