
Vermont Technical College Request for One-Year Extension of Approval

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE grant VTC an additional one year of approval to recommend for licensure and delay their ROPA review from 2023 to 2024?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the VSBPE approve the request from VTC and grant them an additional one year of approval to recommend for licensure, which will delay their ROPA review from 2023 to 2024.

BACKGROUND:

VTC had their last ROPA review in March of 2016, and was due for their next review this spring. On January 6th, the Office received this email from VTC:

From: Higgins, Jeffrey T. <jth04190@vtc.vsc.edu>

Sent: Friday, January 6, 2023 12:55 PM

To: Cairns, Ellen <Ellen.Cairns@vermont.gov>

Cc: Moulton, Patricia L. <Patricia.Moulton@vsc.edu>

Subject: RE: Welcome new licensure officer: Vermont Tech CTTEP

Good afternoon Ellen

I had my final meeting with Stephanie Peters yesterday to tutor me on how to “hold down the fort” until a full-time, permanent Director is hired. She did suggest that I reach out to you to request a Roper Review/Visit Postponement from Spring 2023 to Spring 2024.

The rationale for the request is two-fold:

1. Change in leadership of the Vermont Tech Career and Technical Teacher Education Program. Director resigned January 3; new Director hired TBD.
2. The system wide transformation including Vermont Technical College programs and campuses becoming part of the Vermont State University in the Fall 2023.

Please let me know if this is the appropriate means to make this request. Thank you in advance. Jeff

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VERMONT TECH**

There is precedence for granting extensions upon request, and the Office can think of no reason not to give VTC the additional year to prepare for their ROPA review.