

Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators

*VSBPE: Ensuring a Caring, Competent, Highly Effective
Educator in Every Vermont Classroom to Improve Student
Learning*

Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Virtual Meeting | Microsoft Teams | Call-in # 802-828-7667 | Conference ID:
119 026 289# | Date: September 12, 2024

Members Present: Brenda Seitz, Amy Flannery, Christine Kurucz, Katie Revelle, Bill Clark,
Nancy Brown, Melissa Connor, Ellen Emery, Jennifer Clement, Amy Pickering

Members Absent: Amy Minor, Bernadette Cleland

Staff Present: Ron Ryan, Katie Gagliardo, Michelle Farrington, Jessica Monahan, Deb
Giles, Josh Souliere, Ellen Cairns, Amelia Wurzburg

Others: Kathy Magill, Jaime Kraybill (Legal Team), Claudine Bedell and David McGough
(EPIC), Rob Schulze (VTSU Special Ed Pilot Program) Thor Sawin (Middlebury College)

C. Kurucz called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Approval of Agenda:

B. Clark moved to approve the 09/12/24 agenda.
Seconded by J. Clement.
The motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes:

B. Seitz moved to approve the minutes from 08/13/2024.
Seconded by B. Clark.
The motion was approved

Public to be heard:

None.

Act 139 Update:

B. Clark provided an update on Act 139.

Staff Report

J. Souliere presented the Staff Report and provided an update on the new licensing system, the Listen & Learn Tour, and the Emerging Pathways Coordinator position.

Renewal Update:

D. Giles provided an update on 2024 renewals.

R. Ryan also gave an update on Special Education Provisional waivers.

Open Meeting Law:

Jaime Kraybill presented on new open meeting laws that would be coming into effect January 2025.

Waiver Requests

Superintendent Request: Sarah Fisher Snow

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for S. Snow.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

VSBE Board on September 12, 2024, discussed the waiver request and decided to allow Sarah Fisher Snow to continue as a substitute until the next VT Standards Board meeting set for October 16th. For this meeting, the Board is requesting that Sarah Fisher Snow be present to review what her plan is in more detail and how she intends to become licensed. The Board will review the information and decide at the October meeting whether to approve the waiver request, modify the waiver request, deny the waiver request or take no action.

The Board took a break at 10:33. They resumed at 10:38.

Program Approval Committee

VTSU Special Ed Pilot Program Report from Rob Schulze:

R. Schulze provided a report on the VTSU Special Ed Pilot Program.
B. Clark made a motion to approve VTSU's Special Education pilot program to allow a third cohort to enroll and start the program in January 2025.
Seconded by B. Seitz.
The motion passed.

Annual Report Review of EPIC (Educator Preparation Inquiry Collaborative):

C. Bedell and D. McGough presented their Annual Report Review of EPIC (Educator Preparation Inquiry Collaborative).

Middlebury Report

E. Cairns and T. Sawin provided an overview of the Middlebury Report that was approved at the August 13th VSBPE meeting.

ROPA 2025 Schedule

E. Cairns spoke about the 2025 schedule for ROPA and encouraged Board members who are interested in serving as a representative to reach out regarding those upcoming events.

B. Clark made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by J. Clement.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Katie Gagliardo.