

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

Date: August 11, 2020

Members Present:

Erik Remmers, Jennifer Fribush, Christine Latulippe, Cynthia Cole, Bernadette Cleland, Ric Reardon, Jennifer Clement, Christine Kurucz

Members Absent:

Amy McMullen, Shelby Quinn

Staff Present:

Patrick Halladay, Ron Ryan, Terry Reilly, Amy Scalabrini, Deb Giles, Ellen Cairns

Members of the Public:

N/A

Call to Order:

P. Halladay called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

BOARD REORGANIZATION:

C. Cole nominated E. Remmers for Board Chair.

Seconded by J. Fribush.

Motion approved.

Meeting turned over to Board Chair, E. Remmers.

C. Cole nominated J. Fribush for Vice Chair. No second.

C. Latulippe nominated herself for Vice Chair.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

J. Fribush nominated herself for Secretary.
Seconded by C. Cole.
Motion approved.

J. Fribush nominated R. Reardon for Chair of the Program Approval Committee.
Seconded by B. Cleland.
Motion approved.

C. Cole nominated herself for Chair of the Licensing Committee.
Seconded by B. Cleland.
Motion approved.

REVIEW OF SUB COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

Program Approval Committee (PAC): Responsibilities of the committee include but are not limited to: Approval of ROPA Review Team Members, ROPA Review Reports, and Two-Year Reports; updating educator preparation program rules and policies as needed.

Licensing Committee (LC): Responsibilities of the committee include but are not limited to: Approval of endorsement revisions and addition of new endorsements, Local and Regional Standards Board work, licensing data, testing requirements, licensing requirements, policy recommendations.

Approval of Agenda:

P. Halladay added St. Michael's College postponement of ROPA review to the agenda.
Agenda approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes:

C. Cole moved to approved Minutes from 7/9/2020.
Seconded by C. Latulippe.
Motion approved.

Board Member Updates:

Nothing to report.

Staff Report:

The deadline for Teacher of the Year applications is midnight on August 12.

NVU-Johnson ROPA Report

B. Cleland moved that the VSBPE accept the report of the ROPA review team and grant full approval to all NVU-Johnson programs listed below with the exception of the School Counseling Program, which is recommended for Two-Year Conditional Approval.

- Art (Undergraduate, Postbac)
- Dance (Undergraduate, Postbac)
- Elementary (Undergraduate, Postbac)
- English (Undergraduate, Postbac)
- Mathematics (Undergraduate, Postbac)
- Middle Grades (English, Math, Science, SS, all Postbac only)
- Music (Undergraduate, Postbac)
- Physical Education (being taught out, Undergraduate only)
- Science (Undergraduate, Postbac)
- Social Studies (Undergraduate, Postbac)
- Special Education (K-8, Undergraduate, Postbac, K-Age 21, Postbac only)
- Theater Arts (Undergraduate, Postbac)

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

SMC ROPA Review Postponement

C. Cole moved that the VSBPE approve St. Michael's request to postpone the follow-up review of their Early Childhood and Special Education Consulting Teacher programs of up to one year.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request

P. Halladay presented an educator waiver request submitted by D. Lamberti.

J. Fribush moved to approve the waiver request for the requirement of a "B" or better for Alcohol and Drug addiction class and accept a "C".

Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion denied.

The Board will reconsider this waiver if additional evidence of endorsement competency is submitted.

The Board took a 5-minute recess.

Driver Education Committee Report

J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE act to create a new sub-endorsement for the (17) Career Technical Education endorsement in the area of Driver and Traffic Safety Education and that it will fall within the CTE transportation cluster. Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

J. Fribush motions that the VSBPE act to include language in Rule 5340 which states; “Applicants for an Apprenticeship Career Technical endorsement in Driver and Traffic Safety Education must hold appropriate licenses via the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles”.

Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion approved.

C. Cole moved to amend the motion to include the following language: Applicants applying for the Transportation CTE Sub-endorsement in Driver and Traffic Safety Education who hold the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles driver education certification need not have 4 years (8,000 hours) of work experience in driver education or if educator has an associate’s degree or 6 years (12,000 hours) if an educator has less than an associate’s degree in driver education.

Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion approved.

J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE act to set the Driver Education CTE sub-endorsement at the 9 – 12 instructional level.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

J. Fribush moved that the following language be added to sub endorsement holder statement: The Sub endorsement is limited to grades 9-12 and holders are authorized to teach in a CTE setting under the auspices of a CTE center.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

Endorsement Revision Schedule

Tabled until September.

Student Teaching Substantive Change Applications

J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE approve the substantive change application from NVU-Johnson. The AOE will communicate with NVU and any other institute of higher education. If they need to shorten the 13-week teaching requirement further action will be required by the Board.

Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

September Agenda Items

Endorsement Revision Schedule

Ruth Durkee – CTE

New Board Member Orientation

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 11:47am.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.