

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: October 20, 2020

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Shelby Quinn, Amy McMullen, Cheryl Niedzwiecki

Staff Present:

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

Members of the Public:

N/A

Call to Order:

E. Remmers called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

Approval of Agenda:

P. Halladay – add to agenda brief discussion of Pass/Fail option at EPPs for this semester.

A. Minor moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes:

A. Minor moved to approve the minutes from 9/17/2020.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

Board Member Updates:

N/A

Correspondence and Announcements:

N/A

Staff Report:

The 2020 license cycle has closed. There are 100+ renewal applications that remain open while the Licensing division waits to receive criminal record check reports.

P. Halladay announced the VT Teacher of the Year, Susan Rosato, English Language Learner educator teaching in the Colchester High School.

Online Teaching Specialist Endorsement

The Board discussed recent action taken by the Legislators to waive the OTS license requirement until the end of the 2020/21 school year.

The intent of the Board for the 2021/2022 school year, teachers who are teaching in strictly remote settings by design will need an OTS endorsement if the pandemic continues. The Board will revisit in March and take formal action for the start of the new school year.

Committee Reports and Motions

Program Approval Committee, R. Reardon Reporting:

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE approve UVEI's application for a ROPA review of its Literacy Specialist program.

C. Latulippe second.

Motion approved.

E. Cairns updated the Board regarding UVM's Computer Science program.

UVM's new Computer Science Education program was approved by the Board in May 2020 pending their completion of two stipulations. They have now completed those stipulations.

The Board discussed pass/fail option for students currently enrolled. They decided not to take any action at this time.

November Agenda Items

Early Childhood Student Teacher placement discussion
Dual endorsed practicum requirements
NVU-Lyndon ROPA Report

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 10:08am.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.