

## **VSBPE**

**Date: January 16, 2020**

**Item: Review Team for HEC's SPED New Program ROPA Review**

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBPE approve the following review team members for Vermont Higher Education Collaborative's New Special Education Program ROPA Review, to be conducted on May 13-14, 2020?

### **AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the VSBPE approve the following review team members for HEC's Special Education New Program ROPA Review.**

**Ellen Emery**, Chair, received her undergraduate degree from the University of Vermont in Spanish and Math and her M.Ed. from Saint Michael's College. She was a classroom teacher in the Essex Junction school system for 17 years and for 10 years was the district-wide New Teacher Mentor Program Coordinator. Ellen is currently the Director of the Teacher Apprenticeship Program. She also participated in the development of the Vermont teacher licensure portfolio.

**Patrick Halladay** received his B.A. in English and history from the University of Michigan, his M.Ed. in Elementary Education from Washington University, and his Ph.D. in Education Policy and Leadership from Michigan State University. He is currently the director of the Education Quality Division at the Vermont Agency of Education. Previously at the AOE he has been an education project manager coordinating the Vermont ESSA state plan and a coordinator of pre-service teacher quality. Patrick also taught elementary school for many years in the St. Louis area and in Shelburne, VT.

**Isaac Cota** received his B.A. in history with a recommendation for teacher licensure in secondary education from Keene State College and his M.Ed. in Special Education from the University of Vermont. He has been a special educator since 2016, first at Lamoille Union High School and currently in the Burlington School District. Isaac was also a member of the ROPA Standards Revision Team in 2019.

**Cindy Cole** will represent the VSBPE. She is a School Psychologist and also holds a Level II Special Education license.

**Ellen Cairns** will represent the AOE as the ROPA Coordinator. Ellen received her B.S. from The University of Vermont in Elementary and Special Education and is a former elementary school teacher.