



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the April 28, 2021 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Wendy Ault; Fern Desjardins; Wilson Hess; and Cynthia Murray-Beliveau (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; Angel Loreda, Director of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Jason Libby, Higher Education Specialist; Stephanie Fyfe, Certification Coordinator; (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

Guests: Vicki Wallack, Communications Director, Maine School Management Association (MSMA); and Daniel Allen, Training and Professional Development Director, Maine Education Association (MEA).

Chair Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 10:38 AM.

Introductions:

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

The focus of the April 28, 2021 meeting was stated:

- Approval of Minutes
- Public Comment
- Certification update from Stephanie Fyfe, Certification Coordinator
- Higher Education update from Jason Libby, Higher Education Specialist
- Review of Annual Reports

Introductions of Committee Members:

Chair Ault introduced new Board member, Cynthia Murray-Beliveau to the Committee. All attendees introduced themselves and explained their position and its responsibilities.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the February 24, 2021 minutes as presented.

MOTION by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the March 24, 2021 minutes as presented.

MOTION by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the April 1, 2021 minutes as presented.

MOTION by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the April 12, 2021 minutes as presented.

MOTION by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the April 15, 2021 minutes as presented.

MOTION by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the April 16, 2021 minutes as presented.

MOTION by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the April 21, 2021 minutes as presented.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Certification Office Update: *(Stephanie Fyfe)*

Certification News – March 2021 Processing:

Stephanie Fyfe presented a written certification news update and reviewed it with the Committee. (Copy of written report in file)

Higher Education Update: *(Jason Libby)*

Review Team schedules

- The College of the Atlantic (COA) review in April was held virtually and was successful. The report will be available to the Committee for the May 27 meeting. Wendy Ault was the Board Observer.
- The Bates College review is being held virtually this week. The report will be available for the June Committee meeting. Peter Geiger is the Board Observer.
- UMaine CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation) review is upcoming. Three institutions receive a CAEP review – University of Southern Maine (USM), University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) and University of Maine.

Review of Annual Reports for Chapter 114 approved programs:

16 colleges submit this report to the Committee. 11 reports have been received to date. The reports are due each year by April 7.

The following reports are outstanding:

- Colby College
- College of the Atlantic
- Thomas College
- University of Maine
- University of Maine at Machias

The Committee reviewed the following annual reports:

- Bates College
- Bowdoin College
- Eastern Maine Community College (EMCC)
- Husson University
- Maine College of the Arts (COA)

Fern Desjardins requested that all State Board of Education Board Observers receive a copy of the annual report for the college review they are observing.

The Committee will continue reviewing annual reports at the May 26, 2021 meeting.

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Draft Minutes – February 24, March 24, April 1, April 12, April 15, April 16, April 21, 2021
- 3) Annual Reports – Eleven of Fourteen due.
- 4) Certification News from Stephanie Fyfe

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

Two special meetings for continued review of Chapter 115, Part I are scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM and on Thursday, May 20, 2021 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM.

Mary Becker will send a hard copy of Chapter 115, Part I, to Fern Desjardins and Cynthia Murray-Beliveau.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the April 28, 2021 Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting at 11:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Johnson Becker
Secretary Specialist,
Maine State Board of Education