

VSBE

Date: 9 July 2020

Item: 2020 Licensure Expiration Date

ITEM: Shall the VSBE set 15 October 2020 as the expiration date of all licenses originally scheduled to expire on 30 June 2020.

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The VSBE approve 15 October 2020 as the date certain expiration for all educator licenses originally scheduled to expire on 30 June 2020.

BACKGROUND:

At the special April VSBE meeting, the board approved a motion to extend the expiration date of all educator licenses scheduled to expire on 30 June 2020 to 90 days after the end of the governor's state of emergency declaration. At the time, PRAXIS testing and fingerprinting was not available to educators due to COVID-related shutdowns. Subsequent extensions of the state of emergency have extended the declaration to at least 15 July 2020. In turn, the expiration date of all licenses has now been extended to 15 October 2020.

PRAXIS testing is now available and fingerprinting centers have reopened. Making the expiration of all licenses date certain on 15 October 2020 will still allow educators more than three months to complete any outstanding licensure requirements. The office also needs to close out all licenses in advance of the opening of the 2021 licensure season in the new year.