

**Education Quality Team**  
*Staff Report for September 8, 2021*

**From the Education Quality Division: Patrick Halladay, Division Director**

Welcome to the first Standards Board meeting of the new school year. We all hope your year has gotten off to a smooth start.

We have received a good deal of appreciation directed at the board's decision to create a special education provisional endorsement waiver. Through late last week, nine provisional licenses had been issued under the waiver. There will likely be more to come in the near future. Teacher workforce shortages continue to worry many schools. We have even heard anecdotal evidence of shortages of qualified elementary education applicants, an endorsement for which recruiting is typically comparatively easy.

We have posted the job opening for Preservice Education Quality Coordinator. We will leave the posting up for a minimum of three weeks. We have asked applicants to include a statement on equity as a part of their application materials. As this position is responsible for the creation and revision of all endorsement standards, among our criteria for a successful applicant is a deep consideration of ensuring equity is reflected in all standards.

Endorsements for the recently expired Reading/English Language Arts Specialist have been offered at the PK-6, 7-12, and PK-12 levels. This is in error. According to our rules, the endorsement is only available for PK-12. We will be correcting licenses. Even though this endorsement has been sunset, educators currently holding it will be able to renew it; therefore, the change is required. Likewise, the new Specialized Literacy Professional endorsement that replaced it is only available for a PK-12 grade span. Creating limited grade spans may be a rule revision that the board wishes to consider at a later date.

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

September 2021 Update:

We have implemented the new **Temporary VSBPE Waiver - Provisional Licensure for ECSE and K-12 Special Educators** since it was approved at the August 5, 2021 board meeting.

Attached is the process being used.

To this point we have received (9) applications for the Special Education Provisional Waiver.

The breakdown is the following:

4 applications for K-8 Special Education

4 applications for K through age 21 Special Education

1 application for B through age 6 Early Childhood Special Education

Local/Regional Standards Boards:

D. Giles only has one Retired ED Application for the 2021 renewals in her queue which is under review waiting for a completed Criminal Record Check.

August reminders were sent to L/RSBs who had yet to submit an Annual Report and/or Grant Application. 43 Grant Agreements/43 Grant Applications received have been completed and forwarded to the AOE Finance Office. All Grant Agreements have been e-mailed to SU/SD Business Managers for e-signatures by the AOE Finance Office. To date, 37/43 have been e-signed and returned to the AOE.

L/RSB members for 2021-2022 have been updated in ALiS and membership verified with Board Chairs. Changes to membership continues throughout the year and updates are continually made.

Deb continues to address questions and concerns from L/RSBs and educators mostly regarding licensure.

Current Work Queue per application type as of 9-1-2021: *Applications in the work queue are in various stages of processing from just received to waiting for payment from applicant.*

Application Type	Total
Initial	170
Reinstatement	27
Renewal	25
Retired	1
Temporary	99
1 Yr. Temporary – extenuating circumstance	2
Transcript Review – Initial	75
Transcript Review – Add endorsement	55
Peer Review - Initial	74
Peer Review – Add endorsement	25