

**Teacher Induction, Retention, and Advancement Act of 2016
Workgroup
January 31, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

The 11th meeting of the Teacher Induction, Retention, and Advancement Act of 2016 Workgroup was called to order by Ms. Sarah Spross at 1:04 p.m.

In attendance: Sarah Spross (MSDE), Emily Dow (Maryland Higher Education Commission), Linda Gronberg-Quinn (Maryland Association of Directors of Teacher Education at Community College), Rowena Shurn (Maryland State Education Association), Deborah Kraft (Maryland Independent College and University Association), Nancy Shapiro (University of Maryland System), Jack Smith (Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland), Tess Blumenthal (Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals)

MSDE Staff: Alexandra Cambra (MSDE), Ruth Downs (MSDE), Tanisha Brown (MSDE), Kelly Meadows (MSDE); Karen Dates-Dunmore (MSDE), Linda Murel (MSDE), Michelle Dunkle (MSDE), Jeanne Marie Holly (MSDE), Cecilia Rowe (MSDE), and Derek Simonsen, Esq. (Attorney General's Office)

Absentees: Mariette English (Baltimore Teacher's Union), Kimberly Pratesi (Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals), Laura Weeldryer (Maryland State Board of Education), Annette Wallace (Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals)

Introduction:

Ms. Spross welcomed everyone to the 11th meeting of the workgroup of the Teacher Induction, Retention, and Advancement Act of 2016. She stated that she was impressed with the turnout for the meeting and that this was a very important meeting. Ms. Spross let the workgroup know that the meeting is scheduled until 4 p.m. She informed the committee members to use this time to work on their new assignments. She explained that the three-hour meeting that was held on January 20, 2017 with the workgroup was used to look at some of the things that the workgroup/committees have talked about and to refocus/retool the committees. Out of the January 20 meeting, five new committees were created: Committee 1 – Certification Restructuring; Committee 2 – Quality Teacher Incentives; Committee 3 – Expansion of Professional Development & Induction; Committee 4 – Revising the Institutional Performance Criteria; Committee 5 – Mentoring.

Approval of December Minutes

Ms. Sarah Spross entertained a motion to approve December minutes.

MOTION: Nancy Shapiro/Linda Gronberg-Quinn

To approve the December minutes.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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Ms. Spross called the workgroup back to order at 3:30 p.m. She asked the workgroup members if they wanted to do a brief report out or collect the notes from each committee.

Dr. Jack Smith stated that doing a report out would not be necessary. He shared that Ms. Dunkle did a very good job with Committee IV (Revising the Institutional Performance Criteria). Ms. Rowena Shurn inquired about the timeframe in which each workgroup member will receive copies of each committee's notes. Ms. Spross indicated that she would disseminate the draft minutes within two weeks (February 14, 2017).

Ms. Spross stated that the next meeting will be held on February 21st at the Arbutus Library from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The workgroup will review and talk about the notes received for each committee. This will allow the workgroup to see where they need to go with each committee.

Ms. Spross thanked everyone for their participation.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned 2:45 p.m.