



## **Certification and Higher Education Committee**

Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the May 27, 2015 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nichi Farnham; Jana Lapoint; Jane Sexton; and William Beardsley (Board Members). Arthur Keenan, Certification Legal Consultant; and Angel Martinez Loreda, Higher Education Specialist (Department of Education); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate.

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

MOVED by William Beardsley, seconded by Jana Lapoint and unanimously voted by those present to approve the April 28, 2015 minutes as written.

### **UPDATES**

#### **Rule Updates:**

- Chapter 13: Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists and Administrators (Arthur Keenan)
  - Arthur updated the Committee on changes to Chapter 13 that will go before the full Board on June 10, 2015
- Chapter 114: Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel (Angel Loreda)
  - Angel presented to the Committee the role of a Board Observer at teacher preparation program reviews. He will present to the full Board on June 10, 2015.
- 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
  - Chapter 170 was amended in November of 2008.
  - LD 428: An Act to Amend the Powers and Duties of the State Board of Education (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement) passed unanimously.

- Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel
  - The Certification Coordinator position has been filled and the individual's start date is July 1, 2015.
- Chapter 118: Purposes, Standards and Procedures for Educational Personnel Support Systems
  - The training materials need to be updated and mentors need training.

**Handouts:**

- Checklist for Meeting Maine's Educator Preparation Program Standards One through Six
- The Role of the State Board Observer
- Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20A, Chapter 502 – Certification of Educational Personnel, §13012 – Provisional Teacher Certificate
- Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20A, Chapter 502-A – Qualifying Examinations for Initial Teachers, §13035-A – Qualifying Scores
- Chapter 13: Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists and Administrators – Comment and Response to Proposed Amendments
- Notice of Agency Rule-making Adoption – Chapter 13

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 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 11:04 AM.