

**Education Quality Team  
Staff Report for 13 of August 2024**

**Updates:**

Temporary licenses are in high gear for the start of the new school year. June 1<sup>st</sup> was the deadline for districts to begin submitting temporary licenses for the next school year. They are continuing to come in at a strong pace for this school year. Along the same lines there have been a number of one-year provisionals submitted this year. The reason is many of these are special education related and those applications have been through the two-year cycle, now needing more time to complete their program.

Ellen Cairns will be participating in a review of UNH in September as part of a collaboration with her counterpart in NH, and an AAQEP review of Canisius University in Buffalo in October.

**Educator Licensing System- Update**

**Act 139**

An act supporting Vermont's young readers through evidence-based literacy instruction

- *R.O.P.A.*
  - ✓ *On or before July 1, 2025, the Agency of Education shall submit recommendations to the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators on how to strengthen educator preparation programs' teaching of evidence- based literacy practices.*
  - ✓ *The Agency shall communicate its recommendations to Vermont's educator preparation programs and submit its recommendations in writing to the Senate and House Committees on Education.*
  - ✓ *The Agency shall make recommendations to the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators regarding whether an additional mandatory examination is needed to assess candidates for educator licensure*

### **Summer Licensing Trainings:**

We scheduled three general licensing training sessions for Superintendents and/or HR personnel this summer. These sessions were well attended due to turnover/new personnel in the school districts.

May 23, 2024, Hampton Inn Colchester, VT

June 6, 2024, VT State College Castleton, VT

June 13, 2024, Lake Morey Fairlee, VT

Deb Giles scheduled three Local and Regional Standards Board training sessions. These sessions had around 50+ people in attendance.

July 18, 2024, Lake Morey Fairlee, VT

July 25, 2024, Hampton Inn Colchester, VT

July 31, 2024, VT State College Castleton, VT

### **Special Education Provisional Waivers:**

Currently we have 26 applications that were initiated for the 2024-2025 school year.

The breakdown of instructional levels is below:

26 Special Education Waiver Provisional applications submitted.

14 of the applications represent Grades K through Age 21 Special Education

5 of the applications represent Grades K through 8 Special Education

7 of the applications represent Grades 7 through Age 21 Special Education

## **Deb Giles August 2024:**

During the third week of May and the first two weeks of June, the Licensing Team held three Regional Conferences for SU/SD Superintendents and HR Directors. The conferences were held at Hampton Inn in Colchester, Lake Morey in Fairlee, and Castleton University in Castleton. The sessions ran from 9-12 AM and were attended by AOE Licensing personnel as well. Approximately, 60 SU/SD representatives including Private School representatives attended a session. New Licensing Rules were presented along with licensing information needed by SU/SDs especially when applying for provisional licenses. The Licensing Office was thanked for their quick response and willingness to assist the SU/SDs when needed.

Three in person L/RSB Summer Conferences were held during July. The conferences were held at the same venues as the Regional Trainings. New Rules, information regarding temporary licenses, licensure resources were discussed along with other L/RSB topics including the volume of renewal applications for the next two licensure cycles. The sessions were well attended with 59/61 Boards sending representation. Special thanks to current VSBPE members who attended: Amy Flannery, Amy Minor, Jen Clement, Brenda Seitz, and Christine Kurucz who spoke on behalf of the VSBPE.

Annual Reports for 2023-2024 were emailed to all L/RSBs in June. To date, 44/61 L/RSBs have returned their Annual Report. Boards were reminded at the conferences to submit the Annual Report ASAP.

The Chair contact information for 2024-2025 will soon be updated in the ALiS according to the information submitted on the Annual Report and will appear on the AOE website when completed. This list will also appear in the VPA/VSA Vermont Education Directory. L/RSB Board members will also need to be updated in ALiS for the upcoming school year.

Grant allocations will soon be forwarded to AOE Finance for input into the Grant Management System (GMS) for Boards who completed all requirements over the last year including attending a 2024 Summer L/RSB Conference.

Deb also continues to address questions and concerns from L/RSBs, SU/SDs, and educators regarding licensure.

Current Work Queue per application type as of 8-1-2024: *Applications in the work queue are in various stages of processing from just received to waiting for payment from applicant.*

Application Type	Total
Initial	182
Reinstatement	34
Renewal	138
Retired	3
Temporary	178
1 Yr. Temporary – extenuating circumstance	32
Transcript Review – Initial	52
Transcript Review – Add endorsement	73
Peer Review - Initial	94
Peer Review – Add endorsement	14