

VSBE

Date: March 28, 2024

Item: VTSU Randolph CTTEP ROPA Review Team

ITEM: Shall the VSBE approve the team for the ROPA review of VTSU's CTE teacher preparation program which is scheduled for July 28-30, 2024?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBE approve the team for the ROPA review of VTSU's CTE teacher preparation program which is scheduled for July 28-30, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

VTSU's CTTEP program (formerly Vermont Technical College) had their last ROPA review in 2016 and were granted a one-year extension on their ROPA approval in February, 2023.

PROPOSED TEAM:

Caitlin Hollister will represent the educator preparation program field. Caitlin is the associate director of the Teacher Apprenticeship Program (TAP) at Champlain College. Caitlin Hollister spent nine years teaching third grade in Boston public schools and was recognized as one of the city's Educators of the Year in 2011. She recently served on Vermont's Taskforce for Diversifying the Educator Workforce. A graduate of the Boston Teacher Residency Program, Caitlin holds a bachelor's degree in history from Brown University and a master's degree in teaching from UMass Boston. She holds a Vermont educator license with endorsements in Multilingual Learners, Special Education, and Elementary Education.

Cheryl Niedzwiecki is an experienced CTE instructor and ROPA team member. Cheryl received an associate's degree in occupational studies from the Culinary Institute of America, a bachelor's degree from Johnson State College, and a master's in business administration from the College of St. Joseph. Cheryl has taught at the Burlington Technical Center and Stafford Technical Center, where she has returned and currently teaches. Cheryl is licensed in CTE Hospitality and CTE Business endorsements, and has also been licensed in CTE Culinary Arts and CTE Travel and Tourism.

Amy Flannery will represent the VSBPE. Amy is a special educator in the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union. She holds Vermont licensure as a Director of Special Education and an Intensive Special Education Teacher. Amy received her bachelor's degree from Norwich University and her master's in education from UVM.

Ellen Cairns will represent the Agency of Education as the ROPA Coordinator.

We are currently waiting for confirmation from one additional member of the team, who will be a licensed CTE Director.