



**Certification and Higher Education Committee**  
Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the February 8, 2021 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual special meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021, via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Wendy Ault; Fern Desjardins; Jana Lapoint; Peter Geiger; 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; Vicki Wallack, Communications Director, Maine School Management Association; Becki Belmore; Deb Smith; and Rose Marie Angell (Members of the Public).

Chair, Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

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

The focus of the February 8, 2021 meeting was stated:

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

**Public Comment:**

No Comment

**Chapter 115 Review:**

Following much discussion, it was decided that the Committee will continue review of Part II, starting on page 51 – *Career and Technical Education (CTE) Certificates and Endorsements*, at the next Special meeting of the Committee on Monday, February 23rd from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Deputy Commissioner Chuhta presented a new proposed timeline prepared by Jaci Holmes, MDOE:

File with the Secretary of State: March 12, 2021

Posted in Secretary of State Newspaper ad and a DOE Priority Notice: March 24, 2021

Public Hearing: April 12, 2021 (19 days after posting)

Comment period ends: April 30, 2021 (38 days after filing)

Respond to all comments and make any changes to the rule based on the comments: May 7, 2021

Give to Sarah Forster for review for form and legality: May 14, 2021

File with Secretary of State as Provisionally Adopted: Week of May 17, 2021

**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 8, 2021 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.