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**VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS**

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

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** E. Remmers, R. Reardon, D. Younce, R. Baker, J. Fribush, T. Young, J. Hill, BA Repchick, C. Cole, A. McMullen

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** C. Latulippe

**STAFF PRESENT:** D. Price, A. Scalabrini, T. Reilly, D. Giles, C. Wilkins, T. Pregent, E. Simmons

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** L. Jepson, VTC; J. Longchamp, VTNEA; C. Hollister, Champlain College; T. Howe, St. Johnsbury Academy/Burr and Burton Academy; D. McGough, EPIC; G. Molina, VISA

**CALL TO ORDER:** E. Remmers called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

R. Baker moved to amend the agenda to include a waiver request in place of the action plan. Second by J. Fribush. Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by R. Reardon to approve minutes from October 30, 2018.  
Seconded by R. Baker. Motion approved.

## **CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Email sent from Lindsay Townsend regarding the Bachelor's Degree requirement for Driver's Education read into the minutes.

**From:** Lindsay Townsend  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2018 8:57 AM  
**To:** Price, Debora  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing

"Debi,

Thank you for spending time with the driver educators and explaining licensing. I do recall you mentioning the VSBPE is going to review driver education licensing at its November meeting. I've had to move on to other things since the conference. I've just now looked at the Agenda for the meeting and seen that a vote is going to take place on bachelor degree requirements for driver and traffic safety.

Dropping bachelor's degree requirements and related educational coursework for driver education teachers in our high schools would be a huge mistake. Among other things, high school driver education teachers face all the challenges of other teachers in our high schools regarding mixed populations of students ranging from the high achievers to students with special needs.

And, driver educators need the educational background that comes with a bachelor's degree to work effectively with other educators and administrators in a school system. Integration of coursework and educational procedures is a critical part of what today's driver educators are and need to do. A teacher's subject matter should not affect the basic core requirements for licensing.

I could go on with this, but with the meeting tomorrow I'll stop here. I cannot attend the public comment time tomorrow. If the vote is to eliminate the bachelor's degree requirement I hope it can be tabled until this can be more fully explored. I don't believe it has had much exposure.

Lindsay Townsend,  
Retired Vermont Driver Education Administrator"

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

J. Longchamp present on behalf of the National Board Network (NBN). Twenty-two teachers will soon be notified if they are Nationally Board-Certified teachers. NBN is asking the VSBPE to recognize National Board Certification as part of the renewal process. NBN is requesting to bypass the uploading of coursework without a description and written impact statements.

## **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:**

Board members shared family updates; J. Fribush shared she is participating in the Springfield Community Chorus this weekend.

## **STAFF REPORT:**

Renewals will open on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The staff is preparing to send out email notifications. We have not received any updates on a date to move to the National Life Building.

## **Legislative Report:**

The Board reviewed and discussed two drafts of the Legislative Report.

**Motion made by T. Young to accept Draft One with the approved edits.  
Seconded by D. Younce. Motion approved.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MOTIONS:**

**R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE adopt the proposed Policy N2, Policy on Consequences for Non-Compliant Approved Educator Preparation/Alternate Route Programs.  
Seconded by J. Fribush.  
Motion approved.**

**R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE act to revise Policy N13, the Policy for Requests for Approval of New Program to include Included in the Design Document should be data and accompanying information indicating a demand for the program.  
Seconded by J. Fribush.  
Motion approved.**

**R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE authorize the office to add proposed text to ROPA handbook that would suggest that any educator preparation program or alternative program should be required to notify the Agency of Education if their national or regional accreditation changes.  
Second by J. Fribush.  
Motion approved.**

**R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE grant conditional two-year approval of the Peer Review program addressing additional review of the field experience required by ROPA.  
Second by J. Fribush.  
Motion approved.**

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE accept UVEI's revised seven-year plan as submitted.

Seconded by A. McMullen.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE accept the recommendation of the ROPA Review Team and grant two-year provisional approval to St. Michael's College new Early Childhood Education.

Seconded by A. McMullen.

