



**Certification and Higher Education Committee**  
Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the March 3, 2021 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual special meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 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; Karen Kusiak, Director Legislative Affairs (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

Guests: Jill Adams, Executive Director, MADSEC (Member of the Public).

Chair, Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

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

The focus of the March 3, 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 –

- *Updates*
- *Continued review of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Certificates and Endorsements.* Committee review started on page 66.

At the March 1, 2021 Committee meeting, it was suggested that a copy of the language of the CTE section of Chapter 115 – Section 3: Teachers and Educational Specialists; Career and Technical Education Certificates and Endorsements be shared with CTE staff at the Department of Education.

Deputy Commissioner Chuhta reported to the Committee that he and Angel Loreda met with Dwight Littlefield to review Chapter 115, Section 3 -CTE.

Following much discussion, it was decided that the Committee will continue review of Part II, at the next Special meeting of the Committee on Thursday, March 4 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM and from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

**Meeting Handouts:**

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Chapter 115, Part II
- 3) Relevant portions of statute (Title 20-A 13022) pertaining to school psychologists for comparison with proposed Chapter 115 revisions
- 4) Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP)
- 5) 093 Proposed Revisions to 093 Certification – 093 Certification as it stands now (side-by-side comparison)

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

**Adjournment:**

The March 3, 2021 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM.