

## 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: January 12, 2021**

#### **Members Present:**

Erik Remmers, Jennifer Fribush, Jennifer Clement, Bernie Cleland, Cynthia Cole, Shelby Quinn, Ric Reardon, Christine Latulippe, Amy Flannery, Christine Kurucz

#### **Members Absent:**

Cheryl Niedzwiecki, Amy Minor, Amy McMullen

#### **Staff Present:**

Patrick Halladay, Ron Ryan, Amy Scalabrini, Deb Giles, Ellen Cairns, Andrew Prowten, Kate Rogers, Wendy Scott

#### **Members of the Public:**

Andrew Jilani

#### **Call to Order:**

E. Remmers called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

R. Reardon moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by J. Fribush.

Motion approved.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

J. Fribush moved to approve the minutes from 11/19/2020.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

## **Board Member Updates:**

N/A

## **Correspondence and Announcements:**

R. Reardon shared he has spoken with several applicants recently that are complimentary of the EQ Office, specifically those with Transcript Review and Peer Review responsibilities. Responsive, getting back to them quickly. Patrick confirmed we have a great team.

## **Staff Report:**

No updates to add to the published staff report.

## **Waiver Requests:**

### **Educator Waiver Request: A. Jilani**

The Board has asked A. Jilani to work with Patrick Halladay directly on licensure requirements for an educator endorsement before applying for an administrator endorsement.

### **Superintendent waiver request: C. Putney**

J. Fribush moved the Board grant the Office authority to review the waiver request and potentially approve the extension until March 11, 2021, the next VSBPE meeting.  
C. Cole seconded. Motion approved.

## **Early Childhood Educator Provisional Proposal:**

The Board reviewed the proposed policy and will vote in March.

## **COVID Update:**

Renewal notifications went out. We are adhering to 15 day requirement. If extenuating circumstances, contact your licensing specialist. At this point there is not a need to extend the license expiration date beyond 6/30/2021. The Board will monitor developments and take action as needed.

Likewise, there is not a need to extend the waiver for Online Teaching Specialist into the 2021-2022 academic year. The Board will monitor developments and take action as needed.

ESSER II funds will be available from the Federal Government. If the Board has creative ideas for how those funds could be applied to uses consistent with the jurisdiction of the Board, they are encouraged to bring them forward.

## **Sub Committee Work:**

### **Program Approval Committee:**

R. Reardon motioned to approve Spark's plan for remote or hybrid student teaching due to COVID for 2020-2021.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved with one opposed.

R. Reardon motioned to accept the report of the ROPA review team and grant conditional approval to all four NVU-Lyndon programs as indicated in the ROPA report, with a follow-up review to be scheduled in the fall of 2022.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon motioned to approve the proposed review team members for UVEI's new program ROPA review.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

### **Licensing Committee:**

R. Ryan, D. Giles and P. Halladay provided an update regarding the 2021 renewal cycle.

### **Rule Change Timeline:**

Submission Date: 2021-01-11

Posted Online: 1/19/2021

Published in Newspapers: 1/27/2021

ICAR: 2/8/2021

Public Hearing: 2/19/2021 9:00am

Deadline for Comment: 2/26/2021

AOE Review Public Comment: 2/26/2021

VSBE Vote: LCAR 3/11/2021

LCAR Date TBD

## March Agenda Items

- Public Comment Review
- COVID Update
- Title II Report
- Peer Review Two Year Report
- BUUSD Waiver Update
- Licensing renewal update
- Endorsement revisions update
- ESSER II funds
- Early Childhood oversight discussion
- Assistant Director of Adult Education
- Policy Q2 Vote
- New Board Member recruitment

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 11:36am.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini