

## 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:  
208 143 239# | Date: October 16, 2024

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

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Ron Ryan, Katie Gagliardo, Michelle Farrington, Cathy Wilkins, Jessica Monahan, Ellen Cairns, Amelia Wurzburg

**Others:** Steven Dellinger-Pate, Sarah Fisher Snow, Mary Kay Jurovcik, John Castle, Patrick Halladay, Thor Sawin

A. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

#### Approval of Agenda:

B. Clark moved to approve the 10/16/24 agenda.  
Seconded by J. Clement.  
The motion was approved.

#### Approval of Minutes:

B. Clark moved to approve the minutes from 09/12/2024.  
Seconded by C. Kurucz.  
The motion was approved.

#### Public to be heard:

None.

## **Act 139 Update:**

B. Clark provided an update on [Act 139](#).

## **Division Updates:**

A. Prowten provided division updates, which included information on the new licensing system, the Listen & Learn tour, the 2025 Teacher of the Year, and vacancies in the division.

## **Staff Report:**

R. Ryan presented the [Staff Report](#). He also gave an update on Special Education Provisional Waivers.

## **Waiver Requests**

### **Superintendent Request: Sarah Fisher Snow**

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

The VSBPE Board on October 16, 2024, approved the waiver request for Sarah Fisher Snow to have a second one year provisional for Special Education K-Age 21 specific to Washington Central Unified Union School District.

The motion was approved.

### **Waiver Request: Erin Tarrier**

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for E. Tarrier.  
The VSBPE Board on October 16, 2024, approved the waiver request for Erin Tarrier to waive the 3.0 GPA requirement without precedent.  
Seconded by C. Kurucz.  
The motion was approved.

## **VT Registered Apprenticeship Program Pilot Presentation:**

John Castle, A. Prowten, and A. Wurzburg gave a presentation on the Vermont Registered Apprenticeship Program.

B. Cleland made a motion to approve the [post-Baccalaureate Peer Review – Apprenticeship Pilot program](#) until June 30, 2026 (two school years).  
Seconded by A. Flannery.  
The motion was approved.

The Board took a break at 10:46 AM. They resumed the meeting at 11:00 AM.

## **Program Approval Committee**

### **Testing requirements for Modern & Classical Languages: First Reading**

A. Minor made a motion to approve the first reading of the revisions to [Policy G2 and Policy N16 as proposed](#).

Seconded by B. Clark.

The first reading was approved.

### **Policy Q3 Temporary Licenses – Policy on Special Education Endorsements – Provisional License**

### **Policy Q4 Temporary Licenses – Temporary Policy on Special Education Endorsements Qualification for Provisional License**

Due to time constraints, discussion of removing Policy Q3 and Q4 were tabled until November's meeting.

### **Topics for November Meeting:**

- License Data & Landscaping
- Modern & Classical Languages Testing Policy Revisions: Final Approval
- Deleting Policies Q3 and Q4

B. Clark made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by E. Emery.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM.

Minutes recorded by Katie Gagliardo.