

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: Agency of Education

Address: 219 North Main Street, Barre, VT, 05641

Date: January 16, 2020

Members Present:

Erik Remmers; Jennifer Fribush; Thomas Young; Christine Latulippe; Cynthia Cole; Shelby Quinn; Bernadette Cleland, Ric Reardon, Erin Brady, Jennifer Clement

Members Absent:

David Younce, Amy McMullen

Staff Present:

Patrick Halladay, Ron Ryan, Terry Reilly, Amy Scalabrini, Deb Giles, Ellen Cairns, Catherine Wilkins, Emily Leute, Susan Yesalonia

Members of the Public:

D. Tinney, VT NEA

Call to Order:

J. Fribush called the meeting to order at 9:13am.

Approval of Agenda:

C. Cole moved to approve the January 16, 2020 agenda.
Seconded by B. Cleland.
Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes:

R. Reardon moved to approve the minutes from 10/21/19.
Seconded by S. Quinn.
Motion approved.

Board Member Announcements:

Staff Report:

P. Halladay updated the Board with information on Level II renewals.

Act 1 Update:

P. Halladay updated the board with information on Act 1, the Ethnic Studies and Standards Bill. More information on the working group can be found on the Agency of Education [website](#).

Act 30 Update:

P. Halladay updated the board with information on Act 30. Act 30 asks agencies who provide professional licenses to make the following three considerations:

- Will transferring the regulation of certain professions to a different State agency help reduce barriers to licensure, improve customer service, public protection, and increase administrative efficiencies in staffing, IT, and other costs?
- Where are the opportunities to create more apprenticeship pathways to licensure?
- How can accessibility of our job market to Canadians through bridge-to-licensing programs be improved?

The AOE has been working with OPR to meet the demands of the legislation.

Proposed Rule Changes:

J. Fribush moved to approve the proposed rule changes with changes as discussed.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

Additional rule changes will be discussed in preparation for the formal rulemaking process.

Educator Waiver Request: A. Young

Motion made by J. Fribush to waive the requirement to have transcribed proof of student teaching for his Education Technology Specialist endorsement and initial licensure. Based on acceptable evidence of his equivalent supervised teaching experience.

Seconded by R. Reardon.

Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: J. Finley

J. Fribush moved that the board postpone consideration of J. Finley's waiver request to increase the WBL instructional range until after the WBL revision.

Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

Committee Reports and Motions:

Program Approval Committee, R. Reardon reporting:

J. Fribush moved that the VSBPE approve the report and recommendation of the ROPA review team that visited Castleton University in October, 2019.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE approve the proposed review team members for UVM's new Computer Science Program ROPA Review.

Seconded by J. Fribush.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE approve UVM's plan to close its approved program in Educational Leadership leading to a recommendation for a Principal endorsement effective August 31, 2022.

Seconded by J. Fribush.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE approve the proposed review team members for HEC's Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Educator new program ROPA review.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE approve the proposed review team members for HEC's Special Educator new program ROPA review.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE approve the proposed review team members for NVU-Johnson's ROPA review.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE adopt POLICY N24 with the proposed changes as discussed.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

Licensing Committee, C. Cole reporting:

C. Cole moves to accept the updated E-SLP endorsement with the following amendments: the mention of CTS ASHA standards is removed; case management performed by E-SLP's are done not only when speech or language is the area of identified disability and the practicum takes place in an educational setting and so that section 2.6 reads "trains, educates and supports family members..."

Seconded by S. Quinn.

Motion approved.

Child Protection Registry Audit

P. Halladay gave the board an overview of the recent findings from the State Auditor's Office regarding the Child Protection Registry audit. The report can be found on the State Auditor's [website](#).

ETS Update

T. Reilly gave the board an overview of recent ETS updates. The presentation can be found on the Agency of Education [website](#).

Draft March Agenda Items

L/RSB overview – Deb G

New Board Member Orientation – precedent setting waiver discussion - Simmons

Praxis Core Waiver Requests – required documentation

Proposed Rule Changes

Early literacy bill update

ROPA standards revision

SBE – proficiency-based grading

ETS

J. Fribush motioned to adjourn. The meeting adjourned by consensus at 3:43pm.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.