



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a special meeting on February 2, 2024, at the Burton Cross State Office Building and virtually via Zoom. The following members were present: Chair Fern Desjardins; Vice Chair Paulette Bonneau; Wendy Ault; James Ford; Thomas Keller; Victoria Kornfield; Edmond Morin; Denham Ward; and Ryan Hafener.

Absent with Excuse: Kristin Bishop and Phat Thai

Others Present: Michael Perry, Director of the Office of Higher Education and Educator Support Services.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Fern Desjardins called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM.

Roll call was taken by Sandra Bourget. Chair Desjardins declared a quorum present.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by student member, Ryan Hafener: The vision of the Maine State Board of Education is that all students will receive a high-quality education leading to graduation with the skills, knowledge, and principles to be prepared for future learning, careers, and life.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADDITION TO HUSSON UNIVERSITY EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM REVIEW TEAM

BACKGROUND: Husson University's Educator Preparation Program (EPP) is reaching the end of its current approval cycle. The program indicated its desire to renew its approval and the State Board and Department of Education have worked together to ensure the review process can proceed following State Board of Education Rule Chapter 114: Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel.

On December 13, 2023, pursuant to Rule Chapter 114, Subsection 3.5(a), the State Board of Education approved the following review team:

Anita Charles, PhD, Director of Secondary Teacher Education, Bates College (Chair)

Linda Fuller, PhD, Co-Director of Educational Studies & Teacher Cert. Officer, College of the Atlantic

Krysten T. Gorrivan, MS Ed, Assistant Teaching Professor, University of New England

Shannon Sleeper, M.Ed, Assistant Professor of Education, University of Maine at Presque Isle

Due to extenuating circumstances, one of the review team members has had their capacity to attend the full review visit curtailed.

Rule Chapter 114, Subsection 3.4, allows for a fifth member of EPP review teams. Dr. James Artesani, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Research, and Outreach in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Maine, has volunteered to join the Husson EPP Review Team and will bring a wealth of experience to the process. Dr. Artesani's addition to the review team requires a formal vote of the State Board of Education.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Rule Chapter 114, Subsection 3.5(a), approve the addition of Dr. James Artesani of the University of Maine to the Husson University Educator Preparation Program Review Team.

MOTION by Thomas Keller, seconded by Paulette Bonneau and unanimously voted by those present that the State Board of Education, pursuant to Rule Chapter 114, Subsection 3.5(a), approve the addition of Dr. James Artesani of

the University of Maine to the Husson University Educator Preparation Program Review Team. The motion was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular State Board business meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 1:00 PM at the Burton Cross State Office Building and virtually via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by
Sandra Bourget, Office Specialist
State Board of Education
