



**Certification and Higher Education Committee**  
Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the February 23, 2021 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual special meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Wendy Ault; Fern Desjardins; Jana Lapoint; Peter Geiger; John Bird and Wilson Hess (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; Angel Loreda, Director of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Karen Kusiak, Director Legislative Affairs (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

Guests: Jill Adams, Executive Director, MADSEC; Vicki Wallack, Communications Director, Maine School Management Association; Becki Belmore, Physical Education Teacher, MSAD 51; Rose Marie Angell, Chair, Adapted Physical Education Task Force; Jamie Pratt, Department Chair and Assistant Professor of Educational and School Psychology, USM; and Dr. Rebekah Bickford, School Psychologist (Members of the Public).

Chair, Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.

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

The focus of the February 23, 2021 meeting was stated:

- Review draft revisions to Chapter 115, Part II, *Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements*, with Deputy Commissioner Chuhta.

**Public Comment:**

Becki Belmore, MSAD 51, physical education and adapted physical education teacher expressed her support of the retention of the 515 Adapted Physical Education teaching endorsement (written comment on file).

**Chapter 115 Review:**

Review of Part II, began on page 51 – *Career and Technical Education (CTE) Certificates and Endorsements*.

Wilson Hess will send a list of CTE Programs to Committee members.

**Meeting Handouts:**

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Chapter 115, Part II

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

**Adjournment:**

The February 23, 2021 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.