



Certification and Higher Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the June 7, 2021 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual special meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Wendy Ault; Fern Desjardins; Wilson Hess; Peter Geiger; and Cynthia Murray-Beliveau (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; and Angel Loreda, Director of Office of Higher Education and Educator Support Services (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board of Education Secretary Specialist.

Guests: 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 June 7, 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 Public Comment

Chapter 115 Review:
Review of Part II

- The Committee began its review on page 1 of the draft revisions of Chapter 115, Part II, *Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements*

Following much discussion, the Committee ended today's review of Part II on page 7.

The Committee received an update from Deputy Commissioner Chuhta on LD 1189: An Act to Amend Teacher Certification Statutes.

- On June 4, the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee reconsidered LD 1189. The bill will leave the Education Committee, maybe today, and proceed to the full Legislature.
- A re-cap of the timeline for emergency was presented to the Committee.

Meeting Handouts:
1) Agenda
2) Chapter 115, Part II

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

Adjournment:

The June 7, 2021 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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