



## **Certification and Higher Education Committee**

Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the June 17, 2015 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nichi Farnham; Jana Lapoint; Jane Sexton; and William Beardsley (Board Members). Angel Martinez Loredo, Higher Education Specialist; Gary Barrett, Certification Specialist; and Suzan Beaudoin, Director of School Finance and Operations (Department of Education); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate.

Guest: Malik McKinley, Client Relations Director, Educational Testing Service (ETS)

Nichi Farnham called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by William Beardsley and unanimously voted by those present to approve the May 27, 2015 minutes as written.

### **UPDATES**

#### **Rule Updates:**

- Chapter 13: Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists and Administrators (*Suzan Beaudoin*)
  - Chapter 13 revisions have been filed with the Secretary of State's Office
- Chapter 114: Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel (*Angel Loredo*)
  - The State Review Team Report of Findings for the College of the Atlantic Educational Studies Program will come before the Board on July 15, 2015.
  - Consideration of the Review Team's Report of Findings of the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) Audit of the School of Education and Human Development State Program offered by the University of Southern Maine (USM) will be on the SBE agenda for approval at the July 15, 2015 meeting.
  - Consideration of the State Review Team's Report of findings and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) for the University of Maine College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) NCATE Accreditation Action Report will be an action item on the Board's July 15, 2015 meeting agenda.

- Angel is working on the Bates College and the University of New England (UNE) Team Review exhibits. UNE has new personnel: Dr. Lane Clarke is the new acting chair of the Department of Education at UNE and Dr. Erin Connor is the new Education Program Manager.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by William Beardsley, and unanimously voted by those present to craft a letter from Nichi Farnham, Chair of Committee, to send to Dr. Walter Kimball, Professor of Education at USM. The letter would be requesting that Dr. Kimball be prepared to discuss the financial challenges cited at the State Board of Education meeting on July 15, 2015. This discussion will provide the Board with the information needed to better assess how USM's EPP will maintain the quality and rigor during the institutional financial instability.

- Chapter 149: Procedures for Obtaining Authorization for Institutions of Higher Education to Offer Degree Courses/Programs in the State of Maine (*Angel Loreda*)
  - Approval of the Review Team for the Circus of the Conservatory of America Degree-granting application review to offer a Bachelors of Arts and Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in the Circus Arts. The review will be held at Thomas Point in late August. Angel will need a Board Observer for this review. Dr. Wilson Hess has agreed to chair the review
  - The following out-of-state universities have filed for state authorization:
    - ✓ Andrews University, Michigan
    - ✓ Burlington College, Vermont
    - ✓ Grand Canyon College, Arizona
  - Chapter 149 was amended in November 2008.
- Chapter 170: Standards for Evaluating Request for Degree-Granting Authorizations and for Out-of-State Post-Secondary Institutions Seeking to Offer Academic Credit Courses/Programs in Maine (*Angel Loreda*)
  - New England Denturist Institute in Bangor has become a propriety school. Angel is waiting on their letter of intent to the Commissioner to begin the authorization process.
  - Chapter 170 was amended in November of 2008.
- Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel (*Suzan Beaudoin*)
  - Kathy Hollicker is the new Certification Coordinator. She will attend the August State Board Retreat when the Board will discuss the work that needs to be done to rule chapter 115.
  - Beginning July 1, 2015, the Certification Office will have new hours. They are as follows:
    - In-person visits will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 AM

to 3:30 PM. The Office will take phone calls Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 3:30 PM.

- Chapter 118: Purposes, Standards and Procedures for Educational Personnel Support Systems
  - The training materials need to be updated and mentors need training.

**Legislation:** – The Committee was updated on carry-over bills.

**Educational Testing Services (ETS):** – Presentation by Malik McKinley

- Malik gave an update to the Committee on test/cut scores. The Committee will continue discussion at future meetings. Malik will email to the Committee a 2014-2015 New England Crosswalk Chart listing each State and Cut Scores.

**Student Board Member/Committee Member:**

Martha Harris, Chair of the State Board of Education has appointed Gwen Viles to serve on the Certification Committee.

**Handouts:**

- The Chronicle of Higher Education Teaching (article)
- ProEthica Assessment: Ethics for the Professional Educator
- ETS: Introducing the ETS National Observational Teaching Exam (NOTE)
- ETS PRAXIS Performance Assessment for Teachers (PPAT) - Teaching Effectiveness begins with Teacher Preparation

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 9:30 AM. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office Building.

**Adjournment:**

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.