



Certification and Higher Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the January 25, 2023 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 via Zoom. The following were present: Wendy Ault; Thomas Keller; Victoria Kornfield; and Fern Desjardins (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; and Sandra Bourget, State Board of Education Secretary Specialist.

Guests: Mallory Cook; Cynthia Alexander; Rose Angell; Vicki Wallack; and Steve Bailey.

Victoria Kornfield, in Wendy Ault's absence, called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Thomas Keller, seconded by Victoria Kornfield, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the October 6, 2022 minutes. The motion passes.

Public Comment:

Rose Angell, Chair Adaptive Physical Education Task Force expressed concern that Angel Loreda and Stephanie Fyfe have left their positions with DOE. She had posed a question to them regarding endorsement 515, which does not have a practicum or credit requirement attached to it. This has been ongoing since December. Deputy Commissioner Chuhta will look into this unanswered question.

Higher Education: *(Deputy Commissioner Chuhta)*

- DOE had two staff resignations in Certification.
- Request for Degree Granting Authority review currently underway.
Commissioner Makin has communicated with the Chair of the review team.
The hearing for LD 19 is scheduled. The DOE will monitor.

Certification:

- DOE will post for two positions in certification.
- The three evaluators are skilled and qualified.
- The Certification team hosted a webinar to help school units locate the violation report in MEIS, and suggested ways to resolve those violations.

Review of Annual Report Template:

The Chair thanked Thomas Keller for drafting an updated version of the annual report form that is submitted by EPPs in Maine. It was requested that MEPRI be sent the document for review and comment.

Other Business:

Thomas Keller submitted a list of items to be discussed:

- 700 Certification, who handles this and on what regularity?
- Ensure there are people in place to do transcript analysis.
- Is there a way we can systematically get input on changes to Chapter 115 and how we should deal with them? How can this committee be informed of challenges with implementing Chapter 115 and possible resolutions?
- Recommends re-convening EPPs to hear their thoughts and ideas. Has TEAME been re-established?
- Follow up on the violations list regarding Ed Tech I's being teacher of record.
 - It was agreed that this list would be added to the agenda on monthly meetings.
- Discuss educator workforce challenges and strategies being explored by DOE to address this issue.

There was discussion.

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10:30 AM.

Adjournment:

The January 25, 2023, Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Bourget, Secretary Specialist
Maine State Board of Education