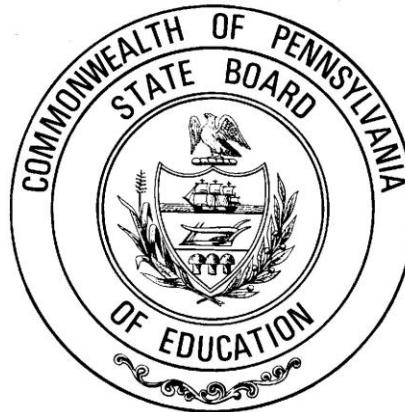


State Board of Education



Presentation for EPLC Fellowship Program

- Background on State Board authority, composition and membership
- Update on current activities & agenda items

Authority

Article XXVI-B School Code

- Adopt regulations, standards & policies to govern education in Pennsylvania
- Master Plans for basic and higher education

Other Responsibilities

- Approve changes in school district boundaries (via Independent School Districts or voluntary mergers)
- Approve new community colleges or changes to sponsorship of current community colleges
- Award accreditation to postsecondary Career and Technical Education programs

Other Responsibilities

- Approve authorized private school accreditors
 - Middle States
 - PA Association of Independent Schools
 - AdvancED
- Conduct studies & make recommendations on educational policy (*State School Fund*)

State Board Membership

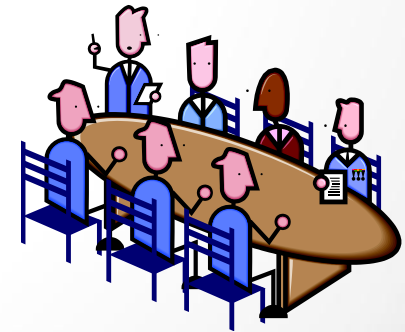
- 21 voting members
 - 17 nominated by Governor/confirmed by Senate to serve 6 year staggered terms
 - 4 Legislative members – chairs of Ed Cmtes.
- 4 Student members (2 H.S./2 postsecondary)
- Secretary of Education is Board CEO
- Professional Standards & Practices Commission Ex-officio member

State Board Structure

- Work conducted through standing and special ad hoc committees
- Council of Basic Education
- Council of Higher Education
- State Board for Vocational Education/State Board of Education
- State Board Chairman & Council Chairs selected by Governor

State Board Meetings

- Statutory requirement to convene at least 6 times per year
- Meetings held:
 - January, March, May, July, September & November
- Meetings open to the public
- Public comment period
- Meeting schedule on web site



Regulatory Development/Approval

Three Stages to Process

- Board review & development
- Proposed stage
- Final stage

Regulatory Development/Approval

1st Stage – Review and Development

- Roundtable meetings or public hearings held to solicit stakeholder/public input
- Draft Regulation approved by State Board Standing Committee
- Draft Regulation forwarded to Council & Board; Board announces intention to adopt

Regulatory Development/Approval

2nd Stage - Proposed Stage

- Reviewed by Gov. Policy, Gov. Budget, Gov. General Counsel and Attorney General
- Submitted to House & Senate Education Committees, Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC), PA Bulletin for comment
- Public must be provided 30-days to submit formal comments
- State Board considers comments and revises proposed regulation as appropriate

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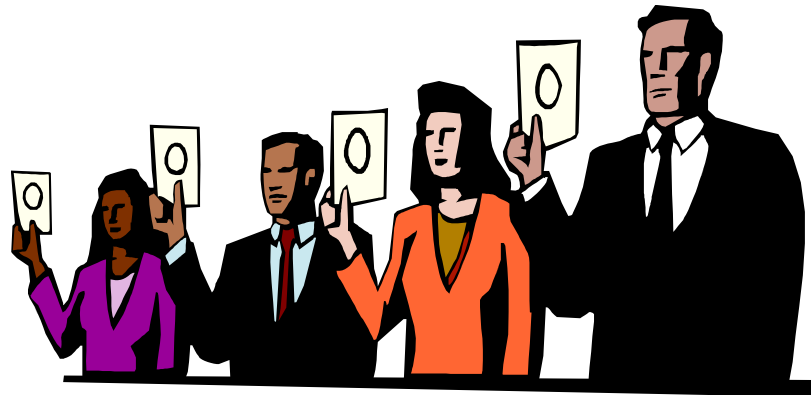
3rd Stage – Final-form Stage

- Board adopts final regulation
- Submits to Gov. Policy, Gov. Budget & Gov. General Counsel
- Submits for approval by House and Senate Education Committees & IRRC
- Submits to Attorney General for approval
- Published in Pennsylvania Bulletin

Current Activities/ Agenda Items

- Act 86 – Data Collection Reduction
- Act 70 – Study of instruction in the Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations
- Chapter 11 – Immunizations
- College Textbook Policies Advisory Committee

Questions & Discussion



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