

## **VSBPE**

**Date: January 9, 2025**

**Item: ROPA Review Team Members for Spring 2025 Reviews**

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBPE approve the team members for the upcoming reviews of Saint Michael's Graduate programs (March), Champlain College (April), UVM's Literacy New Program Review (May), and Peer Review (June)?

### **AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the VSBPE approve the proposed team members for the spring 2025 reviews.**

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Office has had some recent difficulty in recruiting ROPA team members, and last week put out a call in the Weekly Field Memo. The proposed review team members below have expressed interest, but we are still trying to determine the dates each of them is available to serve on a team. Therefore, we are seeking a blanket approval of these review team members and then we can assign them to teams per their availability and the need.

### **PROPOSED TEAM MEMBERS:**

**Joy Wilcox** will chair the SMC graduate review team, pending SMC approval. She is the Director of Special Education Programs at Vermont Higher Education Collaborative and is a Consulting Teacher/Learning Specialist who has worked as a special educator and consultant in VT schools for over 40 years. Joy received her B.S. from, Skidmore College and her M.Ed. from UVM. She oversaw the ROPA approval process for the Special Education Endorsement and Special Education Initial Licensure Programs for VT-HEC. Joy also teaches several courses in the program and supervises the special educator internship. She holds a Level II license in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Special Education Consulting Teacher, and is also an experienced Peer Review panelist.

**Kay Freedy** is also confirmed for the SMC graduate review team pending SMC approval. Kay is a Spanish teacher at Hazen Union High School. She received her B.A. from Furman University and her M.A. from SIT Graduate Institute. She has also taken graduate courses at Castleton State College, Weber State University, Pacific Lutheran University, Union Institute and University, and she received her a second M.A. from Saint Michael's in TESOL in 2018. Kay currently holds a Level I license in Multilingual Learner and a Level II in Modern and Classical Languages. She is also currently serving as a Peer Review panelist.

**Bianca McKeen** is the Assistant Superintendent for Rutland City Schools. She received her B.A. from Castleton University and her M. ED. from the College of St. Joseph. She holds a Level I license in Elementary Education, Theater Arts, and Superintendent, and a Level II in Science, Curriculum Director, and Principal. Bianca will tentatively serve on the Peer Review team.

**Meghan Meszkat** is the principal and Early Childhood Director at Woodford Hollow Elementary in SWVSU. She received her B.A. from Colby College, her M.ED. from SNHU, and her principal licensure training from Castleton. She holds a Level I license in Early Childhood Special Education and Principal.

**Patricia Reixach** is an instructional coach at Riverside Middle School in Springfield. She received her B.A. from Yale and Masters degrees from Northwestern and George Washington Universities. She has also taken classes at Bank Street College of Education and Columbia Teachers College. She has taught in private and international schools since 1999 and in Vermont since 2017, and currently holds a Level I license in Elementary and Special Education.

**Jennifer Settle** is the Curriculum Coordinator for Mountain Views Supervisory Union. She received her B.S. from University of Richmond, her M.ED. from George Mason University and her Ed.D. from University of Vermont. She holds a Level 1 license in Director of Curriculum and a Level II license in Science. Jennifer is available for the review of Champlain College in April, pending approval by Champlain.

**Karen Heath** recently retired from teaching with over 20 years of experience. She was the Vermont Teacher of the Year, has taught multiple graduate level courses in education, participated in national level education work as part of the Teacher of the Year program and also as part of the Common Core national work group and helping write standards for NECAP and SBAC. Karen holds a Level II license in English and Elementary Education.

**Shannon Miller** is the principal of Barre Town Elementary/Middle School. She is a former ROPA Consultant for the AOE, and holds a Level I license in English and Principal and a Level II in Elementary Education. Shannon received her B.A. from Pennsylvania State University and her MAT from Marlboro.

**Dawn Campbell** is the Associate Director of Student Services for Southwest Vermont SU. She received her B.S. from The College of St. Joseph, her M. ED. from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, an Ed.S. from Simmons University, and an Ed.D. from SNHU. She holds a Level I license as a Principal, and previously held Elementary Education (dropped by educator). She has a Level II license as a Special Educator and Director of Special Education.

**Caitlin Hollister** is a faculty member at TAP and a recent ROPA review team member who is interested in serving on another team in 2025. As she was approved as a review team member in 2024, her bio is not included here.

**Chad Fox** received his M.ED. from Castleton and a CAGS from St. Michael's. He is the Special Education Director at Orleans Central and holds a Level I license as Director of Special Education and a Level II in Special Education and Science.

**Joy Clancy** is the Dean of Students at Rivendell Academy. She has been a school administrator since 2009, though until recently worked in New Hampshire. She received her B.A. from University of Hartford, her M.A. from Dartmouth, and her administrator training from Upper Valley Educators Institute. She is a former Art teacher and holds a Level I Principal license.

**Jennifer DeSorgher** is the Director of Teaching and Learning for Missisquoi Valley Union Middle and High School. She received her B.A. from St. Michael's, her M.ED. from Johnson State, and her CAGS from Castleton, as well as additional graduate coursework at St. Michael's. She holds a Level II license in Social Studies and Director of Curriculum, and was also previously licensed as a Principal (dropped by educator).

**We are still looking for board members to represent the VSBPE for SMG graduate programs, Champlain, UVM Literacy, and Peer Review.**

