

Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators

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Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Virtual Meeting | Microsoft Teams | Call-in # 802-828-7667 | Conference ID
280 082 554 821 | Date: August 13, 2024

Members Present: Brenda Seitz, Amy Flannery, Christine Kurucz, Katie Revelle, Bill Clark, Bernadette Cleland, Nancy Brown

Members Absent: Amy Minor, Amy Pickering, Ellen Emery, Jennifer Clement, Melissa Connor

Staff Present: Ron Ryan, Katie Gagliardo, Michelle Farrington, Ryan McCormick, Jessica Monahan, Deb Giles, Josh Souliere, Ellen Cairns

Others: None

R. Ryan called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Board Reorganization:

R. Ryan provided a recap of the positions that the Board Members from last year held and asked for recommendations to fulfill the positions for the upcoming year.

B. Cleland nominated A. Minor for Chair.

B. Seitz seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.
The motion passed and A. Minor is the Chair.

B. Clark nominated C. Kurucz for Vice Chair.

B. Cleland seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.
The motion passed and C. Kurucz is the Vice Chair.

B. Cleland nominated B. Seitz for Secretary.

C. Kurucz seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.
The motion passed and B. Seitz is the Secretary.

B. Clark nominated E. Emery for the Program Approval Committee Chair.
C. Kurucz seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.
The motion passed and E. Emery is the Program Approval Committee Chair.

B. Seitz nominated J. Clement as the Licensing Committee Chair.
B. Cleland seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.
The motion passed and J. Clement is the Licensing Committee Chair.

Approval of Agenda:

B. Clark moved to approve the 08/13/24 agenda.
Seconded by A. Flannery.
The motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes:

B. Clark moved to approve the minutes from 07/09/2024.
Seconded by B. Cleland.
The motion was approved

Public to be heard:

None.

Act 28 Update:

B. Clark provided an update on Act 28.

Staff Report

J. Souliere presented the Staff Report, which included updates on Act 139 and the new licensing system that will be replacing ALIS.

Board Vacancy Update:

R. Ryan provided an update on the current Board vacancies.

Waiver Requests

Superintendent Request: Colleen Levins

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for C. Levins.
Seconded by B. Cleland.

The VSBPE Board on August 13, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Colleen Levin's Elementary Education Provisional K-6 for one additional year limited to Mill River Unified Union School District. The Board suggests that the Principal check in with her per the timeline submitted to make sure that everything is completed in a timely manner. The VSBPE Board will not hear another waiver from Colleen Levin regarding this situation. The Board also

extends their sincere appreciation for the superintendent attending the meeting and providing additional information.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Errol Hinton

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for E. Hinton.
Seconded by B. Seitz.

The VSBPE Board on August 13, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Errol Hinton's Special Education Provisional waiver K-Age 21 for one additional year limited to White River Valley Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Shirley Mora

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for S. Mora.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on August 13, 2024, approved the waiver request for a second one year provisional to extend Shirley Mora's School Social Worker PK-12 endorsement for one additional year limited to Grand Isle Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Emily Schulze

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for E. Schulze.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on August 13, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Emily Schulze's Special Education Provisional waiver K-Age 21 for one additional year limited to Colchester School District.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Misty McCartney

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for M. McCartney.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on August 13, 2024, approved the waiver request for a second one year provisional to extend Misty McCartney's Elementary Education 1-00 endorsement for one

additional year limited to Lamoille North Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Teri Sibenaller

B. Seitz made a motion to approve the waiver request for T. Sibenaller.
Seconded by B. Clark.

The VSBPE Board on July 9, 2024, approved your waiver request to extend Paul Smith's Special Education 7 - Age 21 Provisional waiver for one additional year limited to Central Vermont Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Elliot Stafford

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for E. Stafford.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

Yes: A. Flannery, B. Seitz, B. Cleland, B. Clark, C. Kurucz, K. Revelle
No: None
Abstain: N. Brown
Absent: A. Minor, E. Emery, J. Clement, A. Pickering, M. Connor
6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain, 5 Absent. Motion Passed.

The VSBPE Board on August 13, 2024, approved the waiver request to extend Elliot Stafford's Special Education Provisional waiver K-8 for one additional year limited to Kingdom East School District. He will need district support to complete the work.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Superintendent Request: Matthew Chapman

B. Clark made a motion to approve the waiver request for M. Chapman.
Seconded by A. Flannery.

The VSBPE Board on August 13, 2024, approved the waiver request for a second one year provisional to extend Matthew Chapman's Elementary Education 1-00 endorsement for one additional year limited to Windham Central Supervisory Union.

This waiver was approved without precedent.

Review of New Rule Changes

R. Ryan provided an update on the new rule changes: the proposed changes have been approved by LCAR and the next step is awaiting the official confirmation from that team on next steps.

New Praxis: Social Studies

R. McCormick provided information on the new Social Studies Praxis test that will be replacing the current version of the exam.

The Board took a break at 10:15 and resumed the meeting at 10:30.

Sub Committee Work Licensing Committee

Renewal Update:

D. Giles provided an update on 2024 renewals.

Licensing Trainings:

D. Giles provided an update on the Summer Licensing Trainings.

RANDA (Level Data) Update (New Licensing System):

J. Souliere provided information about the new licensing system during the Staff Report; additional information was not provided during this portion of the meeting.

R. Ryan also gave an update on the Special Education Provisional waivers submitted so far this year.

Program Approval Committee

Review team for VTSU Principal program ROPA Review:

B. Seitz made a motion to approve the team for the ROPA review of VTSU's Principal preparation program which is scheduled for October 28-30, 2024.

Seconded by B. Clark.

The motion passed.

Peer Review substantive change request:

B. Clark made a motion to approve the substantive change request from the Peer Review program and allow for AOE personnel to act as reviewers, allow panelists to complete their review asynchronously without an interview, and allow panelists to review portfolios outside of their endorsement area.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

The motion passed.

Middlebury Modern and Classical Languages New Program Review ROPA Report:

B. Clark made a motion to approve the recommendation from the ROPA review team and grant two-year conditional approval to Middlebury Language Schools to recommend for initial licensure in the nine languages included in the report.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

The motion passed.

TAP ROPA Report, including approval for add-endorsement:

B. Seitz made a motion to accept the recommendation of the ROPA review team and grant continued 7-year full approval to TAP for their initial licensure program, as well as 7-year approval for their add endorsement program.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

The motion passed.

B. Seitz made a motion to approve TAP recommending S. Weinberg for her Literacy Specialist endorsement.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

The motion passed.

B. Seitz made a motion to approve TAP recommending S. Lapointe for his CTE Arts and Communication endorsement.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

The motion passed.

B. Seitz made a motion to approve TAP recommending E. Rosenberg for her CTE Culinary endorsement.

Seconded by B. Clark.

The motion passed.

The VSBPE Board took no action on the TAP's request to pilot a Driver's Education program and requested that additional information to be provided at a future meeting regarding the potential program.

Meeting Schedule for '24-25

The second draft of the VSBPE meeting schedule for 2024-2025 was presented to the Board. Dates have been changed for November to allow for more members to attend.

B. Clark made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Katie Gagliardo.