

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 | Call-in # 802-552-8456 | Conference ID # 600 570 354# | Date: September 14, 2023

Members Present:

Amy Flannery, Jennifer Clement, Christine Kurucz, Bernadette Cleland, Katie Revelle, William Lucci, Brenda Seitz, Ellen Emery, Bill Clark

Members Absent:

Kate Fay, Amy Minor, Amy Pickering, Amanda Garces

Staff Present:

Ron Ryan, Andrew Prowten, Deb Giles, Ellen Cairns, Emily Simmons, Josh Souliere, Katie Gagliardo, Suzanne Sprague

Others:

Juliette Longchamp, Megan Chenaille, Leigh-Ann Brown, Richard Reardon, David McGough, Amy Saks Pavese, Robert Schulze, Patrick Halladay, Claudine Bedell

Approval of Agenda:

C. Kurucz called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Approval of Minutes:

B. Clark moved to approve the [minutes from 08/21/2023](#). B. Seitz seconded the motion. B. Seitz said that her name should be included as a member of the Licensing Subcommittee. Motion was approved with correction.

Public to be heard:

Juliette Longchamp, VT-NEA, introduced herself.

Board Member Updates:

B. Clark provided an [update on Act 28](#), Advisory Council on Literacy.

Staff Report:

R. Ryan introduced Katie Gagliardo who is filling the position formerly held by Amy Scalabrini and provided this [Staff Report](#).

Emily Simmons, General Counsel, Agency of Education:

E. Simmons provided an overview of Open Meeting Law, Roberts Rules and Conflict of Interest.

Waiver Requests

Superintendent Waiver Request: Dov Schiller

A. Flannery recused herself from the discussion. She works in the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union. B. Cleland moved to approve a second one-year provisional extension request for Music Endorsement to D. Schiller limited to the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union.

Seconded by B. Clark.

B. Clark made an amendment to the earlier motion to approve a second one-year provisional extension request for Music Endorsement to D. Schiller limited to the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union contingent upon the successful submission of his portfolio by April 30, 2024 and no additional waivers will be granted.

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Roll Call Vote was taken. Yea: B. Cleland, B. Clark, B. Seitz, C. Kurucz, J. Clement, K. Revelle. Nay: E. Emery, B. Lucci. Abstention: A. Flannery. Absent: A. Minor, K. Fay, A. Pickering, A. Garces.

Motion was approved by 6:2.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Heidi Woodell

B. Seitz made a motion to approve an emergency license request for Elementary Education without BA degree to H. Woodell limited to the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Amie Choiniere

B. Clark moved to approve a one-year provisional extension request on her old provisional for Early Childhood Education that expired on 6-30-2019 to A. Choiniere limited to the Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union.

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Jenny Bryant

B. Seitz moved to approve a one-year Special Education provisional waiver for J. Bryant limited to the Montpelier Roxbury School District.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Jacob Hartman

B. Clark moved to approve a second one-year provisional request for middle grades

math to J. Hartman limited to the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union.
Seconded by B. Cleland.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Scott Boskind

B. Clark moved to approve a provisional request for a retired administrator to S. Boskind limited to the North Country Supervisory Union.
Seconded by B. Seitz.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Megan Chenaille

B. Seitz moved to approve an emergency license request for elementary teaching endorsement without a BA degree to M. Chenaille limited to the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union and that M. Chenaille will have mentoring throughout the fall.
Seconded by B. Clark.
Motion approved.

Registered Apprenticeships and Grow Your Own Updates:

A. Prowten provided updates on Registered Apprenticeships and Grow Your Own.

Policy F2 on expired out of state licenses/recency of study:

A. Prowten provided a brief overview of the Policy F2 on expired out of state licenses/recency of study. B. Clark moved to approve the [Agency of Education's recommendation](#) to continue the conversation at the next meeting and vote.
Seconded by J. Clement.
Motion approved.

Subcommittee Work

Program Approval Committee

Committee members are E. Emery, B. Cleland, B. Clark, W. Lucci, K. Fay and K. Revelle.

EPIC – VLP Pilot

E. Cairns explained EPIC's request to pilot a more flexible Vermont licensure portfolio that requires a vote of the Board. E. Emery recused herself since she is a member of the EPIC Executive Committee.

B. Cleland moved to approve the [Agency of Education's recommendation](#).

Seconded by B. Clark.

Roll Call vote was taken. Yea: A. Flannery, B. Cleland, B. Clark, B. Seitz, C. Kurucz, J. Clement, K. Revelle, B. Lucci. Abstention: E. Emery. Absent: A. Minor, K. Fay, A. Pickering, A. Garces.

Motion was approved 8:0.

Three-year ROPA plan

The [three-year ROPA plan](#) was discussed.

In person courses vs online courses for approved programs

Discussion occurred regarding in person courses vs online courses for approved programs. The conversation was tabled and will be continued next month.

Peer Review – Substantive Change

A.Prowten explained the Peer Review Substantive Change to allow Agency of Education staff to act as panelists; allow for Peer Review panelists to complete their review asynchronously; and, allow for Peer Review Panelists to review portfolios outside of their endorsement area for one year.

B. Lucci made a motion to approve the [Agency of Education’s recommendation](#).

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Roll Call vote was taken. Yea: A. Flannery, B. Cleland, B. Clark, B. Seitz, J. Clement, K. Revelle, B. Lucci. Nay: E. Emery. Absent: C. Kurucz, A. Minor, K. Fay, A. Pickering, A. Garces.

Motion was approved 7:1.

Licensing Committee

Tabled

Overview of short – term and long- term goals

Tabled

2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule is [here](#). The October agenda will include a discussion on in-person courses vs online courses for approved programs, brief discussion on emergency licenses, F2 vote for recency of study policy, short- and long -term goals, the work revision timeline for the endorsement revision, update on renewals and a discussion on peer review.

J. Clement made a motion to adjourn. E. Emery seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Suzanne Sprague.