

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action Item:

Education Professional Standards Board Meeting Schedule

Rationale:

To ensure that educator cases are not dismissed for failure to comply with the timelines created by House Bill 300 from the 2024 legislative session, the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) will need to update the board meeting schedule.

Action Question:

Should the EPSB approve the updated meeting schedule?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.028, KRS 161.120

History/Background:

Existing Policy: The current schedule calls for the EPSB to meet on the second Monday of even numbered months (February, April, June, August, October, and December), except for the months of June and August. In June and August, the EPSB shall meet on the third Monday of the month.

Summary: Last Fall, the EPSB began discussing the meeting schedule and the possibility of moving the meetings to the third Monday of even numbered months. The Board also discussed permanently adding a meeting towards the end of July to resolve pending certification issues before the start of each school year. As the legislative session progressed, the EPSB tabled this discussion to monitor HB 300. The final version of HB 300, amended KRS 161.120 to include strict timelines for review and action on complaints of educator misconduct including the provision that if the EPSB “fails to act on the complaint within the thirty (30) calendar days, then the complaint shall be considered dismissed.” To avoid dismissal of cases, the EPSB will need to increase the frequency of meeting. At the June meeting, the EPSB discussed a proposed meeting schedule that set regular meetings on the third week of even numbered months and added virtual meetings between regular meetings to focus on educator cases. At the meeting, the Board also discussed moving the regular meetings from Mondays to another day of the week. The proposed schedule sets regular meetings on the third Tuesday of even numbered months and sets virtual meetings for Monday afternoons from 4:00-6:00 PM ET. A copy of the meeting schedule is included for EPSB review.

Budget Impact: There will be costs associated with meeting more frequently.

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