



Certification and Higher Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the October 8, 2021 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a special meeting on Friday, October 8, 2021, virtually via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Wendy Ault; Wilson Hess; Victoria Kornfield; and Fern Desjardins (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; Angel Loreda, Director of Office of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Stephanie Fyfe, Certification Coordinator; Jaci Holmes, Federal State Legislative Liaison (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board of Education Secretary Specialist.

Guests: Gay Anne McDonald, Executive Director, MADSEC

Chair, Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

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

The focus of the October 8, 2021 special meeting was stated:

- Continue the review of Statement of Factual and Policy Basis and Summary of Comments/Responses – State Board of Education Chapter 115, Part I Standards and Procedures for Credentialing, Part II Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements.

Public Comment:

Gay Anne McDonald thanked Committee members for all the work and discussion they have had regarding Chapter 115. It has been beneficial for her to attend and listen to Committee meetings.

Chapter 115 Comment/Response Review:

- The Committee continued review of comments and responses for Chapter 115. At the October 6, 2021 special meeting, the Committee ended with Comment #33.
- The Committee reviewed and had a discussion on Comment #33 through Comment #39.
- There was discussion on math courses required for elementary educators.
 - Innovative teaching methods were described
 - Comfort level in how math is being taught in different ways
 - Deputy Commissioner Chuhta will check with universities to see what courses are currently offered.
- Discussion on Praxis – Rule vs. Statute
- Discussion on dual certification
- Sarah Forster, AAG, to conduct a legal review with particular attention to any substantive changes. Substantive changes need a 30-day comment period.

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Chapter 115 Comments and Responses

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

Adjournment:

The October 8, 2021 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
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Maine State Board of Education