

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: October 19, 2022**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

N/A

Staff Present:

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

Members of the Public:

Michael Clark, Bonnie Moulton, Lauren McBride

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Agenda:

A. Scalabrini presented three additional waiver requests for the Board to consider adding to the agenda.

J. Clement moved to approve the agenda with additional waiver requests.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes:

C. Kurucz moved to approve minutes from 9/15/22.
Seconded by B. Lucci.
Motion approved.

Public to be heard:

N/A

Correspondence and announcements:

A. Minor shared an email correspondence from an educator who was grateful with the updates to the Praxis Core requirements for licensure.

Board Member Updates:

B. Clark gave the Board an update on the Act 28 Advisory Council on Literacy work. The report to the legislature is expected in December.

A. Garces will be presenting upcoming changes to the Education Quality Standards at the November meeting.

Staff Report:

P. Halladay notified the Board that New Mexico has signed the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement.

Superintendent Waiver Request: K. Huntley

B. Clark moved to approve the waiver request for K. Huntley for an additional one-year provisional license in special education limited to the Montpelier Roxbury School District.
Seconded by B. Seitz.
Motion approved with one abstention.

Superintendent Waiver Request: N. Latimer

A. Minor moved to approve the waive the requirement for a high school diploma to hire N. Latimer as a district substitute teacher. This request is limited to the 2022/2023 academic year and to the Grand Isle SU. The granting of this waiver is not precedent setting.
Seconded by B. Seitz.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: C. O'Leary

B. Seitz moved to approve the waiver request for C. O'Leary for an additional one-year provisional license in special education limited to the Missisquoi Valley School District.
Seconded by B. Cleland.
Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: S. Donelon

B. Clark moved to approve the waiver request for S. Donelon for a second one-year provisional license in elementary education limited to the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union. Seconded by W. Lucci. Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: L. Lawson

B. Clark moved to approve the waive the requirement for a bachelor's degree for L. Lawson to be issued an emergency license with a Modern and Classical Languages (French) endorsement. This request is limited to the 2022/2023 academic year and to the Burlington School District. The granting of this waiver is not precedent setting. Seconded by W. Lucci. Motion approved with one abstention.

Superintendent Waiver Request: A. McGrath

A. Minor moved to grant A. McGrath a waiver for an additional one-year provisional license limited to Kingdom East SD with the following requirements:

- Completing and passing Praxis Core or demonstration of basic skills
- Attendance at an upcoming Peer Review Clinic, or evidence of previous attendance within last 18 months.
- Registering for Peer Review
- Mandatory with meeting with Andrew & Ryan completed by Nov 30
- Written plan for progress monitoring and updated provisional plan
- No waivers beyond the 2022/2023 academic year will be considered for this educator.

Bullets must be completed by 12/31/2022. If not, his license will expire 12/31/22. If completed, license expire 1/11/2023. At the January Board meeting, the Board will consider extending the provisional through the end of the 2022/2023 academic year.

Seconded by B. Clark.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: C. Fox

B. Clark moved to approve the waiver request for C. Fox for a one-year provisional license as a Director of Special Education for the 2023/2024 academic year limited to Orleans Central Supervisory Union.

Seconded by C. Kurucz.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: S. Cross

B. Clark moved to approve the waive the requirement for a bachelor's degree for S. Cross to be issued an emergency license with an Early Childhood Education endorsement. This request is

limited to 31 December 2022 and to the Hartford School District. The granting of this waiver is not precedent setting.

Seconded by K. Faye.

Motion approved.

Superintendent Waiver Request: W. Sailsman

B. Clark moved to approve the waiver request for W. Sailsman for an additional one-year emergency license with a social studies endorsement limited to the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union.

Seconded by A. Minor.

Motion approved with one abstention.

The Board took a ten-minute recess.

Committee Reports and Motions

Licensing Committee

The Office discussed the Middle Grades Pathway to licensure. The Office will present a proposal to the Board in an upcoming meeting.

The Office advised the Board that some states have issued lifetime licenses and it may be appropriate to update Policy F2 regarding recency of study to ensure proper professional learning has taken place before a license is issued.

A. Prowten and R. McCormick presented Peer Review data and how Covid-19 has impacted the program.

R. Ryan notified the Board that 54 Special Education provisional applications have been submitted. Two were withdrawn. Ron expects applications to continue to be submitted.

P. Halladay raised a question to clarify the need for an educator to reinstate a license versus applying for a new license through reciprocity. The discussion will continue in the November meeting.

Program Approval Committee

E. Cairns updated the Board on Middlebury College's Annual Report. E. Cairns needs another board member for an upcoming ROPA review.

A. Prowten presented alternative options for the Praxis II for the Board to consider.

A. Minor moved to file proposed Rule changes with LCAR.
Seconded by C. Kurucz.
Motion approved.

November Agenda Items

- EQS revision update Act 1 update – A. Garces
- Secondary to Middle School endorsement
- Lifetime License Issue
- Reciprocity for expired VT license
- Updates on Anti-Bias Standards
- VLP
- VTSU

Meeting adjourned at 12:19pm

Minutes recorded by Amy Scalabrini.