

## 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: March 30, 2023

#### Members Present:

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

#### Members Absent:

Amy Flannery

#### Staff Present:

Josh Souliere, Ron Ryan, Andrew Prowten, Deb Giles, Amy Scalabrini, Ellen Cairns, Ryan McCormick, Cathy Wilkins

#### Members of the Public:

Juliette Longchamp, Malik McKinley, Patrick Halladay

#### Call to Order:

A. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

#### Approval of Agenda:

C. Kurucz moved to approve the agenda with the addition of J. Russell's waiver request. Agenda approved by consensus.

#### Approval of Minutes:

A. Garces moved to approve the minutes from 2/9/2023.  
Seconded by J. Clement.  
Motion approved.

#### Public to be heard:

Juliette Longchamp spoke about the middle level licensure standards.

## **Correspondence and announcements:**

N/A

## **Board Member Updates:**

N/A

## **Staff Report:**

R. Ryan gave the board an overview of the staff report.

## **Praxis II Discussion:**

A. Prowten discussed options for [Praxis II alternatives](#).

## **Superintendent Waiver Request: P. Greene**

B. Seitz moved to approve the waiver request for P. Greene submitted by Franklin West SU and grant an additional one-year Special Education Provisional waiver upon application by the Superintendent.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

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

A. Garces moved to approve the waiver request for S. Fisher submitted by White River Valley SU and grant an additional one-year Provisional license in Special Education upon application by the Superintendent.

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Motion approved.

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

B. Seitz moved to approve the waiver request for M. Rodis submitted by White River Valley SU and grant an additional one-year Special Education Provisional waiver upon application by the Superintendent.

Seconded by K. Fay.

Motion approved.

## **Superintendent Waiver Request: J. Hardt**

B. Clark moved to approve an additional one-year Provisional license with a Social Studies endorsement for J. Hardt submitted by Rutland Northeast SU upon application by the Superintendent.

Seconded by A. Garces.

Motion approved.

### **Superintendent Waiver Request: K. Burns-Collins**

B. Clark moved to approve the request for K. Burns-Collins to waive the Praxis II, 5003, Math subtest for the Elementary Education endorsement to attain initial licensure. The license will be restricted to Addison Central SD.

Seconded by E. Emery.

Motion approved without precedent.

### **EPP Waiver Request: Z. Lang**

B. Clark moved to approve the waiver request to allow UVM to recommend Z. Lang for initial licensure using Praxis II test 5091 for Physical Education in lieu of 5095.

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Motion approved with one abstention.

### **Educator Waiver Request: C. Hamel**

B. Clark moved to approve the waiver request to remove the employment restriction of MAUSD from C. Hamel's license. The Board suggested C. Hamel complete a course in statistics and data interpretation.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

### **Superintendent Waiver Request: J. Russell**

B. Clark moved to approve the waiver request for J. Russell to waive the Praxis II test, 5001 for Elementary Education to attain initial licensure. The license will be restricted to Slate Valley SU.

Seconded by B. Seitz.

Motion approved with one abstention and without precedent.

The Board took a fifteen-minute recess.

### **Special Education Provisional Waiver License Update and Extension Request for Academic Year 23/24**

B. Seitz moved to approve the request to continue the Special Education provisional waiver license for the 2023/2024 academic year.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

### **Anti-Bias Standards**

A. Prowten and A. Garces discussed the work of the Act 1 Committee and how it relates to the development of anti-bias standards. A. Garces is seeking members to volunteer as part of a short-term subcommittee.

## **Committee Reports and Motions**

### **Licensing Committee**

D. Giles updated the Board on renewals.

R. Ryan updated the Board on current Criminal Record Check processing times. The current time is 12 plus weeks.

B. Clark moved to approve Policy G6, Policy on Alternative Route to Middle Grades Licensure.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved.

A. Minor moved to approve the School Counselor endorsement revision as provided.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

B. Seitz moved to approve the Special Education endorsement as provided.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved.

A. Minor moved to approve the Early Childhood Educator endorsement as provided.

Seconded by W. Lucci.

Motion approved.

### **Program Approval Committee**

K. Fay moved to approve the request from UVM to allow for distance/out-of-state student teaching placements until June of 2025, at which time UVM will report back to the Board.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved with one abstention.

B. Seitz moved to approve the request from Castleton to delay the ROPA review of their Principal program until Fall 2024.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

### **May Agenda Items**

- Potential waiver requests
- Anti-Bias Standards Sub Committee Group
- Praxis II: Rule, Policy & Guidelines Vote
- Endorsement Revision Updates

Meeting adjourned at 1:11pm.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.