



## NOTICE

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS ON CHAPTER 49: CERTIFICATION OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

Notice is hereby given that the State Board of Education (Board) will conduct a series of regional public hearings to receive input from interested parties on draft proposed amendments to Chapter 49 (Certification of Professional Personnel).

Amendments to Chapter 49 proposed by the Secretary of Education and submitted to the Board for its consideration are available on the Board's website at:

[www.stateboard.education.pa.gov](http://www.stateboard.education.pa.gov)

The current Chapter 49 regulations are available at the following link:

[www.pacode.com/secure/data/022/chapter49/022\\_0049.pdf](http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/022/chapter49/022_0049.pdf)

#### **Registration**

Individuals must register in advance to present testimony at a hearing. Testimony is limited to no more than 5 minutes, and participants will be assigned a time slot on a first come, first served basis when they register. If a hearing site reaches capacity, the Board will place interested participants on a waiting list and will notify members of the waiting list if space becomes available. Each hearing will conclude after the last scheduled witness testifies.

In order to accommodate as many perspectives as possible, individuals representing an organization are limited to one time slot and that organization may only present testimony at one hearing location. However, the hearings are public meetings of the Board and, therefore, members of the public are free to attend and observe the proceedings.

Persons interested in presenting testimony must register with the Board office at [ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov](mailto:ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov) or (717) 787-3787 Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Registrations must be received by the deadline listed for each hearing location below. Registrations submitted via email must include your name, affiliation, phone number, email address, and the date and location of the hearing in which you would like to participate.

Those registered to testify must provide 25 copies of their written testimony at the hearing.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to attend a hearing and require an auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to participate should contact Jenna DeNoyelles, ADA Coordinator, at (717) 783-9338 to discuss how the Board may best accommodate their needs. Persons with disabilities are invited to submit public comments in alternative formats such as Braille or taped testimony and by means of the telephone. Written and alternative formats of public comment will be afforded the same thoughtful consideration as oral remarks.

Individuals unable to attend the hearing may submit written testimony directly to the Board on or before April 24, 2019. Written comments should be sent to:

State Board of Education  
333 Market Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17126  
[ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov](mailto:ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov)

### Schedule of Hearings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
March 4, 2019	School District of Philadelphia District Headquarters 440 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19130	10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	February 27 at Noon
March 14, 2019	Department of Education Honors Suite, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor 333 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17126	1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	March 11 at Noon
March 28, 2019	Lock Haven University Bentley Dining Hall Room S07 401 N. Fairview Street Lock Haven, PA 17745	10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	March 25 at Noon
April 23, 2018	Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3 Sullivan Room 475 E. Waterfront Drive Homestead, PA 15120	10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	April 18 at Noon

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