

VSBPE

Date: Jan. 10, 2024

Item: Norwich University ROPA Review Team

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE approve the team for the ROPA review of Norwich University's teacher preparation program which is scheduled for April 2-3, 2024?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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BACKGROUND:

Norwich had their last ROPA review in 2017 and are thus due for a review this year.

PROPOSED TEAM:

Tracy Weston would serve as the Chair of the team. Tracy received her BS from The Pennsylvania State University in Elementary and Kindergarten Education, her MA from The University of North Carolina in Culture, Curriculum and Change, and her doctorate, also from UNC, in Mathematics Education and Teacher Education. Tracy is an Associate Professor of Education Studies at Middlebury College, and has served in many other roles in education, including as an elementary educator.

Steve Owens received his BA from Eisenhower College of RIT, his MS in Music Education from Central Connecticut State University, and is currently studying for his MFA in music composition at the Vermont College of Fine Arts. Steve is a past member of the VSBPE and has a strong understanding of the ROPA process. He currently holds a Level II license in the Principal, Music, and Ed Tech Specialist endorsements, and is working as a music teacher at Roxbury Village School. Steve also has experience as a Principal, mostly at Albany Community School. In addition, Steve was a Teaching Ambassador Fellow for the United States Department of Education in 2010-2011. He was a Waddington Fellow in 2018-2019 and was an NBCT from 2009 to 2019.

Ryan McCormick received his BA and MAT from The University of Vermont and was a Social Studies teacher at Harwood Union Middle School for ten years before coming

to work at the AOE as the Peer Review Coordinator. Ryan now serves as the Pre-service Coordinator for the AOE and is interested in participating in the ROPA process.

Brenda Seitz received her BS from Marywood College and her MS from Canisius College. She holds a Level II license in Elementary Education, Special Education, Director of Special Education, and Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Brenda is currently a Special Education Case Manager for the Windham Southeast SU, and will serve as the representative from the VSBPE.

Ellen Cairns is a former elementary educator and will serve as the ROPA Coordinator from the AOE.