



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education

Minutes of the April 25, 2018 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Committee Chair Jane Sexton; Jana Lapoint; Nichi Farnham; Wendy Ault; Martha Harris; and Wilson Hess by phone (Board Members). Angel Loreda, Director of Higher Education and Student Support Services; Jason Libby, Higher Education Specialist; Stephanie Fyfe, Certification Coordinator; Jaci Holmes, Federal State Legislative Liaison (Department of Education); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

Guest: Jim Artesani, UMaine; Barbara Moody, Husson University; Anita Charles, Bates College; Wendy Ross, University of Maine Presque Isle; Dr. Kayla Higgins, Unity College

Chair Jane Sexton called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

MOVED by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Wilson Hess and unanimously voted by those present to accept the March 28, 2018 minutes as amended.

Certification Office Update: *(Stephanie Fyfe)*

- The new online certification system is being released to four pilot school districts (Gorham, Bangor, MSAD 15 and RSU 13). Pilots are split into two pieces – one is a district portal and the other is an educator portal. The purpose for access to the district portal first, is for the ability to verify renewal requirements. Once the verifications are complete, the educator portal will be released and educators from the pilot schools will be able to log in and submit their renewal applications.
- Chapter 13 Praxis Analysis:

Stephanie presented a PowerPoint Praxis Analysis with the Committee.

- She received test scores from Malik McKinley, Educational Testing Service (ETS)
- Praxis score reporting included dates from September 2013 through August 2017
- 47 different tests administered
- 15,383 total Maine test takers over 3 years but not necessarily total individuals, as some are taken multiple times
- Review of Praxis I – Core Academic Skills - Reading, Writing, and Math – Maine on median cut

- Review of PRAXIS II - Outliers
 - Principle of Learn/Teaching K-6 - Physics Content Knowledge - French - Spanish
- Changes are in edit mode and will go to Jaci Holmes on April 26

Higher Education Update: *(Angel Loredo)*

Currently working on Chapter 149 and 170:

- Boston University Team Review for Degree Granting Authority in Maine was held on April 20 via Zoom (video conferencing). Wilson Hess was the SBE Observer. The team came up with a list of questions for Boston University and they are in the process of getting answers and will bring back to the committee. When the report is completed, it will go before the Committee, then the full Board.
- Angel is meeting today with Purdue Global, the new Kaplan University. Purdue has filed for Degree Granting Authority in Maine. Most of their offerings will be online. The proposed review team list of names will be coming before the State Board. The Portland campus will be closing and they will keep Lewiston and Augusta campuses open. Augusta will become the central place for instruction.
- Beal College has filed for a Bachelor's Degree in nursing and other medical associate programs.
- Southern New Hampshire University has left the State of Maine physically. Their psychology program has stayed on and they still have online programs.

Rule Chapter Updates:

Chapter 13, Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists and Administrators: *(Angel Loredo)*

- Proposed timeline for rule changes:
 - Early to Mid-March - Get scores from ETS
 - Late march – Review scores with the State Board Certification Committee
 - April Board meeting – Propose regulation to State board
 - Following the Board meeting – File with the Secretary of State of Maine
 - May – Hearing and Comment Period
 - June – Finally adopt the Rule after State Board votes

Chapter 114 – Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel: *(Angel Loredo)*

- Questions following receipt of review team report received by the State Board should be made as follows:
 - Questions should be emailed to Angel Loredo and he will forward the question(s) to the campus coordinator. The questions will be answered at the State Board meeting.
- University of Maine Farmington (UMF) is part of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The team review was completed in December 2017. Wilson Hess was the Board Observer. There were two teams – The State Board review

team and the National review team (CAEP). The State Review Team completed their report and once the CAEP report is finalized it will come to the Committee and be brought together to go before the full board. On Saturday, April 28, Angel will be part of a conference call with CAEP and he will receive a preliminary report on where they are with the UMF report. Once received, both reports will go to the Committee for a review at the May 23rd Committee meeting. Note that CAEP is approved for seven years instead of five.

- Schedule of upcoming reviews:
 - Maine College of Art – October 21-24, 2018
 - Husson University – December 2-5, 2018

Chapter 115 – Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel:
(Jaci Holmes)

- Chapter 115 was both engrossed and enacted in both chambers of the Legislature last week.
- The Legislature has not officially adjourned and the House also did not extend. At this time, they are in a state of limbo.
- The speaker of the House and the Senate is not letting any committees meet.
- A legislative appraisal form went to the Governor’s Office and Chapter 180 did become law. LD 1852, Chapter 115 Part I is what will be moving forward. Anticipate that it will become law this week. Should be filed in the next couple of weeks.
- Part II needs a more extensive review. Looking to do a detailed review with an eye toward moving through the Committee and being adopted before Christmas 2018.

Strategic Planning:

- I. Strategic Plan Goal 2.1 – Discuss the “observation” role of State Board Members
 - a) Preparation for board observers:
 - a. Angel Loredó presented (PowerPoint) to the full Board “The Role of the State Board Observer at Educator Preparation Program Reviews” on July 6, 2016.
 - i. SBE new members since presentation
 - Amy Arata – 4/24/17
 - Wendy Ault – 10/30/17
 - Fern Desjardins – 4/30/18
 - b. Certification and Higher Education Committee Members assure that a trained observer attend each review
 - c. Observer be a member of the committee and if not a member, observer be present when the committee reviews the report – three or four reviews per year
 - d. Training to include review of handbook and standards in Chapter 114, and review of self-study
 - e. Workshop session at the August Board Retreat
- II. Strategic Plan Goal 2.2 – Progress report for on-line teacher certification/re-certification process
 - a) The Department held a soft rolling out of the new online certification system. The CTE Office is currently processing applications, then once the system is working well, then it will open-up to the two pilot schools – Bangor and

Gorham. It took a little longer due to security issues that needed to be resolved.

III. Strategic Plan Goal 2.3 – Review of Chapter 13

- a) Sarah Forster indicated that the State Board maintain Chapter 13 regulation for the cut scores for the PRAXIS exams.

IV. Strategic Plan Goal 2.3 – PRAXIS – when do we want to have information on and who will gather information for Board presentation?

- a) Need further discussion on PRAXIS
- b) Malik McKinley, ETS, and Robert Hasson presented to the SBE on PRAXIS at the October 12, 2016 meeting held at Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (MeANS) in Hinckley.
 - i. SBE new members since presentation
 - o Amy Arata – 4/24/17, Wendy Ault – 10/30/17 and Fern Desjardins – 4/30/18

Members of the Teacher Education Alliance of Maine (TEAME)

Anita Charles, on behalf of TEAME, reviewed a letter to the Committee along with notes on a Rubric for Chapter 114.

Concern was expressed over the following:

- a. The rationale for developing the rubric
- b. The content of the rubric
- c. The purported use of the rubric
- d. Issues of validity and reliability
- e. Lack of inclusion in helping develop a rubric

Dr. Jim Artesani, UMaine, spoke regarding the draft of the rubric.

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) Draft Minutes – March 28, 2018 Meeting
- 2) PowerPoint Presentation on Chapter 13: Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists and Administrators (Stephanie Fyfe)
- 3) Team Report of Findings – Syracuse University

Future Meeting Topics:

- 1) Certification Update on pilot programs for the online system
- 2) Update on Purdue Global
- 3) University of Maine Farmington Team Reports
- 4) Information from Stephanie Fyfe regarding PRAXIS Testing
- 5) Continued discussion on Team Review Process

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 9:30 AM. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Burton Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment:

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 3:26 PM.