



**Certification and Higher Education Committee**  
Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the April 12, 2021 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual special meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021, via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Wendy Ault; Fern Desjardins; Wilson Hess; and Peter Geiger (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

Guests: Daniel Allen, Training and Professional Development Director, Maine Education Association (Member of the Public).

Chair, Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM.

**Introductions:** Chair Ault welcomed all members and guests to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

The focus of the April 12, 2021 meeting was stated:

- Review draft revisions to Chapter 115, Part I, *Standards and Procedures for Credentialing*, with Deputy Commissioner Chuhta.

**Public Comment:**

Daniel Allen, on behalf of the Maine Education Association, is interested in the progress the Committee has made on reviewing Chapter 115. He is here today to listen.

**Amendment to LD 1189:**

Deputy Commissioner Chuhta reviewed the proposed amendment to LD 1189 - An Act to Amend the Teacher Certification Statutes.

The Committee held a lengthy review and discussion of the proposed amendment.

The work session for LD 1189 is scheduled for 1:00 PM on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

**Chapter 115 Review:**

Review of Part I

- The Committee began on page one of the draft revisions of Chapter 115, Part I, Standards and Procedures for Credentialing.

Following much discussion, the Committee ended review of Part I on page 12. The Committee scheduled two special meetings – Thursday, April 15, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM and Friday, April 16, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM for the purpose of continuing to review the draft revisions.

**Meeting Handouts:**

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Chapter 115, Part I
- 3) Proposed Amendment to LD 1189

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

**Adjournment:**

The April 12, 2021 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 12:58 PM.