

Educator Quality Team
Staff Report for September 21, 2017

From the Educator Quality Division Director, Debi Price

Welcome to new VSBPE board members David Younce, Cynthia Cole and David St. Germain!

It has been a busy few months since the last VSBPE meeting. Summer L/RSB conferences, processing of license applications including renewals and transitioning of new staff to the work of the Educator Quality Division. As customary with the first meeting of the academic year, the first hour of the VSBPE agenda is dedicated to the annual workshop required by statute regarding the powers and duties of the Standards Board. AOE Staff Attorney Clare O'Shaughnessy will be facilitating this session.

The Board agenda for this meeting is a typical first meeting agenda that includes the election of officers and subcommittee chairs. Included on the agenda is *Revision for Policy C2*. The Agency is recommending revisions to this policy to align with current practice by the VSBPE. We are also recommending the combining of two subcommittees – the Professional Standards Committee and the Licensing Committee – as the work tasks in these committees share a similar purpose of Vermont educator licensure expectations.

The VSBPE meeting schedule is established by January for the following academic year. Finalizing a meeting schedule that early ensures availability of the limited conference rooms at the Agency, however, scheduling that early does come with challenges. Although all months are busy during the school year, May and June are typically harder months to establish and/or maintain a quorum for VSBPE meetings. Based on challenges last year in maintaining a quorum for the last two meetings, we are requesting that the Board consider a change in their 2017-2018 meeting schedule either eliminating its June meeting and scheduling its May meeting for later in the month, or changing the June meeting to earlier in the month.

Finally, the peak season is coming to a close with the last of the temporary license applications being processed and I want to thank the Educator Quality licensing team. Thank you team for working weekends when you could have been at the beach, and for working evenings when you could have been enjoying an outdoor concert. Your commitment to the work and supporting Vermont educators is commendable.

Rebecca Gile, ALiS Manager
Deborah Giles L/RSB Consultant
Kara Mayo, Licensing Specialist & ALiS Support
Josh McCormick, Licensing Specialist
Lisa Pierson, Licensing Specialist
Terry Reilly, Program Coordinator

Hallie Rubalcaba, Help Desk
Ron Ryan, Program Manager
Cathy Wilkins, Licensing Specialist

In-service Educator Quality Team – Licensing Office

Current Work Queue per application type as of 9/14/17:

| Application Type | Pending | *Under Review |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Initial online | 42 | 52 |
| Reinstatement | 13 | 37 |
| Renewal | 0 | 71 |
| Retired | 0 | 0 |
| Temporary | 12 | 31 |
| Transcript Review – Initial | 6 | 20 |
| Transcript Review – Add endorsement | 20 | 97 |
| Peer Review - Initial | 29 | 27 |
| Peer Review – Add endorsement | 7 | 3 |

*Under Review means the application has been reviewed and a Licensing Specialist is working with the educator. This group also includes applications where Letters of Eligibility have been issued or applications that are approved and awaiting payment.

**Under review Peer Review applications do not include applicants that are in the year of portfolio development.

***Transcript Review application is open for 3 years – under review means Educator is completing work

From the Pre-service Educator Quality Team

ROPA

We continue recruitment efforts for the ROPA consultant position. Due to this vacancy we have needed to make changes to the 2017-2018 review schedule:

- UVM review to be rescheduled for Spring 2018
- Middlebury review to be rescheduled until Fall 2018