

Educator Quality Team

Staff Report for August 14, 2018

From the Educator Quality Division Director, Debi Price

Welcome to new VSBPE board members Christine LaTulippe and Beth-Ann Repchick!

As customary with the first meeting of the academic year, an hour prior to the VSBPE meeting is dedicated to the annual workshop required by statute regarding the powers and duties of the Standards Board. AOE Staff Attorney Emily Simmons will be facilitating this session.

The Board agenda for this meeting is a typical first meeting agenda that includes the election of officers and subcommittee chairs. Additionally, the Board will begin work identifying key pieces of data needed for the Legislative Report that is to be submitted to the House and Senate Education Committees on December 1, 2018. The report on Vermont educator licensure requirements is included in [H.16](#). A subcommittee identified at the June 5, 2018 meeting met in August. Subcommittee members: David Younce, Cynthia Cole, Jennifer Fribush, Ric Reardon and Roberta Baker.

On July 12, 2018 the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR) approved the VSBPE rule revisions. The new rules go into effect on August 21, 2018. Since LCAR's approval the Division staff have been updating internal processes to align with the new rules, revising resource and application documents and working with our online licensing system vendor for any system changes needed due to the rule changes.

The 2018 renewal season saw fewer renewal applications than anticipated for the second year. Roughly, 800 educators did not renew their license and are currently not in the process of reinstating their lapsed license. Additional analysis is needed to identify if this is a trend that may continue in the future.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the work of the Educator Quality licensing team and members of the Local and Regional Standards Boards during the 2018 renewal season. Your commitment to the work and supporting Vermont educators is commendable.

In-service Educator Quality Team – Licensing Office- Ron Ryan

With the staff cross-training of application processes that occurred in the summer and fall of 2017 and the request for renewal applications to be submitted by April 1st the team was able to process applications in a shorter time period.

Renewal season has closed out and the temporary license applications are in peak. Temporary licenses include Provisional Licenses, Emergency Licenses and Apprenticeship Licenses.

Local/Regional Standards Board (L/RSB) Consultant Deb Giles finished out June assisting five merging Local Standard Boards with their reorganization for the 2018-19 school year.

Reorganizations of the following boards occurred: Maple Run and BFA, Essex Caledonia and Caledonia North, Rutland Central and Rutland Southwest, Orange North and Washington South, Blue Mountain and Orange East.

One hundred seventy-eight (178) L/RSB members attended the summer conference sessions that were held in July and August. Sixty-seven (67) of the sixty-eight (68) L/RSBs were represented in the trainings facilitated by Deb Giles, L/RSB Consultant and Ron Ryan, Licensing Manager. Special thanks to the VSBPE members who were able to attend: Roberta Baker, Jen Fribush, Cindy Cole, and the new VSBPE member Beth-Ann Repchick.

Currently, we are working on the L/RSB Annual Reports and the distribution of L/RSB grant awards.

Current Work Queue per application type as of 8/8/18:

Application Type	Total
Initial	157
Reinstatement	35
Renewal	13
Retired	1
Temporary	70
Temporary Extensions	2
Transcript Review – Initial	26
Transcript Review – Add endorsement	98
Peer Review - Initial	66
Peer Review – Add endorsement	16

Applications in the work queue are in various stages of processing from just received to waiting for payment from applicant

From the Pre-service Educator Quality Team – Terry Reilly, Program Coordinator

Scheduling of the next endorsement revision panels is underway. The VSBPE will be reviewing the following endorsements for possible revision: Educational SLP, Elementary Education, Health, Director of Special Education, Superintendent, Principal, CTE Director, Director of Curriculum, Assistant Director of Adult Education and Middle Grades Social Studies content alignment with the 7-12 Social Studies endorsement.