

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: May 16, 2023

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Shelby Quinn

Staff Present:

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

Members of the Public:

Robert Senn, Randi Lowe, Lori Meyer, John Stroup, Colby Kervick

Call to Order:

A. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Approval of Agenda:

B. Seitz moved to approve the agenda.
Agenda approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes:

B. Cleland moved to approve the minutes from 3/30/2023.
Seconded by J. Clement.
Motion approved.

Public to be heard:

Hannah Leland

Correspondence and announcements:

A. Minor shared correspondence she received from a retired educator advocating for a lifelong license for retired licensees. Two additional letters were received from the Central VT Career Center asking the Board to consider removing restrictions on educator licenses.

Board Member Updates:

N/A

Staff Report:

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

Praxis II Draft Policy:

A. Prowten presented draft policies and Rule changes that will affect testing requirements and waiver requests. The Board had a discussion on the impact of restrictions on educator licenses.

B. Clark moved to approve the first reading of the draft policy as written.
Seconded by J. Clement.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: S. Gilhooly

B. Clark moved to extend S. Gilhooly 's deadline to pass the Praxis II for Special Education before March 2024.
Seconded by K. Fay.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: A. Rafus

B. Clark moved to approve a one-year provisional license with a Special Educator endorsement for A. Rafus limited to the Hartford School District.
Seconded by K. Faye.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: A. Terrill

B. Clark moved to approve a one-year provisional license with a Special Educator endorsement for A. Terrill limited to the Hartford School District.
Seconded by K. Faye.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: A. Keeley

B. Clark moved to approve a one-year provisional license with a Special Educator endorsement for A. Keeley limited to the Hartford School District.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: D. Anderson

B. Clark moved to approve a one-year provisional waiver license with a Special Educator endorsement for D. Anderson limited to the Addison Central Supervisory Union.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: R. Senn

B. Clark moved to approve a one-year provisional waiver license with a Special Educator endorsement for R. Senn limited to the Slate Valley Supervisory District.

Seconded by J. Clement.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: A. Myotte

K. Faye moved to approve the request for A. Myotte to waive the Social Studies Praxis II requirement for an Elementary Education endorsement, limited to the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union.

Seconded by B. Clark

Motion approved.

Educator Waiver Request: K. Plylar-Moore

B. Clark moved to approve a waiver request for K. Plylar-Moore to waive the endorsement requirement in the holder statement of 5440-79 endorsement and apply to add the Specialized Literacy Professional endorsement. All competencies and requirements of the endorsement must be met.

Seconded by K. Faye.

Motion approved with one abstention.

This waiver has been approved without precedence.

Educator Waiver Request: G. Hance

B. Clark moved to approve the request for G. Hance to apply via reciprocity using an expired CO license in conjunction with the Recency of Study Policy to reinstate his Science license.

Seconded by K. Faye.

Motion approved.

The Board broke for a 15-minute recess.

Anti-Bias Standards Sub Committee:

The Act 1 working group ends on August 31. A new technical working group will be created. A. Garces advocated for a diverse group to contribute to the Anti-Bias Standards. Board members who expressed interest are Bill Clark, Ellen Emery, Amy Minor, Katie Revelle, Amanda Garces and Kate Fay.

Committee Reports and Motions

Licensing Committee

B. Clark moved to approve the draft Math Specialist endorsement with the documented changes and with the understanding it will be presented again in August for further discussion and vote.

Seconded by A. Flannery.

Motion approved.

D. Giles updated the Board on renewals, upcoming regional licensing trainings, and Summer Local and Regional Standards Board Conferences.

Program Approval Committee

B. Cleland moved that the VSBPE approve UVM's request for approval of the proposed substantive change to their Special Education/Early Childhood Special Education programs, giving UVM approval to recommend their candidates for the dual ECSE and SE endorsements.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved with one abstention.

B. Clark moved that the VSBPE approve the proposed team to review Goddard's educator preparation programs at the ROPA review to be held on July 26-28.

Seconded by K. Fay.

Motion approved.

A. Garces moved to table the vote on the substantive change request from Castleton's Early Childhood/Early Special Education program until pending questions are answered.

Seconded by B. Clark.
Motion approved.

B. Clark moved that the VSBPE approve the request from Champlain College to delay their ROPA review for one year and extend their ROPA approval to Spring 2025.

Seconded by K. Revelle.

Motion approved with one abstention.

A. Minor moved that the VSBPE approve the report from the Champlain ROPA review team and grant two-year conditional approval to Champlain's new Computer Science Educator program.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved with one abstention.

2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

The Draft Meeting Schedule has been presented with a request to change some of the Board Meeting Dates from Thursdays to other days of the week.

July Agenda Items

- Potential waiver requests

The meeting adjourned at 1:08pm.

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.