

## 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 | 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT

Date: January 10, 2023

#### **Members Present:**

Amy Minor, Brenda Seitz, Bill Clark, Jennifer Clement, Christine Kurucz, Bernadette Cleland, Kate Fay, Ellen Emery, Katie Revelle, Amanda Garces, Amy Flannery, William Lucci

#### **Members Absent:**

Shelby Quinn

#### **Staff Present:**

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

#### **Members of the Public:**

Deb Anderson, John Castle, Rob Shultz

#### **Call to Order:**

C. Kurucz called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved by consent.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

B. Clark moved to approve the minutes from 11/29/2022.  
Seconded by J. Clement.  
Motion approved.

## **Public to be heard:**

N/A

## **Correspondence and announcements:**

J. Botzjorns emailed the Office regarding paraprofessional staffing challenges.

## **Board Member Updates:**

B. Clark summarized the actions of the Act 28 Legislative Committee. [The latest report](#) was submitted to the Legislative committees on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Staff Report:**

Renewal applications will open on February 1, 2023.

## **Superintendent Waiver Request: M. Brott**

B. Clark moved to waive the Bachelor's Degree requirement for M. Brott for an Emergency License in CTE. The license will be limited to Essex Westford School District.

Seconded by W. Lucci.

Motion approved.

## **Superintendent Waiver Request: S. Cota**

B. Clark moved to approve an additional one-year provisional license expiring on June 30, 2023, for S. Cota. His license will be limited to Kingdom East School District. The Board will not consider additional extensions for this license.

Seconded by W. Lucci.

Motion approved.

## **Superintendent Waiver Request: K. Salinas Toledo**

B. Clark moved to approve an additional one-year provisional license expiring on June 30, 2023, for K. Salinas Toledo. The license shall be limited to the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union. The Board will not consider additional extensions for this license.

Seconded by C. Kurucz.

Motion approved.

## **Superintendent Waiver Request: A. McGrath**

B. Clark moved to approve an additional one-year provisional license expiring on June 30, 2023, for A. McGrath. The Board will not consider additional extensions for this license. The license shall be limited to the Kingdom East School District.

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Motion approved.

## **Superintendent Waiver Request: K. Knockenhour**

B. Clark moved to allow the EPP to recommend K. Knockenhour for educator licensure without a passing score on the Praxis II. This motion is not precedent setting and is based on individual circumstances.

Seconded by K. Revelle.

Motion approved.

## **Praxis II Discussion**

P. Halladay and A. Prowten presented six options for the Board to consider regarding the Praxis II requirements for licensure. The Office will connect with EPPs around the state to research and develop a formal proposal.

## **EQS Revision Update**

Board member and Chair of Act 1 Ethnic Studies and Social Equity Work Group, Amanda Garces presented the work of the committee.

## **Revision of Policy F1: Foreign Credentials**

Bill Clark moved that the Board review Policy F1 to clarify which organizations have the authority to equate foreign transcripts. If the VSBPE decides to move forward with revisions, then the VSBPE will request that the Agency provide a proposed draft of any revised Policy consideration for vote and adoption at the 9 February 2023 meeting.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Motion approved.

The Board took a fifteen-minute recess.

## **Committee Reports and Motions**

### **Licensing Committee**

Amy Minor moved to approve the Policy F2: Recency of Study, as written in today's revision.

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Motion approved.

B. Clark moved to table Policy G6: Pathways from Middle School Licensure to Secondary Licensure .

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Motion approved.

D. Giles facilitated a discussion about the Local and Regional Standards Boards Plans of Operation and Support Agreements.

A. Prowten summarized Policy G5 for first reading.

### **Program Approval Committee**

B. Clark moved that the VSBPE approve of Champlain College's Two-Year Report for their secondary and middle grades math programs and grant continued full approval until their next ROPA review in 2024.

Seconded by A. Minor

Motion approved with one abstention.

W. Lucci moved that the VSBPE approve of the proposed ROPA review team for Champlain College's New Computer Science Educator Program.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved with one abstention.

### **NVU/VtSU Five Course Sequence Proposal**

B. Clark moved that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators allow candidates who complete the proposed NVU/VtSU special education course sequence to apply for initial licensure with a special education endorsement. This waiver would be in place through February 2026, at which time the board would review the program and determine future approval.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved.

### **February Agenda Items**

- Second Reading: Policies F1, G5, and G6
- Waiver Requests
- Praxis II – March
- ECE/ECSE Provisional Waiver
- Anti-Bias Standards Update
- OT/PT Update
- VLP Presentation
- L/RSB Plans of Operation, Support Agreements, Appendix A

Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.