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**VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS**

April 4, 2019 AOE Offices, Barre

*VSBPE: Ensuring a Caring, Competent, Highly Effective Educator in  
Every Vermont Classroom to Improve Student Learning*

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Erik Remmers, Roberta Baker, Thomas Young, Ric Reardon, Christine Latulippe, Shelby Quinn, Dave Younce, Jeremy Hill, Bernadette Cleland, Beth Ann Repchick, Amy McMullen, Cindy Cole

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jennifer Fribush

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patrick Halladay, Ron Ryan, Terry Reilly, Amy Scalabrini, Ellen Cairns, Meg Porcella, Pat Fitzsimmons, Peter Drescher (phone)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Lyle Jepson, VTC; Barri Tinkler, UVM

**CALL TO ORDER:** E. Remmers called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion made by R. Baker to amend the agenda to add a Superintendent waiver request for the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union. Seconded by R. Reardon. Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by C. Latulippe to approve the minutes from 3/12/19. Seconded by B. Cleland. D. Younce and J. Hill abstained. Motion approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

R. Ryan announced P. Halladay as the new Division Director of Education Quality. E. Remmers spoke about discussions he has had with Superintendents regarding middle level instructional ranges. He anticipates future board discussions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Lyle Jepson, VTC: Sent out a survey regarding Driver's Education. The survey was sent out to 62 principals, and has received 18 responses to date. Early results suggest a low number of applicants. Lyle has an upcoming meeting with George Rooney.

## **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:**

E. Remmers announced he will be transitioning to the Green Mountain Tech Center.

## **STAFF REPORT:**

P. Halladay spoke about the recent Licensing Trainings that the licensing team has put on in Burlington, Castleton, and Fairlee. The trainings were well received and positive feedback was given. The Agency will have an opening in the near future for an Administrative Assistant.

## **Waiver Requests:**

**Superintendent Waiver Request – J. Wilson, BRSU**

R. Reardon moved the VSBPE approve the waiver request to allow M. Skackowski to serve an additional 23 days as a substitute teacher contingent upon a support plan being provided to the Agency to ensure oversight. Seconded by D. Younce.  
Motion approved.

## **Committee Reports and Motions:**

**Licensing Committee: T. Young, Chair, reporting:**

T. Young moved that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adopts the revised version of Rule 5150 – Definition of Terms – Table for Teaching Experience to include endorsement Educational Speech Language Pathologist (84) and delete this endorsement from the table of endorsements not considered teaching experience for the 2019 Rules Governing the Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Educational Professionals revision; and that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adopts the revised version of Rule 5231.7 – General Requirements for All Applicants for Professional Licensure - to delete the endorsement Educational Speech Language Pathologist as an endorsement exempt from Rule 5233 (Student Teaching) and 5235 (Core Teaching Standards) for the 2019 Rules Governing the Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Educational Professionals revision. Seconded by J. Hill.  
Motion approved.

The Licensing Committee recommended a May agenda item to vote on expanding the instructional range for the Computer Science endorsement.

**Program Approval Committee: R. Reardon, Chair Reporting**

R. Reardon moved the VSBPE accept the recommendations of the approved ROPA Review Team and grant continued full approval to UVM's College Educator Preparation Programs, and that the Board accepts UVM's Seven-Year Plan. Seconded by C. Latulippe. Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE does not accept UVM's request to use their 2017 CAEP approval in lieu of a ROPA visit in 2025. The Board will consider a request made within two years of their next scheduled ROPA visit. Seconded by B. Cleland. Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE accept the recommendations of the approved ROPA Review Team and grant continued full approval to St. Michael's College Educator Preparation Programs, with the exception of the Special Education Consulting Teacher program, which would receive conditional approval for two years and that the Board accepts St. Michael's Seven-Year Plan. Seconded by C. Latulippe. Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE accept the Report of the ROPA Review Team and Middlebury's Seven-Year Plan. This would grant full approval to Elementary Education, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies programs and conditional approval to Art, Computer Science, and Modern and Classical Languages programs, with a follow-up review to take place in fall of 2019 for the programs on conditional approval. Seconded by B. Cleland. Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE accept Spark's updated Two-Year Report and reinstate Spark to full approval, with the provision that Spark adds the Praxis II requirement to their Handbook, and that evidence for the narratives in the update be provided at their full ROPA review in 2021. Seconded by D. Younce. Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE approves VCFA's Teach-Out Plan to close their ROPA-approved MAT program in Art Education. Seconded by B. Cleland. Motion approved.

D. Younce moves that the VSBPE approve the proposed review team members for Castleton University's 2019 ROPA review. R. Reardon has recused himself. Seconded by C. Latulippe. Motion approved.

The Board declined to act on the consideration of using external accreditation in lieu of ROPA for initial program approval and requested that the Agency rewrite Policy N17 for clarification.

R. Reardon moved that the VSBPE combine the three policies (N11, N12, N19) that relate to splitting student teaching placements into one cohesive policy (Revised Policy N11), and deleting Policies N12 and N19. Seconded by C. Latulippe. Motion approved.

C. Latulippe moved to accept proposed updates to VSBPE ROPA policies N3, N4, N5, N7, N8, N22 as outlined on the action page. Seconded by B. Cleland. Motion approved.

R. Reardon moved that the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators revise Section 7 of the ROPA Handbook with the proposed changes. Seconded by B. Cleland. Motion approved.

### **2019-2020 Meeting Schedule:**

Motion made by R. Baker to approve 2019/2020 meeting schedule with a change from April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by D. Younce. Motion approved.

Break for lunch at 12:00pm.

Reconvene at 12:45pm.

### **Rule Change Communication Plan:**

T. Reilly discussed the Rule Change Communication Plan with the Board.

### **Proficiency Based Renewal / Micro Credentialing:**

Presentations were made by [Pat Fitzsimmons, Education Proficiency Based Learning Programs Manager](#) and [Patrick Halladay, Education Quality Division Director](#).

The board will not be taking any action on these items at this time.

### **Act 173:**

Meg Porcella, Student Support Services Assistant Division Director, presented to the Board. The presentation is available on the Agency of Education [website](#).

### **May Agenda Items:**

Policy N1, N8, N17

Clarify substantive change process

Alternate Route Approval Process

New program review request from Castleton University ECE program

New program review request from SNHU (Career Technical Education teacher)

School Psychologist, RE: Teaching experience  
Computer Science instructional range  
Provisional License Data  
Praxis II tests  
Act 1 discussion

Motion made by C. Latulippe to adjourn. Seconded by J. Hill.

**Meeting adjourned by consensus at 3:06pm.**

Minutes recorded and prepared by Amy Scalabrini.