

Education Quality Division

Staff Report for 13 August 2019

From the Education Quality Division: Patrick Halladay, Director

The summer has not been a slow time for the licensing team. In addition to closing out 2019 renewals, the window for temporary licenses has opened, placing an addition demand on Lisa Pierson and Ron Ryan, as well as the rest of the licensing team. Our specialists have worked through the vast majority of the request in advance of the impending school year.

Our preservice education team has continued to proceed with the ROPA standards revision work. Peer Review interviews, panelist trainings, and candidate trainings have continued throughout the month.

We are excited to welcome Andrew Prowten to our team, assuming the duties previous completed by Hallie Rubalcaba. Andrew has been a quick study in all aspects of the work, ingratiating himself into the team with knowledge, dedication, humility, and kindness.

The standards board still has four seats officially open, three educators and a public higher education member. We have reached out to the governor's office and hope to have the seats filled presently.

From the Education Quality Division: Ron Ryan, Education Programs Manager

On July 3, 2019 educators were notified about the renewal cycle being closed. Out of the 3912 renewals that were sent electronically on January 3, 2019, the AOE received approximately 2600 renewals this year and have approved approximately 2500 to date. The AOE continues to wait for payments and Criminal Record Reports to be able to complete the 2019 renewal cycle.

L/RSB: D. Giles, along with Ron Ryan and Amy Scalabrini, conducted five regional L/RSB conferences in July. The conferences were held in Putney at Landmark College, Castleton at Castleton University, Colchester at the Hampton Inn, Fairlee at the Lake Morey Resort, and Newport at the Eastside Restaurant. Approximately 200 L/RSB members attended a conference with all L/RSB Boards in attendance. Conference details will be shared with the Licensing Committee. Special thanks to the VSBPE members who attended a conference: Roberta Baker, Cindy Cole, and Beth Ann Repchick. It was great to have Patrick Halladay, our director stop by a training as well. Participants thanked him for allowing the AOE staff to go to the different regions of the state this year.

Deb Giles has now been focusing on Annual Reports to update new Chairs and Board members in ALiS and to submit an updated L/RSB Chair list to the VPA & VSA. She will soon begin to focus on L/RSB Grant Awards. She also continues to address questions and concerns from L/RSBs and educators.

As a follow up to a recent audit visit the Licensing Department is putting some SOP's in place for registry checks and CRC protocols.

Current Work Queue per application type as of 8-2-19: *Applications in the work queue are in various stages of processing from just received to waiting for payment from applicant.*

Application Type	Total
Initial	147
Reinstatement	28
Renewal	41
Retired	5
Temporary	58
1 Yr. Temporary – extenuating circumstance	4
Transcript Review – Initial	46
Transcript Review – Add endorsement	60
Peer Review - Initial	62
Peer Review – Add endorsement	13

From the Education Quality Division: Terry Reilly, Pre-Service Educator Quality

Five years ago, the VSBPE acted to update endorsements on a five-year cycle. All endorsements are up to date. Of those endorsements that have not been updated within five years, the VSBPE has acted to postpone their revisions for various reasons. The endorsement revision timeline has been updated for the Board’s review. The timeline allows the Board to see which endorsements the Agency proposes to revise next.

ROPA

The ROPA Standards Revision Workgroup has now met three times. The workgroup has twenty members. The meetings will come to end in the fall when the Board will be introduced to the workgroup’s proposed changes. Possible upcoming of topics of discussion for the workgroup include data collection, and how teacher preparation programs stay current with State Board of Education Rules and laws passed by the legislature. The Board will receive a full report of the workgroups progress after the work concludes.

Peer Review

Cross training of the Peer Review Coordinator’s position has increased. This increased effort is in response to the ROPA Full Review Report. Approximately twenty hours have been dedicated to this in the last month. The effort has focused on panelist trainings, candidate interviews and conducting clinics. With the Pre-Service Programs Coordinator having knowledge of Peer Review Coordinator’s position, this recent cross training effort trains up a third person in the division with knowledge of the Peer Review Coordinator’s position. Ongoing work with the Peer Review Advisory Committee continues (PRAC). Recent meetings have been geared toward Peer Review’s upcoming Two Year ROPA Report which is due to the Board in 2020. The report will be written so that all concerns and considerations from the ROPA Full Review Report will be addressed. Responses to the full report are drafted for PRAC input.