

VSBPE

Date: 9/14/2023

Item: Peer Review Substantive Change

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE approve the substantive change to the Peer Review Panelists process until September 30, 2024.

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBPE approve the substantive change to the Peer Review Panelists process until September 30, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

Over the course of the Pandemic the demand for Peer Review has expanded 200% due to the increase in educators working under provisional licenses. At the same time, Peer Review panelist recruitment and retention has suffered in parallel to greater educator workforce issues. This has created an undue hardship on Vermont educators seeking professional licensure through Peer Review while working under a provisional license. The Peer Review Program proposes the following substantive changes for 1 year:

- Allow for AOE Office personnel to act as VLP reviewers to process high quality and prepared Peer Review candidates without the use of contracted panelists.
- Allow for Peer Review panelists to complete their review asynchronously, without an interview, unless needed to address concerns.
- Allow for Peer Review Panelists to review portfolios outside of their endorsement area.