Motion approved.

T. Young moved that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adopts the revised version of the Relicensure Handbook – *Relicensing Process for Vermont*. Said Handbook should be used by all educators renewing/reinstating endorsements as a resource tool for relicensure requirements.

Seconded by R. Baker.

Motion approved.

T. Young moved that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adopts the revised language for Rule 5421(c) and 5421(d) – Level II Professional Educator's License for the 2019 *Rules Governing the Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Educational Professionals*.

Seconded by BA Repchick.

Motion approved.

Recess for lunch at 11:47am.

Reconvene at 12:30 pm.

### **3.0 GPA:**

D. Price discussed 3.0 GPA menu of options based from the January 2018 [minutes](#).

E. Remmers would like to see data in 6-8 months relating to how this process is working. The Agency will develop a data collection tool.

### **Bachelor's Degree Requirements:**

Driver and Traffic Safety Education:

Vermont has identified a shortage of Driver and Traffic Safety Education teachers. AOE staff with responsibility around Drivers Education programs have noticed a trend in an increase of private driving companies providing services which has resulted in annual increase in costs for schools and families.

The Board has asked Agency staff to provide some licensing options for consideration at their next meeting. One option the board would like to consider is the impact if Career Technical Educator licensure requirements were applied.

#### Online Teaching Specialist

An initial conversation was had regarding the intent of this add on endorsement. The Board reviewed the suggested rule change language presented by J. Renard from the River Valley Tech Center at the September VSBPE meeting.

“Add: 5231.8 Add-On endorsements take on the degree requirements of the existing endorsement. An add-on to a CTE endorsement would be considered a CTE endorsement.”

### **Vermont Licensure Portfolio**

An educator preparation program expressed concerns of not having the funds to calibrate their portfolios and requested confirmation of the calibration requirement and associated costs.

Agency Staff Attorney Emily Simmons reviewed prior discussions by then General Council, Molly Bachman with the Board regarding the inability to have memorandums of understanding with entities that are not state agencies. A no-cost contract was investigated with EPIC. Currently, there is no contract in place and to resolve the ambiguity, recommendations for changes to the ROPA handbook were made.

D. McGough stated that EPIC services are free. There is a voluntary membership subscription fee per institution of \$100 annually, which covers calibration sessions. Membership benefits include a voting voice on the board and a position on the executive board, but is not required in order to attend their professional learning opportunities, conferences or calibration sessions.

E. Simmons recommended the Board request a letter from EPIC to memorialize the conversation.

The VLP is getting buzz around the country as a unique partnership between regulated agencies and Educator Preparation Programs. VLP will be presenting in Canada in the Spring.

D. McGough will ask the executive committee to revisit the car insurance requirement for a contract with the Agency of Education. A meeting between Debi Price, David McGough and Emily Simmons will be scheduled in the future regarding contract requirements.

### **SUPERINTENDENT WAIVER REQUEST: J. DAVIDMAN**

**Motion made to go into executive session by J. Fribush**

**Seconded by R. Baker.**

**Motion approved.**

**J. Fribush. moved that J. Davidman be given an extension on her provisional license until the end of current semester, limited to the MPSD school district.  
Seconded by T. Young.  
Motion denied.**

**J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE waive the 30 day limit for substitute teachers in order for J. Davidman to work in the MPSD school district for the fall semester as a substitute.  
Seconded by C. Cole.  
Motion approved.**

**PROPOSED JANUARY AGENDA ITEMS:**

2019/2020 meeting dates  
Driver and Traffic Safety Education  
Online Teaching Specialist  
PAC: ROPA Handbook Revisions: Section 7  
PAC: ROPA Handbook: Substantive Changes  
PAC: ROPA: Alternate Routes to Licensure  
Action Plan Review  
Endorsement Revisions  
Rules Changes justification  
National Board Certification  
Policy F2

**Motion to adjourn by C. Cole.  
Seconded by B. Repchick. Motion approved.  
Meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:57 pm.**

Minutes recorded and prepared by Amy Scalabrini.