



Certification and Higher Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the November 19, 2020 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual special meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2020, via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Wendy Ault; Fern Desjardins; Jana Lapoint; Peter Geiger; Casey Maddock; and Wilson Hess (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; Karen Kusiak, Director Legislative Affairs; Angel Loreda, Director of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Stephanie Fyfe, Certification Coordinator; Sylvia Roy, Certification Office Staff; Karen Pottle, Certification Office Staff (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

Guests: Andrew McCullough, Teacher, Brunswick High School; Kathy Yardley, Associate Provost and Dean, University of Maine at Farmington; Jennifer Bunker, Teacher, AOS 96; Maryellen Mahoney-O'Neil, Associate Dean for Academic Services, University of Maine; Cheryl Woodard, Pre-K Teacher, Libby-Tozier School RSU 4; and Vicki Wallack, Communications Director, Maine School Management Association (MSMA).

Chair, Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

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

Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Chapter 115 Review:

The focus of the November 19, 2020 meeting was stated:

- Previous changes, not planned for discussion
 - CTE
 - School Psychologists
- New changes/proposals
 - 075 School Counselor
 - Teachers

Teachers and Educational Specialists: General Certificates and Endorsements:

Andrew McCullough, Member of the Consensus-based Rulemaking Committee, and teacher at Brunswick High School, presented the Teacher endorsements.

- Andrew McCullough reviewed the major changes to the Teacher endorsements.
- The Committee had much discussion on Praxis.
- The Committee will have further discussion on changing 2.75 (B-) cumulative GPA to 3.0.
- Deputy Commissioner Chuhta will share with the Committee various articles regarding The Praxis that the Consensus-based Rulemaking Committee reviewed.

Certificate 075: School Counselor:

Deputy Commissioner Chuhta presented changes to the School Counselor Certificate recommended by the Consensus-based Rulemaking Committee. There was discussion.

Rule Chapter 115 – Timeline:

The Committee discussed the aggressive rulemaking timeline. It was suggested that the State Board of Education may need to consider extending the current proposed timeline.

Timeline:

10/6: State Board Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting

- Overview
- Administrator

10/8: State Board Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting

- Education Specialists
- Career and Technical Education (CTE)

10/14: State Board of Education meeting

- Deputy Commissioner will present an overview of the conversations, issues and general proposals; C&HE Committee Report

10/26: State Board Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting

- Special Education
- Chapter 115, Part I

10/29: State Board Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting

- Teacher

11/4: State Board of Education meeting – seeking adoption

11/5 or 11/6: File with Secretary of State of Maine

11/11: Post in Secretary of State Newspaper ad and a DOE Priority Notice

12/1: Public Hearing

12/14: Comment period ends

12/28: Respond to all comments and make any changes to the rule based on comments

TBD/If needed: Emergency State Board meeting should there be changes as a result of Public Hearing, comment period

12/28: Submitted to the Attorney General's office for review of form and legality
1/8/2021: File with Secretary of State as Provisionally Adopted

Following much discussion, it was decided that the Committee will review the final draft of Chapter 115, Part I at the next Special meeting of the Committee, date to be determined.

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) 075 School Counselor
- 3) 093 School Psychologists
- 4) CTE Revisions
- 5) Teachers and Educational Specialists Certificates and Endorsements

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. The next Special Committee meeting to review Chapter 115 is to be determined.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Wendy Ault to adjourn the November 19, 2020 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Johnson Becker
Secretary Specialist,
Maine State Board of Education