

Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators

*VSBPE: Ensuring a Caring, Competent, Highly Effective Educator in
Every Vermont Classroom to Improve Student Learning*

Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Virtual Meeting | Microsoft Teams

Date: April 13, 2021

Members Present:

Erik Remmers, Jennifer Fribush, Christine Latulippe, Ric Reardon, Jennifer Clement, Shelby Quinn, Amy Flannery, Amy Minor, Cynthia Cole

Members Absent:

Amy McMullen, Christine Kurucz, Bernadette Cleland, Cheryl Niedzwiecki

Staff Present:

Patrick Halladay, Ron Ryan, Deb Giles, Ellen Cairns, Amy Scalabrini, Andrew Prowten

Members of the Public:

Ellen Emery, TAP; Kathleen Brinegar, NVU-Johnson

Call to Order:

E. Remmers called the meeting to order at 9:03am

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

Motioned to approve minutes and agenda by C. Latulippe.

Seconded by J. Fribush.

Motion approved.

Board Member Updates:

C. Latulippe is moving to Oregon and will end her term on the VSBPE in June.

R. Reardon acknowledged E. Cairns and A. Prowten for their good work.

The Board has requested to receive copies of the newsletters that are shared with Local and Regional Standards Boards.

Staff Report:

P. Halladay reviewed the staff report. An announcement was made regarding the annual Spring trainings given by members of the licensing team. These will be held virtually this year during the month of May.

Waiver Requests:

Superintendent Waiver Request: M. Baraw

C. Cole motioned that the VSBPE approve an additional one year for Special Education provisional license.

Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion approved.

COVID-19 Update:

P. Halladay made the Board aware of the Vermont Forward website. The site talks about Vermont's reopening plan and the school related impacts. This will allow closer to full openings of K-12 schools. The site also references the increase of attendance numbers for indoor events. The plan is to forgo attendance limitations by the 4th of July.

Recovery Plans – LEAs are required. Submit in 3 parts. Needs assessment due 4/15. Full plans due by 6/1. Impacts for licensing are relatively limited with the exception of potential capacity for transcript review/peer review/temporary licenses.

Legislative Update:

The Literacy Bill has gone forward with House and Senate having different versions. ([House Bill 101](#) and [Senate Bill 114](#).)

The relevant portion of these Bills to the work of the VSBPE asks the AOE in collaboration with the VSBPE to review education preparation programs' use of evidence-based literacy instruction on or before 12/2021.

The Board broke for a 10-minute recess.

Rule Changes:

P. Halladay provided an overview of the public comments received.

J. Fribush moved to accept public comment and responses. Seconded by C. Latulippe. Motion approved.

C. Latulippe moved to file with LCAR without changes.

Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

2021-2022 Meeting Schedule

C. Latulippe moved to approve 2021-2022 meeting schedule.

Seconded by J. Fribush.

Motion approved.

Committee Reports and Motions:

R. Ryan provided the Board with a licensing update.

Program Approval Committee: R. Reardon, Chair, reporting

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE approve the proposed review team members for SNHU's new CTE program ROPA review.

Seconded by J. Fribush.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE approve TAP's proposed two-year pilot project to work with and recommend candidates seeking additional endorsements, running during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE approve Vermont Higher Education Collaborative's request, pending receipt of the standard \$2000 new program review fee, and authorize the Office to put together a review team and set a date for the review.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE approve NVU-Johnson's substantive change to their Music Education program.

Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

New Board Member Recruitment:

P. Halladay informed the Board that he has had interest from many educators and administrators. He will be forwarding recommendations to the Governor's office by the end of this week.

May Agenda Items:

COVID update

Legislative update

Castleton ROPA Review Team

Anti-bias standards draft

Teacher shortage update

UVEI ROPA Report Review

UVM Computer Science 2-Year Report and substantive change request

NVU – Substantive Change Request

UVM proposal to allow student teachers to work out of state

R. Reardon motioned to adjourn.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46am.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.

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