

**TO:** Program Approval Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:** Linda McSweeney – ROPA Consultant

**ITEM FOR ACTION:** **TAP (Teacher Apprenticeship)** –Proposed Team Change

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators votes to remove Sigrid Olson from the TAP Review Team.

**MOTION:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, move that the VSBPE remove Sigrid Olson from the TAP ROPA Team visit in May 2017.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The VSBPE Policy (N5) which outlines the composition of a ROPA Team states that the VSBPE work “to create review teams that are balanced in terms of expertise, content knowledge, and instructional level.” Team membership is to include a chair who is a member of the professional teacher education community, a member of the VSBPE, a Vermont licensed teacher, and additionally one – three members at large.

Although the VSBPE does not have a specific policy regarding the number of AOE staff members to serve in an advisory capacity on a ROPA review Team, the PAC received feedback from the field suggesting that the Team could be improved by limiting AOE members because the AOE is a regulatory agency and the intention of the ROPA Team is peer review. Two AOE staff people could potentially provide the appearance of the team being more ‘regulatory’ in nature vs. a balanced team of professionals from the field.

In response to this this feedback, the recommendation is to remove the second AOE staff person from the TAP ROPA Team, Sigrid Olson.

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