

**VSBPE**

**Date: Sept. 15, 2022**

**Item: Spark ROPA Review Team**

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBPE approve the team for the ROPA review of Spark's teacher preparation program which is scheduled for Dec. 1-2?

**AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the VSBPE approve the team for the ROPA review of Spark's teacher preparation program which is scheduled for Dec. 1-2.**

**BACKGROUND:**

Spark had their last ROPA review in 2015 and are thus due for a review this year.

**PROPOSED TEAM:**

**Maïke Garland** will chair the team. Maïke received her Ed.D. in Leadership and Policy from UVM, her MA in Feminist and Cultural Studies from Goddard College, and her BA in Education at Stavanger Universitet, Norway. She has taught in the Central Vermont area for twenty-five years and serves on the boards of Reading to End Racism, a community organization, and Pacem School, an independent school in Montpelier, Vermont. Her work is reflective of and deeply enriched by her multilingual, cross-cultural and interdisciplinary background and highly developed research skills. Maïke currently serves as Goddard's Education Program's Licensure Coordinator.

**John Kersey** will represent the field. John has taught English at Brattleboro Union High School since 2013. He received his BFA from Emerson College in Writing, Literature, and Publishing and his MA in Education from SNHU, where he earned the Distinguished Teacher Researcher award.

**Amanda Garces** will represent the VSBPE.

**Ellen Cairns** and **Patrick Halladay** will represent the AOE.