



Certification and Higher Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the December 2, 2025 Special Meeting

Members present: Tori Kornfield, Vicky Cohen, Denham Ward and Tom Keller, chair
Staff present: Erica Tompkins

Others present: Jon Doty, Gerry Durgin, Deb McIntyre, Walter Kimball, Michael Perry, Donald Denico, and Laura Cyr

I. **Call to order** - The chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

II. **Public Comment** - No public comments were offered.

III. New Business

First item - consideration of approving revisions to Chapter 115 to be sent to the full Board. Considerable discussion ensued with Denham identifying 5 issues, some of which (e.g., editing and correct citing of rules) will be corrected and some of which (e.g., why is there no conditional pathway for a Teaching Principal certification) will not.

Tori made a motion that Vicky seconded on moving this package to the entire Board at its next meeting. The committee then voted and the vote was 3 in favor and 1 opposed (Denham Ward).

Second item - consideration of approving the "Statement of Factual and Policy Basis and Summary of Comments/Responses" to be sent to the full Board. With a change of 'Numeracy/Math Specialist' to "Math Specialist", this was unanimously approved following a motion by Tori and a second by Vicky.

IV. The next meeting of December 17 at 10:30 am was noted.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.