

# CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 17, 2019**

*OPI Conference Room  
1300 11<sup>th</sup> AVE  
Helena, MT*

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Elder called the meeting to order at 9:07 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. Noreen Burris, Vice Chair; Mr. Tom Cubbage. Present via phone: Dr. Rob Watson; Ms. Ann Wake. Staff present: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director, Board of Public Education/CSPAC; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Education/CSPAC. Guests present: Dr. Bob Currie, Digital Academy; Ms. Kris Thatcher, OPI; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI;

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

*Ms. Noreen Burris moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Tom Cubbage seconded the motion.*

*No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

*Ms. Noreen Burris moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Tom Cubbage seconded the motion.*

*No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

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

- Review Draft Annual Report

The Council reviewed the Draft Annual Report which will be presented at the Joint BPE/CSPAC Meeting in July.

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

Mr. Donovan discussed the upcoming NASDTEC Conference in June for which funding is available for a Council member to attend if they choose. Mr. Donovan will be attending and a Board member. Additionally, Dr. Peterson and Ms. Thatcher from OPI will be attending. Mr. Donovan requested that anyone who may be interested to please let him know in the next week. Mr. Donovan discussed the Assessment rules the Board is working on with OPI and will be discussing at their upcoming May meeting at the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind. Mr. Donovan noted that the MSDB was able to bring faculty salaries up to par with the Great Falls Public School District this past year. Ms. Burris asked what the enrollment numbers were at the school. Ms. Stockton noted that per the MSDB report at the March BPE meeting, enrollment was 47.

### **ITEM 3 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Mr. Pete Donovan**

Mr. Donovan reviewed the ongoing Legislative Session and several bills the Board is following, noting the Transformational Learning Bill which provided for 1 FTE for the OPI to manage the applications but noted that the

funding has now been stripped from that bill which will make administration of the program difficult. Mr. Donovan also discussed HB 755 which was tabled in House Education but noted the Legislature and Governor Bullock are still hoping to revive the bill to allow Preschool Funding to continue. Mr. Donovan noted the Digital Academy has received funding from the Legislature.

**ITEM 4 MONTANA DIGITAL ACADEMY REPORT – Mr. Bob Currie**

Dr. Currie presented the Digital Academy Report to the Council, briefly sharing his background in Education, and his work with the Legislature to ensure funding to allow the Academy to continue serving students in Montana. Dr. Currie discussed Original Credit courses that students take for credit, continuing efforts to offer Dual Enrollment and AP courses as well. Dr. Currie discussed the 120 teachers that the Digital Academy uses from districts across the state. Only Montana licensed public teachers are on the Digital Academy faculty. Dr. Currie reviewed the training process the Digital Academy teachers go through to be able to teach the online courses. Dr. Currie answered Council member questions.

**ACTION**

**ITEM 5 PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57, EDUCATOR LICENSURE - Ms. Kris Thatcher**

Ms. Thatcher presented the proposed revisions to Chapter 57, discussing the rationale behind the proposed revisions which would mostly affect teachers licensed in another state, coming to Montana, and are only needing to take the PRAXIS exam. The revisions would allow the educator to obtain a Class 5 license for 1 year to fulfill the PRAXIS requirement. The educator must meet all other licensure requirements. Additional “clean up language” in the revisions was reviewed by Ms. Thatcher.

*Ms. Ann Wake moved to approve to the Board of Public Education the Draft Rule Proposed Changes to ARM Title 10, Chapter 57, 424. Motion seconded by Ms. Noreen Burris.*

*No discussion. Motion passed.*

*Ms. Noreen Burris moved to accept the Draft Rule Proposal and move to the Board of Public Education for ARM Title 10, Chapter 57, 410. Motion seconded by Ms. Ann Wake.*

*Chair Elder noted the support of MFPE.*

*Ms. Burris noted that National Board is a certification, not license, so requested the wording be changed.*

*No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. Tom Cabbage moved to accept the Draft Rule Proposal and move to the Board of Public Education for ARM Title 10, Chapter 411. Motion seconded by Ms. Noreen Burris.*

*No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**ITEM 6 APPROVAL OF CLASS 8 LICENSE APPLICATIONS – Kris Thatcher**

The Council reviewed one Class 8 License application and approved the application.

**ITEM 7 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Joint meeting with Board
- Annual Report presentation
- Review Goals and Mission
- Committee Assignments

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 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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