



**Certification and Higher Education Committee**  
Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the January 20, 2021 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual special meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 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; Karen Kusiak, Director of Legislative Affairs; Angel Loredo, Director of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Stephanie Fyfe, Certification Coordinator; (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

Guests: Jill Adams, Executive Director, MADSEC

Chair, Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

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

The focus of the January 20, 2021 meeting was stated:

- The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Contract Review and Discussion
- Review of Proposed Legislation regarding Chapter 115
- Review draft revisions to Chapter 115, Part II, *Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements*, with Deputy Commissioner Chuhta.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment

**The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Partnership Agreement:**

Angel Loredo presented the draft CAEP Contract.

Following review and much discussion, a motion was made.

MOTION by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present that the CAEP Contract review be accepted by the Committee as amended on January 20, 2021.

## **Review of Proposed Legislation regarding Chapter 115**

At the December 16, 2020 Committee meeting, Deputy Commissioner Chuhta informed the Committee that legislation needed to be written to address suggested language changes to statute before the Committee could deliberate further with Chapter 115, Part I.

The Committee reviewed parts of the proposed legislation and will continue review and discussion at the January 27, 2021 Committee meeting.

### **Meeting Handouts:**

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Chapter 115, Part I
- 3) Chapter 115, Part II
- 4) The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Partnership Agreement

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

### **Adjournment:**

The January 20, 2021 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM.