

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017

*Board of Public Education Conference Room
46 N Last Chance Gulch, Suite 2B
Helena, MT*

Starting at 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair O'Dell called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM. Ms. Stockton took roll call and Dr. O'Dell read the Statement of Public Participation.

Council members present: Dr. Cindy O'Dell, Chair; Ms. Debbie Hendricks; Ms. Noreen Burris. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education/CSPAC; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present included: Dr. Tim Tharp, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, OPI; Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI; Ms. Kris Thatcher, OPI; Mr. Bob Vogel, MTSBA; Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana; Dr. Christine Lux, MSU-Bozeman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 4, 2016 minutes were approved as presented.

*****Items are listed in the order in which they are presented*****

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Dr. Cindy O'Dell

- January Council of Dean's Meeting Report

Chair O'Dell updated the Council on items discussed at the Winter Council of Dean's Retreat held at Carroll College in January. Items discussed included CAEP Standard 4, PRAXIS committee update, Rural Educator Recruitment and Retention Task Force, Title II reporting, and planning for the upcoming February 23 conference call. The Council discussed forming an ACTE (American Council of Teacher Education) group, and voted Angel Turoski as the next representative for the Dean's on CSPAC.

ITEM 2 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT – Mr. Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan updated the council the November 2016 and January 2017 Board of Public Education meetings including approving the Critical Quality Educator Report, revisions to the Chapter 57 Licensure rules, Content Standard and Revisions Schedule, as well as updates on the revisions to the Intensive Assistance process and the timeline.

*****TIME CERTAIN AT 9:30 AM*****

ITEM 3 RISE4MONTANA REPORT – Bob Vogel, Kirk Miller, Marco Ferro

Mr. Vogel updated the Council on issues the Rise4Montana group has been addressing regarding teacher recruitment and retention issues the state is facing, and ideas they are circulating in order to address the issue. The group is actively working with the Legislature during the current session and Mr. Vogel discussed a couple bills moving through the legislature that would help address the issue. Dr. Kirk Miller also discussed the University System Teacher Educator Recruitment and Retention Task Force that is attempting to address this specific issue at a state level. A Rural Educator Fellows program has been launched with the help of the Montana Rural Educators Association to offer funding to student teachers to go to rural areas for student teaching opportunities. The group is also looking at creating career pathways for students in teaching and administration similar and existing career pathways for CTE students. Dr. Miller also discussed a national group called

Educator Rising that establishes a student organization in K-12 schools committed to learning about Education as a career and a pathway to start towards a career in education.

ITEM 9 CLASS 8 LICENSE APPLICATIONS – Kris Thatcher, OPI

LeAnne Yenny called into the meeting at 10:30AM for the Class 8 application reviews. The Council reviewed five Class 8 license applications and approved all five applications.

ITEM 4 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan covered several bills before the Legislature in particular HB 376 creating public charter schools.

ITEM 5 MONTANA MINIMUM SCORES FOR PRAXIS SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS - Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Dr. Peterson reviewed the minimum scores for the PRAXIS Subject Assessments. This is an initial presentation to CSPAC, and the item will be presented to the Board of Public Education as an information item before requesting Board approval at a subsequent meeting. The PRAXIS working committee was formed in 2014 and meets monthly. Dr. Peterson reviewed the work that has taken place over the last two and a half years and fielded questions from the Council.

ITEM 6 NEW CURRICULAR PROGRAMS PROPOSED:

- **MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT-BACHELOR’S DEGREE AND ENDORSEMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CHILD SERVICES PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 3- Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, Dr. Christine Lux, MSU**

Dr. Lux presented the proposed program to the Council. An initial presentation was made at the January meeting of the Board of Public Education, and the Board of Regents has approved the program to begin moving forward. Dr. Lux reviewed the program for the Council and answered questions.

ITEM 7 SOCIAL STUDIES STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Dr. Peterson updated the Council on the work going on with the Social Studies Steering committee, which is a sub-group of the PRAXIS Workgroup. Dr. Peterson discussed recommendations from the steering committee regarding the social studies test for PRAXIS which were made to ETS.

ITEM 8 EDUCATOR LICENSURE REPORT – Kris Thatcher, OPI

Ms. Thatcher reviewed the report with the Council and fielded questions.

ITEM 10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM.

Agenda items are handled in the order listed on the approved agenda. Items may be rearranged unless listed “time certain”. Action may be taken by the Council on any item listed on the agenda. Public comment is welcome on all items but time limits on public comment may be set at the Chair’s discretion.

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