



Certification and Higher Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the November 13, 2023 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held an in person and virtual special meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023. The following were present: Chair Thomas Keller, Paulette Bonneau, Fern Desjardins, and Denham Ward (Board Members). Michael Perry, Director of the Office of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; and Sandra Bourget, State Board of Education Office Specialist.

Guests: Rose Marie Angell; Penny Bishop; Amy Johnson; Dr. Gert Negin; Jon Doty; John Kraljic; Gerald Durgin; Gary Stevens; Matt Gilbert; Michael Burnham; Michael Bisson; J. Fuller; Phil Rison; Becki Dodge; Justin Page; Eileen King; Holly Blair; Dr. Andrew Dolloff; Dan Green; Beth Linevitch; Rick Sirois; Aimee Reiter; Katie Coppens; Vicki Wallack; K. Phillips; Flynn Ross; Julia Hazel; Monte Selby; and Jake Langlais.

Chair Keller called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Agenda Format:

This is a special meeting for the Certification & Higher Education Committee. It's largely to receive comments on L.D. 485, Resolve, 2023, Chapter 54, and a subsequent letter that came from the Education & Cultural Affairs Committee where they have asked the State Board of Education to conduct a study on certain topics including athletic director qualifications.

Public Comment:

The following individuals gave public comment on L.D. 485, Resolve, 2023, Chapter 54.

The Midcoast Superintendents; Katie Coppens; Aimee Reiter; Rick Sirois; Monhegan School Committee; John Kraljic; Gerard Durgin; Dr. Gert Negin; Jon Doty; Michael Burnham; Matt Gilbert; Dr. Andrew Dolloff; Phil Rison; Rose Marie Angell; Jake Langlais; Monte Selby; and Julia Hazel.

Topics mentioned are but not limited to: K-8 Generalist Certification 020; 215 Athletic Director Certification; 515 Adapted Physical Education endorsement; alternate pathways for Guidance Counselor certificates; alternate pathways to earning 700 teaching endorsement; alternate pathways to meeting the methods requirement; and developing certification reciprocity. Written materials that were submitted were catalogued and are available upon request.

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 10:30 AM. The next special committee meeting is November 27 at 3:00 PM.

Adjournment:

The November 13, 2023, Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM.

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