

# CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**APRIL 14, 2021**

*Zoom Meeting*

## **Starting at 9:00 A.M.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Elder called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Ms. Stockton took Roll Call and the chair read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests.

Council Members present: Mr. Kelly Elder, Chair; Ms. Ann Wake, Vice Chair; Dr. Rob Watson; Ms. Teresa Marchant; Ms. Barbara Brown; Dr. Trent Atkins; Mr. Tom Cabbage. Staff: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director Board of Public Education and CSPAC; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests: Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI; Dr. Ann Ewbank, MSU; Dr. Ann Ellsworth, MSU; Ms. Jamie O'Callaghan, MSU; Ms. Jessie Counts, OPI

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

*Ms. Ann Wake moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Tom Cabbage seconded the motion.*

*No discussion. Motion passed.*

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

*Mr. Tom Cabbage moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Ann Wake.*

*No discussion. Motion passed.*

### **ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr. Kelly Elder**

Chair Elder reviewed the draft Annual Report with the Council. No changes or revisions were requested by the Council.

*Ms. Ann Wake moved to approve the draft report to be sent to the Board of Public Education. Mr. Tom Cabbage seconded the motion.*

*No discussion. Motion passed.*

The members of the subcommittee, Dr. Watson, Dr. Atkins, and Mr. Cabbage reviewed the draft revisions to the Montana Educator Professional Code of Ethics. A proposed revision from UM Professor was added to the draft document to be presented at the July meeting.

### **ITEM 2 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT – Ms. McCall Flynn**

Ms. Flynn thanked Mr. Cabbage for his hard work on the Council and congratulated him on his new opportunity. Ms. Flynn introduced Ms. Hamman, new BPE member, who is participating in the meeting. Ms. Flynn updated the council on the March Board of Public Education meeting, introducing the three new Board members, a review of the Board's Roles and Responsibilities, new Digital Academy appointment, and Legislative Updates. Chair Elder thanked Ms. Flynn for all her hard work during this legislative session. Ms. Flynn answered Board member questions.

**ITEM 3 MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING PROGRAM AT MSU AND PRAXIS – Dr. Ann Ewbanks; Dr. Ann Ellsworth, Program Leader; Ms. Jamie O’Callaghan, Program Coordinator**

Dr. Ewbank opened the item and Dr. Ellsworth and Ms. O’Callaghan introduced themselves to the Council. Dr. Ewbank reviewed the beginnings of the Master of Arts in Teaching program, the endorsement areas covered in the program, and how students qualify and apply for the program. Ms. O’Callaghan reviewed how the students move through the program and Dr. Ellsworth discussed specific coursework the students receive during their education. Dr. Ewbank reviewed the PRAXIS content knowledge score that is used for the Elementary portion of the program. For the secondary program, a candidate must have a bachelor’s degree and a passing PRAXIS score in the content area they are seeking a degree in to obtain acceptance in the program. Dr. Ewbank discussed how candidates are reviewed and noted that the program is still new and that this May will see only the second graduating class under this new Masters program. Council members asked questions of the team regarding the program. Dr. Ewbank discussed the grant program that gives candidates a living wage stipend if the candidate agrees to working in a teacher shortage area for three years upon receiving their degree. Discussion ensued about graduate level licensing degrees and how teachers are prepared.

**ITEM 4 TRAFFIC EDUCATION LICENSING POTENTIAL CHANGES – Ms. Jessie Counts**

Ms. Jessie Counts, OPI, presented proposed revisions to the Traffic Education program. Covid-19 brought about noticeable shortages in the program that need to be resolved to keep the program going. Ms. Counts reviewed that the rules currently allow Class 4B and Class 4C educators to be Traffic Educators, though this rule has not been used in the past. To expand the pool of eligible educators, OPI will now be allowing individuals with the Class 4B or 4C license to become Traffic Educators. Ms. Counts also discussed a potential summer course individuals could take to become a Traffic Educator. Ms. Counts answered Council member questions.

**ITEM 5 MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING – CAEP, OPI, BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, Jessie Counts**

Dr. Peterson reviewed the CAEP Agreement with the Council explaining the areas of revision in the agreement. The agreement will be presented at the Board of Public Education May meeting for approval and signature of the Chair. Dr. Peterson answered Council member questions.

**ITEM 6 APPROVE CLASS 8 LICENSE APPLICATIONS – Dr. Julie Murgel**

The Council reviewed two Class 8 License Applications and approved both applications. Dr. Murgel announced the hiring of Crystal Andrews as the new Licensure Manager at the OPI. Chair Elder congratulated Ms. Andrews on her new position and Ms. Andrews noted she is looking forward to working with the Council.

**ITEM 7 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Joint meeting with Board of Public Ed  
Presentation of Annual Report  
Election of Officers  
Review of Mission and Goals  
Set Yearly Meeting Calendar  
Update of Chapter 57 and 58 revisions  
Approval of Revised Code of Ethics  
Traffic Education Rules at Joint COD meeting in October

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

Mr. Cabbage thanked everyone for their work and noted he has enjoyed the opportunity to work with everyone. Chair Elder thanked Mr. Cabbage for all his hard work.

## ADJOURN

*Mr. Tom Cabbage moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ann Wake.*

*No discussion. Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 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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