

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 | Call-in # 802-828-7667 | Conference
ID # 124 247 976 # | Date: November 29, 2023

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present:

Ron Ryan, Andrew Prowten, Ellen Cairns, Deb Giles, Catherine Wilkins, Jessica Monahan, Katie Gagliardo

Others:

Nick Gault (Southwest VT School District)

Approval of Agenda:

A. Minor called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. A. Minor verified that one additional waiver had been requested for the agenda per an update from R. Ryan. Additionally, under the Program Review Committee section, the board was also requested to add the Program Application from Middlebury College, per an update from E. Cairns.
B. Clark moved to amend the 11/29/23 agenda, with the additional waiver and the Program Application from Middlebury College.
C. Kurucz seconded the motion.
The motion was approved.

Approval of Minutes:

B. Seitz moved to approve the [minutes from 10/19/2023](#).
Seconded by B. Clark.
Motion was approved.

Public to be heard:

None.

Board Member Updates:

B. Clark provided an update on [Act 28](#), Advisory Council on Literacy.

Staff Report

R. Ryan and A. Prowten provided an update for the [Staff Report](#).

Waiver Requests

Superintendent Waiver Request: Kolbi Briere

E. Emery made a motion to approve an Emergency License request in Elementary Education without a BA degree to K. Briere, limited to the Springfield School District. The degree will be conferred before the end of FY 2024.

Seconded by C. Kurucz.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: Caroline Worthington

E. Emery made a motion to approve an Emergency License request in Elementary Education without a BA degree to C. Worthington, limited to Pownal Elementary School. Seconded by B. Seitz.

Discussion: Concerns were raised about granting the Emergency License request to C. Worthington, as she was not projected to graduate until 2025.

Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yea: None

Nay: A. Flannery, J. Clement, C. Kurucz, K. Revelle, B. Seitz, B. Clark, K. Fay, A. Minor, A. Pickering, A. Garces, B. Cleland, B. Lucci, E. Emery

Motion denied.

The VSBPE took a break at 10:03 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

ACT 1 Update/Core Teaching Standards (CTS) Revisions

A. Prowten and A. Garces provided an update on ACT 1 and the Core Teaching Standards Revisions.

A. Minor made a motion to approve the creation of a VSBPE Subcommittee to research and make revision recommendations to the Core Teaching and Core Leadership Standards to include, but not limited to ACT I and the revised EQS. The representation of the subcommittee will be determined by VSBPE at the January 10th meeting.

Seconded by A. Garces.

Motion approved.

Policy P2 Conditional Emergency License for Lapsed Retired Educators

R. Ryan provided a brief overview of the [P2 Conditional Emergency License for Lapsed Retired Educators](#).

B. Seitz made a motion to adopt Policy P2.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

Rule Revision Timeline

A. Prowten provided an update on the Rule Revision Timeline.

Model Code of Ethics – New Updated Version

A. Prowten provided an update on the updated version of the [Model Code of Ethics](#).

E. Emery moved to adopt the revised Model Code of Ethics for Educators produced and published by NASDTEC.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

Subcommittee Work

Licensing Committee

Committee members are J. Clement, A. Garces, B. Seitz, A. Flannery, A. Minor, C. Kurucz, and A. Pickering.

Renewal Update

D. Giles provided an update on current renewals.

Special Education Provisional License Update

R. Ryan provided an update on the Special Education Provisional Licenses.

Lifetime License Follow-Up: Survey

A. Prowten provided an update on the Lifetime License – he is awaiting an update from NASDTEC on survey results.

Program Approval Committee

E. Emery, B. Cleland, B. Clark, W. Lucci, K. Fay, and K. Revelle.

New Program Application – Middlebury College

E. Cairns provided background on the new program application coming from [Middlebury College](#) (Modern and Classical Languages Post-Bac Program).

A. Minor moved to approve Middlebury College’s application for a ROPA review of their Modern and Classical Languages Post-Bac Program, to be held in July 2024.

Seconded by B. Seitz.

The motion carried.

Peer Review Update

A. Prowten provided an update on Peer Review Pilot with Windham Southeast Supervisory Union (WSESU).

Policy N11 Revision – First Read

E. Cairns provided background on the [Policy N11 Revision](#).

A. Minor moved to approve the first reading of the revision to Policy N11 to expand the

flexibility of student teaching placements to meet the needs of the field.
Seconded by B. Seitz.
First reading approved.

January 2024 Agenda Items

The following topics will be on the January agenda:

- Upcoming Waivers
- Subcommittee composition and vote
- Rule Revisions
- Second reading of Policy N11
- Extending an invitation to the Vermont Higher Education Collaborative (VT-HEC) to give a presentation on their Special Education Pathway, which is being utilized by many who currently receive the Special Education Provisional Waiver

A. Garces made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by C. Kurucz.
The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Katie Gagliardo.