

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2025
Zoom Webinar

Monday June 16, 2025
8:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER – 00:00:14

Chair Tharp called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. 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. Renee Rasmussen. Staff: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist. Guests: Ms. Tyler Capece, Office of Public Instruction.

ADOPT AGENDA – 00:03:30

Board member Quinlan moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Board member Rasmussen.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Renee Rasmussen (Item 1)

Item 1

ACTION ON THE EARLY LITERACY ADVISORY COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROPOSED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND TIMELINE 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 CONTENT STANDARDS, AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – 00:03:55

McCall Flynn

Board member Rasmussen opened the item and asked Ms. McCall Flynn to explain the purpose for the rulemaking. Ms. Flynn explained the rule notice, the timeline, and that this pertains to Early Numeracy legislation that passed in the 2025 Legislative Session, which required the rule be in place for the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. The rule will be immediately revised to be effective for future school years. Ms. Flynn reviewed the rule revisions for Board members and answered questions.

Board member Rasmussen moved to approve the Early Literacy Advisory Council's recommendation on the proposed Notice of Public Hearing and Timeline 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 Content Standards, and authorize filing of the Notice with the Secretary of State for publication in the Montana Administrative Register. Motion seconded by Board member Quinlan.

Chair Tharp noted that this bill was carried by Representative Romano and signed by Governor Gianforte on May 5, 2025.

Board member Rasmussen asked how school districts will be notified of the August 9, 2025 effective date and Ms. Flynn noted that Council members are ready to disburse the information once the rule is effective.

No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT - 00:16:55

No public comment.

Chair Tharp thanked Ms. Flynn for expediting the rulemaking process to be ready for the upcoming school year.

ADJOURN – 00:17:34

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 AM.

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