



Certification and Higher Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the July 1, 2020 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Jane Sexton; Jana Lapoint; Wendy Ault; Wilson Hess; John Bird; Peter Geiger and Fern Desjardins (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Daniel Chuhta; Jason Libby, Higher Education Specialist (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

Chair, Jane Sexton called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Approval of Minutes:

There were no minutes for approval.

Review of Northeastern University Team Report:

Committee members reviewed the Northeastern University team report of findings and composed a list of questions for Northeastern. Wendy Ault was the Board Observer for the State Board of Education.

Following review and a discussion of the report, the Committee agreed to have Jason Libby submit the questions to Northeastern University Chief Administrative Officer, Chris Mallet and schedule a special meeting for Wednesday, July 8th. It was suggested that Chris be invited to the meeting to go over the questions submitted.

Questions submitted to Northeastern University:

- 1) *Could you discuss how Northeastern and the Roux Institute will work under a Maine-specific philosophy?*
- 2) *Could you discuss the Global Network?*
- 3) *Who are corporate partners?*
- 4) *What would a hybrid model look like (page #9)?*
- 5) *Tenure vs. non-tenure (page #10) – Are there four areas they would hire for? How many full-time in Maine?*
- 6) *Example or still in process – Engineering program (page #10)?*

- 7) *Support services – in person advisor on campus?*
- 8) *Would it be possible to receive an update in June 2021?*
- 9) *How does the Roux Institute intend to operate in the fall of 2020 and the spring of 2021 under the current COVID-19 environment?*
- 10) *What sort of organizational structure will exist in Maine versus Boston?*

July 8, 2020 Special Meeting Topics:

- Continuation of the review of Northeastern University Team Report

July 22, 2020 Meeting Topics:

- Review Action Plan 2019-2020 and Strategic plan
- Annual Report Update
- Upcoming Team Review Schedule

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Report of Findings – Northeastern University

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

A special meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on July 8, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

Adjournment: The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 12:44 PM.