

# BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2025  
Zoom Webinar

**Monday July 28, 2025**  
**12:00PM**

## **CALL TO ORDER – 00:00:07**

Chair Tharp called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. The Chair led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Kris Stockton took Roll Call. The Chair read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests.

Board members: Dr. Tim Tharp, Chair; Dr. Ron Slinger, Vice Chair; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan; Ms. Lisa Schmidt; Ms. Julia Maxwell; Ms. Renee Rasmussen. Staff: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist.

## **ADOPT AGENDA – 00:02:12**

**Board member Quinlan moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Slinger.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

## **❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Renee Rasmussen (Items 1-2)**

**Item 1                    ACTION ON AND RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON REVISIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 54, EARLY NUMERACY INTEGRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AND TITLE 10, CHAPTER 63, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION STANDARDS – 00:02:48**  
**Renee Rasmussen**

Board member Rasmussen noted that only two comments were received on the proposed revisions. Both comments discussed the same topic related to the sequencing in the Early Childhood Education Standards.

**Board member Rasmussen moved to agree with Comment 1 and revise the sequence of the developmental domains listed in the Early Childhood Education Standards. Motion seconded by Board member Quinlan.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 2                    ACTION ON THE PROPOSED NOTICE OF ADOPTION PERTAINING TO RULEMAKING IN ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 54, EARLY NUMERACY INTEGRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AND TITLE 10, CHAPTER 63, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION STANDARDS, AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – 00:5:00**  
**McCall Flynn**

Ms. McCall Flynn reviewed the proposed changes and how Comment 1 will be translated into the proposal.

**Board member Quinlan moved to approve the Notice of Adoption pertaining to rulemaking in ARM Title 10, Chapter 54, Early Numeracy Integration for the 2025-2026 School Year and Title 10, Chapter 63, Early Childhood Education Standards, and authorize filing of the Notice with the Secretary of State for publication in the Montana Administrative Register. Motion seconded by Board member Rasmussen.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

\*\*\*\*\*CLOSED SESSION\*\*\*\*\*

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 3-4)

Item 3 DISCUSSION ON LEGAL COUNSEL STRATEGY – 00:08:53  
Dr. Tim Tharp

\*\*\*\*\*OPEN SESSION\*\*\*\*\*

Item 4 ACTION ON LEGAL COUNSEL STRATEGY – 00:00:12  
Dr. Tim Tharp

**Dr. Tim Tharp moved to authorize Director Flynn to enter into an MOU with an attorney or attorneys for Board legal work. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Slinger.**

***Chair Tharp noted he spoke with Member Nieskens, and she approves of the motion.***

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

Ms. Flynn stated the next meeting is in Dillon in September.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 PM.

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