



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the February 3, 2016 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nichi Farnham; Jana Lapoint; and Jane Sexton (Board Members) Student Board Member Gwen Viles by phone. Robert Hasson, Certification Coordinator; Angel Loredo, Higher Education Specialist; and Jaci Holmes, Federal State Legislative Liaison (Department of Education); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate.

Guest: Representative Teresa Pierce, Education and Cultural Affairs Committee

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

MOVED by Jane Sexton, seconded by Jana Lapoint and unanimously voted by those present to approve the November 4, 2015 minutes as written.

Higher Education Update (Angel Loredo):

1. Reviews (Chapter 149 and Chapter 170)

- Southern New Hampshire University Review – January 15, 2016
 - Chaired by Rosa Redonnett, Chief Student Affairs Officer for the University of Maine System
 - Review was done via video conferencing
 - Jana Lapoint was the Board Observer
 - The State Board will receive the Report at the February 10 meeting and approve the report at the March 9 meeting

- Lesley University (renewal of authority) – February 12, 2016
 - Chaired by Mary Mahoney O’Neil, Associate Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Maine
 - Review will be via video conference
 - Nichi Farnham will be the Board Observer
 - The State Board will approve the team at the February 10 meeting

- Universities Waiting for Review
 - Maine Medical Center Review (Intern Program)
 - Strayer University – Private for Profit (Nursing Program)
 - Andrews University – Religious Courses
 - Syracuse University – Dual Enrollment Program

2. SARA (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement)

- The website is available and all University of Maine campuses except for the University of Maine at Farmington are enrolled. Four Community Colleges, St. Joseph's College and the University of New England are enrolled.
- There is a new system to accept outside Universities having been approved by their regional compacts within 36 participating states.
- Angel was elected as the Vice President of the Regional SARA States. The group will meet quarterly through video conferencing and they are trying to encourage the remaining New England States to join, they are Connecticut and Massachusetts.

3. Maine Educators Consortium

- Angel discovered they were operating outside of Chapter 149 with Endicott College. Angel met with them and their attorney. Endicott has until May 31, 2016 to file an application authorization from the State Board for an out-of-state program.

Certification Update: (Robert Hasson)

- The Certification Office at the Maine Department of Education is fully staffed for the first time in many years.
- Hupp Technologies was selected several months ago for the development of a new automated online teacher initial and renewal certification program. The project seems to be in good shape. Hupp has implemented online credentialing systems in eight other states. The DOE plans to have the new system online by July of 2016. Courtney Baehr and Janet Gallagher have been attending weekly meetings.
- Jaci Holmes updated the Committee on the Certification research her team has been doing regarding how other states are doing their certification. Jaci shared a handout of questions that MDOE has compiled to ask the New Mexico Department of Education Certification Office.

Educator Effectiveness: (Charles Lomonte)

- Charles Lomonte presented a written report to the Committee (report in file). Nichi suggested that Charles do a presentation on educator effectiveness to the full Board at an upcoming workshop session.

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 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:

- Maine DOE Application for Initial Certification
- Draft Questions for the New Mexico Department of Education Certification and Educator Effectiveness Staff
- Report on Educator Effectiveness for Certification and Higher Education Committee – February 3, 2016
- The Chronicle of Higher Education Article – Muy Loco Parentis: How ‘Freak-outs’ Over Student Privacy Hamper Innovation
- Purpose in Refinement of the Certification Regulations
- Memorandum dated November 23, 2015, to Suzan Beaudoin (MDOE) from Catherine Fallona and Amy Johnson, USM Center for Education Policy, Applied Research, and Evaluation regarding an addendum to November 11, 2015 report to provide exemplar state policies related to teacher recertification

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 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 11:01 AM.