

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Information 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 scheduled.

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 meetings, which may include adding virtual meetings focused solely on the review of character and fitness and educator cases. At the meeting, the EPSB will discuss options for updating the meeting schedule and the feasibility of these options.

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

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