



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the June 22, 2016 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nichi Farnham and Jana Lapoint (by phone); Jane Sexton; and Wilson Hess (Board Members). Robert Hasson, Certification Coordinator; Angel Loredo, Higher Education Specialist; and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate.

Guest: Janet Gallagher, Certification Specialist; Courtney Baehr, Certification Specialist (Department of Education); Elaine Tomaszewski, MSMA; and Heather Perry, Superintendent of Gorham Schools

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

Certification Update: (Robert Hasson)

Bob presented an exhibit regarding ESOL Certification Score that will go before the full board at the July 13, 2016 meeting. ETS developed and manages PRAXIS. The PRAXIS is the test Maine uses for Teachers and Administrators Certification. Recently a group of nine teachers gathered in Augusta to review the revised English to Speakers of other languages (ESOL) and set a cut score. The group unanimously set 155 as the cut score.

Following a discussion, the Committee voted as follows:

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to recommend to the full Board 155 as the cut score for the ESOL PRAXIS.

Bob Hasson will contact Malik McKinley at ETS and invite him to attend a full Board meeting in the near future.

Higher Education Update (Angel Loredo):

SARA – State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements

Angel gave the Committee an update on SARA

- 41 states are currently part of SARA
- As of June 16, 2016 - 1100 Universities are participating in SARA

Endicott College – Exhibit for July 13 SBE Meeting

Angel reviewed the exhibit with the Committee.

Duel Enrollment - Early College Duel Enrollment

The Committee had a discussion on duel enrollment and will keep on radar.

Rule Updates:

- Chapter 13: Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists and Administrators (*Robert Hasson*)
 - Chapter 13 was amended in 2015.
- Chapter 114: Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel (*Angel Loreda*)
 - Chapter 114 was amended in 2012.
- Chapter 149: Procedures for Obtaining Authorization for Institutions of Higher Education to Offer Degree Courses/Programs in the State of Maine (*Angel Loreda*)
 - 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*)
 - Chapter 170 was amended in November of 2008.
- Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel (*Robert Hasson*)
 - Chapter 115, Part I was amended in May of 2014
 - Chapter 115, Part II was amended in June of 2004
- Chapter 118: Purposes, Standards and Procedures for Educational Personnel Support Systems
 - Chapter 118 was amended in 2007.
 - The training materials need to be updated and mentors need training.

Handouts:

- The Chronicle of Higher Education (*Angel Loreda*)
- State Actions Regarding SARA (*Angel Loreda*)
- Exhibit: Approval of ESOL Cert Score (*Bob Hasson*)
- Overview of Maine Testing Requirements (*Bob Hasson*)
- Maine Test Requirements (*Bob Hasson*)

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2016 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 10:38 AM.