

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021

Montana State Capitol Building

Room 152

Zoom link:

Starting at 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elder called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Ms. Stockton took Roll Call. The Chair read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests.

Council Members present: Mr. Kelly Elder, Chair; Ms. Ann Wake, Vice Chair; Ms. Barbara Brown; Dr. Kate Eisele; Dr. Rob Watson; Ms. Teresa Marchant; Dr. Trent Atkins. Staff present: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director Board of Public Education and CSPAC; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist. Guests: Mr. Pete Donovan, Missoula; Ms. Jane Hamman, BPE member; Ms. Tammy Lacey, BPE member; Ms. Sharyl Allen, Deputy Superintendent, OPI; Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen; Ms. Diane Fladmo, MFPE; Dr. Darlene Schottle, Chair BPE.

Teresa Marchant moved to approve the Minutes. Dr. Kate Eisele seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed.

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr. Kelly Elder

Chair Elder introduced Dr. Eisele who gave her background to the Council. Ms. Flynn opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Ms. Ann Wake nominated Mr. Kelly Elder as Chair. Nomination seconded by Dr. Kate Eisele.

No discussion. Motion passed.

Ms. Flynn opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Dr. Kate Eisele nominated Ms. Teresa Marchant. Nomination seconded by Dr. Rob Watson.

No discussion. Motion passed.

The Council reviewed the past year's calendar and set the calendar for 2021-2022.

Ms. Ann Wake moved to approve the 2021-2022 CSPAC Calendar. Motion seconded by Dr. Rob Watson.

No discussion. Motion passed.

The Council reviewed their Mission and Goals and the Annual Report to be presented at the joint meeting with the Board of Public Education in the afternoon.

ITEM 2 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT – McCall Flynn

Ms. Flynn gave the Board of Public Education report welcoming everyone back to in person meetings. Ms. Flynn gave a report on the conclusion of the 2021 Legislature highlighting several bills pertaining to education coming out of this past session, a discussion on the possibility of a Board of Education meeting in the next year, a review of the ongoing revisions to Chapters 57 and 58, then asked Council members for ideas for meeting topics for the next year, and priorities they would like to see covered. Dr. Watson thanked Ms. Flynn and BPE staff for the informative updates from the office during the Legislative session. Dr. Eisele asked for more information on the licensure process and alternative routes to teaching.

ITEM 3 HISTORY OF CSPAC AND CODE OF ETHICS – Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan presented to the Council members a history of the Council, discussing how the Council was created in 1987 by the Legislature, which was a national movement at the time, and how the Council has changed over time to today. The Council gives advice to the Board of Public Education on matters pertaining to teacher licensure and teacher preparation. In the past the Board has requested the Council to conduct research on matters pertaining to teacher licensure and make recommendations to the Board, which has constitutional rulemaking authority in Montana. Mr. Donovan then reviewed how the Code of Ethics was created in 1988 and discussed how other states handle their code of ethics. Mr. Donovan noted that the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education Council (NASDTEC) has created a model code for states to adopt or use parts of for their own code.

ITEM 4 REVIEW OF DRAFT REVISIONS TO MONTANA EDUCATOR CODE OF ETHICS – McCall Flynn

Ms. Flynn thanked Mr. Donovan for coming to the meeting and presenting the history of CSPAC and the Code of Ethics. Ms. Flynn discussed that at the February CSPAC meeting Chair Elder announced the Code was up for its 5-year review cycle and at that time a sub committee was created to review the current code. Former CSPAC member Mr. Tom Cubbage, and current members Dr. Rob Watson and Dr. Trent Atkins volunteered for the subcommittee. Dr. Watson discussed for the Council members how the review process took place and reviewed the revisions that have been proposed. The Council heard comment from the public on the proposed revisions to the Code in Principle III letter B specifically.

*Ms. Ann Wake moved to reconvene the subcommittee to review the Code of Ethics.
Motion seconded by Dr. Kate Eisele.*

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5 APPROVE CLASS 8 LICENSE APPLICATIONS – Crystal Andrews

Ms. Crystal Andrews introduced herself and her background to the Council. Ms. Andrews presented one Class 8 License Application to the Council for their consideration. The Council approved the application.

ITEM 6 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Subcommittee report for Code of Ethics
Review of By-laws

PUBLIC COMMENT

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