

**CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022
Montana State Capitol Building, Room 152
Helena, MT

Starting at 8:30 AM:

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Elder called the meeting to order at 8:33 and lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Stockton took Roll Call, Chair Elder read the Statement of Public Participation.

Council members present: Mr. Kelly Elder, Chair; Ms. Teresa Marchant, Vice Chair; Dr. Kate Eisele; Ms. Barbara Brown; Ms. Hannah Nieskens; Dr. Trent Atkins. Staff present: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist; Ms. Julie Balsam, Accounting Technician.

APPROVE MINUTES

Dr. Eisele moved to approve the April meeting minutes; Ms. Marchant seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

ADOPT AGENDA

Ms. Marchant moved to adopt the agenda; Dr. Eisele seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – (INFORMATION)

Kelly Elder

- *New Member Introduction*

Chair Elder introduced new member, Ms. Hannah Nieskens, and welcomed her to the Council. Ms. Nieskens, Superintendent of Whitehall Public Schools, gave a summary of her professional career in education and expressed her excitement to join CSPAC.

- *Set Yearly Calendar*

Executive Director Flynn led a discussion to set meeting dates for the upcoming year. It was decided the October CSPAC meeting, which will be the annual joint meeting with the Council of Deans, will be scheduled for the first week of October. Ms. Flynn will inform the Council of Deans that the Council is available October 3-7, 2022, for them to coordinate a meeting in tandem with CSPAC. Additionally, Chair Elder suggested meeting dates of February 8, 2023, April 19, 2023, and joint with BPE in July 2023 for CSPAC meeting dates.

- *Review of Mission and Goals*

Chair Elder reviewed the CSPAC Goals as presented in the CSPAC 2021 Annual Report to the Board of Public Education. Ms. Flynn noted some goals may need clarifying language, such as goal 1a. and goal 3a. One of her suggestions was adding the words, ‘when appropriate’, when the goal is not an ongoing activity of the Council. Ms. Flynn offered to bring suggested language edits to the Council at their October Council.

- *Discuss Annual Report for Presentation to Board of Public Education*

Chair Elder lead an overview of the 2021 Annual Report. Ms. Flynn presented the idea of including the entire text of the Council’s meeting minutes in future annual reports in place of the current ‘highlights of meeting minutes’, which is presently used. A consensus was reached that the approved CSPAC meeting minutes, in their entirety, will be used in future annual reports to the Board of Public Education. The Professional Educators of Montana Code of Ethics, reviews of Chapter 57 and Chapter 58, presentations of the Praxis exam, and MSU’s MAT program were mentioned by Chair Elder in his recap of the Council’s highlights of the year. The Chair asked if there were questions or points of discussion regarding the report. He concluded the discussion, stating the Council would present the annual report to the Board of Public Education later that day.

ITEM 2 MENTORSHIP AND INDUCTION FOLLOW UP – (INFORMATION)

McCall Flynn

Ms. Flynn reviewed the background of teacher mentorship and induction and discussed its relevance to Chapter 55. She asked Council members for feedback and reflections of their personal experiences implementing mentorship and induction in their schools to help guide standards currently being drafted. Ms. Nieskens expressed that many standards that are in ARM are self-reported to OPI through TEAMS. She explained that there is not always internal mentorship, and often assistance is offered from neighboring districts or from retired teachers who live locally.

