



**Certification and Higher Education Committee**  
Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the February 3, 2021 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual special meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Wendy Ault; Fern Desjardins; Jana Lapoint; and Wilson Hess (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; Angel Loreda, Director of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

Guests: Jill Adams, Executive Director, MADSEC and Cynthia Alexander, Assistant Superintendent, RSU #5

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 February 3, 2021 meeting was stated:

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

**Public Comment:**

Jill Adams commented on Special Education Teachers. She is not as concerned with a GPA as she is with a skill set regarding Special Education Teachers. There was discussion. As the Committee had not reached that section, Jill Adams deferred her comments until they do

Cynthia Alexander requested a copy of the draft of Chapter 115, Part II that the Committee was reviewing today.

**Chapter 115 Review:**

Following much discussion, it was decided that the Committee will continue review of Part II, starting on page 32, at the next Special meeting of the Committee on Monday, February 8 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**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 3, 2021 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 12:37 PM.