

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: May 28, 2020

Members Present:

Erik Remmers; Jennifer Fribush; Christine Latulippe; Cynthia Cole; Bernadette Cleland; Ric Reardon; Jennifer Clement; Dave Younce; Amy McMullen; Tom Young

Members Absent:

Shelby Quinn; Erin Brady; Christine Kurucz

Staff Present:

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

AOE Guests:

Andrew Prowten; Tammy Pregent

Members of the Public:

Lyle Jepson, VTC; Ellen Baker, UVM; Claudine Bedell, SMC; Ellen Emery, TAP at Champlain College; David McGoff, Northern Vermont University; Amy Saks Pavese, SMC; Anne Slonaker, Castleton University; Mary Beth Doyle, SMC; James Nagle, SMC; Amy Knight, SMC; Joseph DeBonis, Principal, Poultney High School

Call to Order:

E. Remmers called the meeting to order at 9:00am

Approval of Agenda:

R. Reardon moved to approve the agenda.
Seconded by C. Cole.
Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from 4/7/2020 approved by consensus.

Board Member Updates/Correspondence:

[Correspondence received](#) from Vermont Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association, Inc.

Staff Report:

As of today, the state of emergency has been extended to June 15, 2020. This means the license expiration date is no earlier than September 15, 2020.

Student Teaching and School Closures:

The Board discussed [questions and considerations](#) related to Student Teaching for the fall of 2020. The Board encourages Educator Preparation Programs to be flexible and creative in their response to continuing education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:07pm and reconvened at 1:05pm.

Driver Education Committee Report:

T. Reilly gave an overview of the [Driver Education Committee Report](#). The Board discussed options of creating a Career and Technical Educator sub endorsement for Driver and Traffic Safety Education. No action was taken.

Committee Reports and Motions:

Licensing Committee, T. Young reporting:

T. Young moved the VSBPE act to update Online Teaching Specialist endorsement from an 18-credit requirement to a 9-credit requirement relevant to online teaching.
Seconded by A. McMullen.
Motion approved.

T. Young moved the VSBPE act to adopt Policy G4.
Seconded by C. Cole.
Motion approved.

T. Young moved the VSBPE not act to change the SLLA cut score.
Seconded by B. Cleland.
Motion approved.

Program Approval Committee, R. Reardon reporting:

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE approve the proposed revision to Policy N15.
Seconded by C. Latulippe.
Motion approved.

J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE does not approve Castleton's Two-Year Report on its post-bac program and accepts Castleton's proposal to end its post-bac licensure program.
Seconded by C. Latulippe.
R. Reardon recused himself.
Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE approve the revised ROPA Standards and put them into effect starting January 1, 2021.
Seconded by C. Latulippe.
Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE grants conditional approval of UVM's new Computer Science Education programs for two years with the provision that the two stipulations in the report are met. A Two-Year Report will be due in May of 2022.
Seconded by B. Cleland.
Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE accept the recommendation of the Office and reinstate full approval to Norwich University's educator preparation programs.
Seconded by B. Cleland.
C. Latulippe recused herself.
Motion approved.

R. Reardon informed the Board of a change to the NVU-Johnson ROPA Review, the postponement of the NVU-Lyndon ROPA Review postponement, and changes to the VT-HEC ROPA Review.

Proposed Rule Changes:

J. Fribush moved to approve changes discussed for VSBPE Rules.
Seconded by A. McMullen.
Motion approved.

Potential July Agenda Items:

Fall online teaching
ICAR Rule Filing
Fall Student Teaching
Driver Education Follow Up
S.233 update
Definition of Terms: Program
Castleton University Teach Out
2020 license expiration date
Policy E1
Policy Q1

J. Fribush motioned to adjourn.
Seconded by B. Cleland.
The meeting adjourned by consensus at 3:18pm.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.