



**Certification and Higher Education Committee**  
Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the October 26, 2020 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual special meeting on Monday, October 26, 2020, via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Wendy Ault; Fern Desjardins; Jana Lapoint; Peter Geiger; and Wilson Hess (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; Karen Kusiak, Director Legislative Affairs; Angel Loreda, Director of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Erin Frazier, State Director of Special Services (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

Guests: Sara Flanagan, Assistant Professor, University of Maine; Mary Mahoney-O'Neil, Associate Dean for Academic Services, University of Maine; and Vicki Wallack, Communications Director, Maine School Management Association

**Introductions:** Chair Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM, welcomed all members and guests to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment

**Chapter 115 Review:**

The focus of the October 26, 2020 meeting was stated:

- Continuation of Part II - Special Education
- Part I proposal
- Clean-up pieces to address

**Educational Specialist – Library Media Specialist and School Psychologist:**

Karen Kusiak responded to questions from the October 8<sup>th</sup> C&HE Committee meeting regarding the School Psychologist endorsement.

There was no updated document as no changes were made.

### **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Certificates and Endorsements:**

Carol Pelletier, Mid-Coast School of Technology and a member of the Consensus-based Rulemaking Committee, presented the CTE proposals at the C&HE Committee meeting on October 8th.

Suggested revisions from that meeting were taken to the Consensus-based Rulemaking Committee for their review. Deputy Commissioner Chuhta presented an updated version for the C&HE Committee to review.

### **Special Education Certificates and Endorsements:**

Sara Flanagan, Member of the Consensus-based Rulemaking Committee and Erin Frazier, State Director of Special Services at MDOE reviewed the Special Education section of Chapter 115. There was discussion.

### **Part I Proposal:**

Deputy Chuhta presented Part I of Chapter 115 – Standards and Procedures for Credentialing for the Committee to review and discuss.

### **Other Business:**

Certification and Higher Education Committee members posed questions about Praxis. Deputy Commissioner Chuhta responded that Praxis will be on the agenda for the October 29th special meeting.

### **Meeting Handouts:**

- 1) Agenda
- 2) SECTION 2: Teachers and Educational Specialists: Special Education Certificates and Endorsements
- 3) SECTION 3: Teachers and Educational Specialists: Career and Technical Education Certificates and Endorsements (second draft)
- 4) Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, Part I

The next regular Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

The next Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting scheduled to review Chapter 115 will be held on October 29th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM virtually via Zoom.

### **Adjournment:**

The October 26, 2020 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.