



Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators  
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## VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

November 28, 2017 AOE Offices, Barre

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

### MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Don Tinney, Erik Remmers, David St. Germain, Richard Reardon, Tom Young (arrived at 10:45), Helen Lanthier (left at 12:30), David Younce, Cynthia Cole, Jennifer Fribush, Roberta Baker, Jeremy Hill

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amy McMullen

**STAFF PRESENT:** Debora Price, Deborah Giles, Terry Reilly, Amy Scalabrini, Ron Ryan, Ellen Cairns

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Juliet Longchamp (NEA), Kelly Robinson, Patty Morgan, (VT-HEC), Joy Wilcox (VT-HEC), Malik McKinley (ETS), Casey Fredenburgh, Laurie Berryman, Lynn Spencer

**CALL TO ORDER:** D. Tinney called the meeting to order at 9:00am

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

D. Price spoke of request from UVM's E. Baker and B. Tinkler for the sub-committee discussion to be tabled until they can be here in January. Based on the AOE's analysis, an estimated 80% of their educational academic program has not been assessed.

Agenda approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

D. Tinney asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting.

**Motion made by R. Baker to approve minutes. Second by H. Lanthier. Motion approved.**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

D. Tinney sent correspondence regarding the Governor's Education Summit in December. He has requested representation of the Standards Board. He has not received a response to date.

E. Cairns introduced as new ROPA Coordinator.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Patty Morgan and Joy Wilcox from the VT-HEC expressed concerns over expiration dates of Provisional Licenses that don't align with their sequence of courses when an applicant starts mid-year. They have asked for consideration of a Rule change for Provisional Licenses to be issued for a two calendar year cycle vs a two School year cycle.

**D. Price suggested this be a January agenda item in order to analyze the implications of the AOE staff, Superintendent's and at the Federal level.**

#### **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:**

Nothing to report.

#### **STAFF REPORT:**

Renewal season will be here soon! The AOE is working with their Communications Team to Tweet important information regarding educator employment information. Currently, there are 1,068 educators whose license is expiring on June 30, 2018 who do not have employment details in their profile. This could cause significant delays in application processing or the possible lapsing of licenses. D. Price referred the Board to the [Weekly Field Memo](#).

#### **NBPTS NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION PRESENTATION:**

Juliet Longchamp (NEA) and Kelley Robinson (Hazen Union English teacher) presenting

Juliet is requesting a revision to the license renewal process to include National Board Certification as meeting the Professional Learning Requirements. This is currently in Policy H2. The Licensing Committee will review the Policy in January for further discussion and a vote.

#### **WAIVER REQUESTS**

##### **Educator Request – Laurie Berryman, Rule #: 5243 Alternatives to Examinations**

C. Cole moved to **accept GRE Scores as meeting the testing requirements based on successful completion of post graduate work.** Seconded by J. Fribush. **Motion approved.**

##### **Educator Waiver Request - Casey Fredenburgh, Rule #5300 – Process for becoming licensed.**

D. Younce moved to **waive the 3.0 GPA requirement for purpose of granting an initial license.** Seconded by R. Baker. **Motion approved.**

##### **Superintendent Waiver Request – Lynn Spencer**

R. Baker moved to **grant retroactive license from 9/1/2015 to 6/30/2018**. Seconded by J. Fribush. **Motion approved.**

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW & REVISIONS:**

Based on member discussion which included support for a new Goal 2 regarding Education Quality Standards and VT Education Initiatives, the AOE staff will update the Strategic Plan for adoption at the January meeting.

Break for lunch at 11:58am

Reconvene at 12:30pm

#### **PROGRAM APPROVAL COMMITTEE - R. REARDON CHAIR REPORTING:**

R. Reardon moved to **accept the ROPA review schedule with Peer Review changing from Spring 2018 to Summer 2018**. Seconded by D. Younce. **Motion approved.**

#### **LICENSING COMMITTEE – R. BAKER, CHAIR REPORTING:**

R. Baker moved to **adopt policy C1 and F1**. Second by C. Cole. **Motion approved.**  
Other discussion items included 3.0 GPA rule and Waiver criteria. The Agency will bring follow up documents for consideration at the January meeting.

#### **3.0 GPA:**

Following discussion of changing the 3.0 GPA Rule, the AOE staff will bring additional supporting documentation to the board in January to include State wide GPA requirements, Federal Law and Title II implications.

#### **The board generated items for consideration of January agenda.**

Licensing Committee: National Board Certification – Policy H2. Change #8  
Long term sub language to be added to Emergency Licenses  
Endorsement Revisions  
UVM SLP ROPA Review Discussion and Vote  
3.0 GPA Discussion and Vote  
Provisional License timeline change – calendar year vs school year  
Continued discussion on barriers to licensure.  
Approve minutes from 11-28 Special meeting  
Praxis scores follow up – Comparing VT's requirements to other states.  
Policy Manual Revisions - Roles & Responsibilities

**Motion to adjourn made by J. Fribush at 2:03pm. Seconded by T. Young. Motion approved.**

Minutes recorded and prepared by Amy Scalabrini