



VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS August 12, 2016 AOE Offices, Barre

*VSBE: Ensuring a Caring, Competent, Highly Effective Educator in
Every Vermont Classroom to Improve Student Learning*

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Tinney, Thomas Young, Luisa Millington, Steve Owens, Jennifer Fribush, Eric Remmers, Amy McMullen, Claudine Bedell, Richard Reardon.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Helen Lanthier, Roberta Baker.

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Debora Price, Rebecca Gile, Terry Reilly.

CALL TO ORDER: D. Price called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

VSBE Orientation

- **Statutory responsibilities**
- **Roberts Rules of Order**
- **Conflict of interest**
- **Professional communication – email accounts**

Clare O'Shaughnessy introduced herself to the Board. She distributed the Vermont Secretary of State's publication "[A guide to open meetings](#)". The Board's discussed their responsibilities regarding executive session as it relates to Vermont's open meeting law 1 V.S.A. § 310.

S. Owens asked how this guide related to the VSBE's waiver requests. 1 V.S.A. § 313(a). Clare referred the Board to [Rule Series 5400, § 5950 VSBE Waiver Rule](#). The Board clarified that all discussion regarding the waiver request, as well as the discussion with educators, can be conducted in executive session. They also clarified that any waiver requests that do not contain records of a sensitive nature, all: discussion, deliberation and decisions, shall be conducted in public session.

A copy of The Vermont Statutes Online [Title 01 : General Provisions Chapter 005 : Common Law; General Rights](#) Subchapter 003 : Access To Public Records, [§ 317. Definitions; public agency; public records and documents](#), was distributed.

The Board clarified the issue of conflict of interest regarding waiver requests. If there will be a conflict of interest, or a perceived conflict of interest, Board members should abstain from the vote and recuse themselves from the conversation.

The Board discussed the use of their recently created Vermont.gov email addresses. All emails regarding Board business, except for administrative discussions (meeting location, attendance etc.), are request able under the freedom of information act. All Board business must be conducted via these email addresses.

S. Owens **moved to elect D. Tinney as Chair of the Board.** T. Young seconded the motion.

C. Bedell **moved to elect L. Millington as Chair of the Board.** A. McMullen seconded the motion.

Board members voted via paper ballot, D. Tinney received 5 votes and L. Millington received 4 votes. **Motion passed, D.Tinney was appointed as VSBPE Chair.**

T. Young **moved to elect L. Millington as Vice Chair of the Board.** E. Remmers seconded the motion.

Board members voted via paper ballot, L. Millington received all votes. **Motion passed, L. Millington was appointed as VSBPE Vice-Chair.**

J. Fribush **moved to elect herself as Secretary of the Board.** T. Young seconded the motion.

Board members voted via paper ballot, J. Fribush received all votes. **Motion passed, J.Fribush was appointed as VSBPE Chair.**

Approval of minutes

D. Tinney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 16, 2016 meeting.

S. Owens **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the June 16, 2016 meeting.** T. Young seconded. **Motion passed.**

Correspondence / Announcements

D. Price informed the Board that correspondence was received and will be reviewed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Public Comment

Sherry Lussier, Mike Reddington, and Patti Coultas spoke to the Board regarding Career and Technical Education. Mike Reddington, Outreach and PD Coordinator for VT Association of Career and Technical Center Directors; spoke to the Board regarding their request to extend the

current Apprenticeship License from three years to five years. They requested that the Board discuss this at a future Board meeting in more depth.

Board Member Updates

J. Fribush updated the Board on her conversation with Deb Giles for a grant formula that disseminates the current funds appropriately and evenly. L/RSB grant funding was recently cut.

C. Bedell updated the Board on the recent summit at Jay Peak hosted by the Agency regarding implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Staff Report

D. Price gave a brief update on the staff report.

Waiver Requests

The Board spoke with Matthew Bloom, regarding his request for a waiver of *VSBPE Rule 5440-90, Principal Endorsement requirements, part 4.b. "two or more years of educational experience"*.

E. Remmers recused himself from discussion and decision making. The Board discussed the request.

S. Owens moved to not consider the waiver request at this time, and directed the Agency to work with him to obtain licensure. A. McMullen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Speech Language Pathologist Licensure

D. Price spoke to the Board about an issue that has occurred in the transition of licensure to the Office of Professional Regulation. There are five educators that were granted a provisional license by the OPR, erroneously. The Agency is requesting that the Board waive the VSBPE Rule 5351 d. iv. "Applicants for a Provisional Educational Speech Language Pathologist endorsement must hold a current Vermont clinical SLP license." In the future OPR is developing rules that will not impact the VSBPEs rules.

S. Owens moved the VSBPE grant a waiver of VSBPE Rule 5351 d. iv. "Applicants for a Provisional Educational Speech Language Pathologist endorsement must hold a current Vermont clinical SLP license." for those SLPs who hold a Provisional VT Clinical SLP License from the OPR. J. Fribush seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Agenda Items – September 27, 2016

The Board discussed potential agenda items for their next meeting.

The Board did not have enough members still present to conduct committee work. At 1:10 p.m., Chair Tinney declared the August 12, 2016 meeting of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adjourned.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rebecca Gile

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