



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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State Board to Meet by Audioconference June 7-8

The State Board of Education and Early Development will hold a regularly scheduled meeting by audio conference on June 7-8, originating from the first-floor board room at 801 West 10th Street, Juneau. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. June 7 with a work session and resume at 9:00 a.m. June 8 to continue the work session and hold the business meeting. The meeting's packet is at https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/17-June-Packet.pdf

The board will take public comment on agenda and non-agenda items starting at approximately 9:15 a.m. June 7. Comment at this oral hearing is limited to three minutes per person and five minutes per group. Public comment can be made for this meeting, during this time only, by calling 1-844-586-9085 if you are outside of Juneau. For participation from Juneau, call 586-9085.

This meeting will be streamed through the Legislative Information Office over <http://www.alaskalegislature.tv/> (audio only) beginning at 9:00 a.m. on June 7 and at 9:00 a.m. June 8. Click on the meeting name to listen to the proceedings. When public comment is over, the meeting will continue to be broadcast at the above web site.

Oral comment also can be made by visiting your local Legislative Information Office (LIO). The following LIO's will participate: Anchorage, Bethel, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Mat-Su, Nome, Seward, and Sitka. For more information about LIO's, call 907-465-4648.

The purpose of the meeting is to hold a work session and a business meeting. Topics at the work session include an update on the state plan to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act, an update on Alaska's Education Challenge, an update on the joint UA regents/state board committee, a discussion of the board's procedures for self-evaluation and the board's bylaws, updates on legislative and budget topics, three proposed regulation packages to go out for public comment (school bus standards, cut scores for statewide assessments, and the definition of vocational education), adoption of proposed regulation packages (pre-elementary, staff physical exams, and career and college readiness exams).

Topics at the business meeting include the regulations listed above, appointments to board subcommittees, selection of meeting dates and locations, selection of officers, a regularly scheduled executive session to evaluate the commissioner, standing reports on the department's divisions, the commissioner's report, appointments to the Mt. Edgecumbe High School advisory board, and approval of the minutes of the March 27-29 meeting and May 3 work session.

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