

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 | 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT
Date: August 11, 2022

Members Present:

Amy Minor, Brenda Seitz, Bill Clark, Jennifer Clement, Christine Kurucz, Amanda Garces, Bernadette Cleland, Kate Fay, William Lucci

Members Absent:

Ellen Emery, Amy Flannery, Shelby Quinn, Katie Revelle

Staff Present:

Patrick Halladay, Ron Ryan, Andrew Prowten, Deb Giles, Amy Scalabrini, Ellen Cairns, Brian Conde-Martinez, Ryan McCormick

Members of the Public:

Andrea Sandy, Rebecca Thibault, Brooke Dahlin

Call to Order:

P. Halladay called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

Board Reorganization:

B. Clark nominated A. Minor for Chair.
Seconded by B. Cleland.
Motion approved.

A. Minor assumed control of the meeting.

B. Seitz nominated C. Kurucz for Vice Chair.
Seconded by B. Cleland.
Motion approved.

A. Minor nominated A. Garces for Secretary.
Seconded by B. Clark.
Motion approved.

The Chairs of the Licensing Committee and Program Approval Committee will be appointed before the September meeting.

A. Minor requested Board members submit their sub-committee interests to P. Halladay and A. Scalabrini.

Approval of Agenda:

P. Halladay presented three additional waiver requests for the Board to consider adding to the agenda.

J. Clement moved to approve the agenda with additional waiver requests.
Seconded by B. Clark.
Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes:

A. Garces moved to approve minutes from 7/14/22.
Seconded by B. Lucci.
Motion approved.

Public to be heard:

N/A

Correspondence and announcements:

N/A

Board Member Updates:

N/A

Staff Report:

P. Halladay gave the Board a staffing update. L. Pierson has retired, and her position will be filled by Jessica Monahan at the end of August. R. Ryan has been working hard to keep up with the additional workload since Lisa's retirement. New Board members have been appointed: Bill Lucci, Kate Fay and Katie Revelle.

Superintendent Waiver Request: D. Schiller

B. Clark moved to approve a one-year provisional license for D. Schiller restricted to Orleans Central School District.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: C. Rosenberg

A. Minor moved to approve a one-year provisional license restricted to Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District. Chase needs to complete a practicum to expand the instructional level.

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: K. Salinas Toledo

B. Clark moved to extend K. Salinas Toledo's provisional license until 12/31/2022 limited to Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union.

Seconded by A. Garces.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: S. Santaw-Wright

A. Minor moved to grant S. Santaw-Wright a provisional license restricted to North Country Supervisory Union valid until the September VSBPE meeting, at which time this candidate will be required to provide the Board with more information that demonstrates the timeline and plan in order to get her full license.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: N. Latimer

P. Halladay will contact the requesting Superintendent for documentation that demonstrates N. Latimer's knowledge.

Superintendent Waiver Request: E. Cooke

A. Minor moved to approve the one-year provisional limited to Windham Southeast School District.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

Committee Reports and Motions

Licensing Committee

D. Giles gave the Board a renewal update. As of July 31, 90% of the expected renewal applications have been submitted and approved. There are approximately 260 outstanding applications.

R. Ryan provided a provisional update. There are approximately 15-20 temporary license applications submitted each day. 21 Special Educator provisional license waivers have been submitted.

A. Prowten spoke to the Board about upcoming endorsement revisions for the School Psychologist, Special Education, and School Counselor endorsements that may result in recommended Rule changes. Andrew has also begun to research an elementary math endorsement.

Program Approval Committee

B. Cleland moved that the VSBPE approve UVM's Two-Year Report for their Computer Science Educator program and grant Full Approval until UVM's next full ROPA review in 2025.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

B. Cleland moved that the VSBPE approve the proposed team for the ROPA review of Upper Valley Education Institute's Principal and Director of Curriculum programs on Nov. 9-10.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

B. Clark moved that the VSBPE approve the team for the ROPA review of St. Michael's Director of Curriculum program, which is scheduled for Nov. 18-19.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

B. Clark moved that the VSBPE approve Champlain's application for a new program ROPA review of their Computer Science Educator program.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

A. Minor moved to remove the Agenda Item 6PAC from the agenda.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

A. Garces moved that the VSBPE require Champlain College to submit a Two-Year Report and accompanying fee for their Secondary and Middle Grades Math programs.
Seconded by B. Seitz.
Motion approved.

The Board broke for a 20-minute recess.

Rule Revisions Update

ICAR approved the proposed rule filing on Monday, August 8th. A public comment hearing will be held virtually on Monday, August 22 at 9am. Public comment will be presented to the Board at the September Board meeting followed by the required LCAR filing.

Praxis Data

A. Prowten presented a slide show of Praxis Data Analysis for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Consolidated Test Scores

B. Clark moved to remove the combined score requirement for licensure applicants submitting SAT, ACT, or GRE requirements in lieu of Praxis Core.
Seconded by Kate Fay.
Motion approved.

Proposed 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule & Agenda Items

P. Halladay shared a proposed calendar for agenda items to discuss during the 2022-2023 academic year.

B. Clark moved to approve the meeting schedule as written.
Seconded by B. Cleland.
Motion approved.

September Agenda Items

Praxis Core Data for CTE educators
Proposed Rule Change Public Comment Review
Sub-Committee Assignments
N. Latimer waiver request
S. Santaw-Wright waiver request
Grow Your Own Proposal
New endorsement area discussion
In-Car Driver and Traffic Safety Education without a BA/BS

B. Clark moved to adjourn.
Seconded by B. Seitz.

Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18pm.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.

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