



Certification and Higher Education Committee Maine State Board of Education Minutes of the July 23, 2012 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, July 23, 2012, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Dottie Martin by phone; (Board Members); Mark Cyr and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

Certification Update (Mark Cyr)

- Chapter 13: “Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists and Administrators” APA Public Hearing was held on July 18.

Higher Education Update

- Chapter 114: “Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel” has completed the APA process and will be presented to the Board on August 13, 2012.

Alternative Pathways Stakeholder Group Update (Nancy Perkins)

- The Alternative Pathways group will present a report to the State Board at their September 19, 2012 Board meeting. The report will have at least one alternative pathway for consideration by the State Board.
- The amending of the certification requirements of all K-8 teachers in regards to adding the wording “must demonstrate proficiency in math and reading instruction, including evidence based reading instruction” was discussed and will be the focus of the next meeting.

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 9:59 AM.