

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020

*Montana State Capitol Building
Room 422
Helena, MT*

Starting at 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elder called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Chair read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests.

Council members present: Mr. Kelly Elder, Chair; Ms. Noreen Burris, Vice-Chair; Dr. Rob Watson; Dr. Trent Atkins; Ms. Ann Wake; Mr. Tom Cabbage. Staff present: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education and CSPAC; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guest present: Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI; Ms. Jule Walker, OPI

APPROVE AGENDA

Dr. Rob Watson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Ann Wake.

No discussion. Motion passed.

APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Ann Wake moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Noreen Burris.

No discussion. Motion passed.

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr. Kelly Elder

Chair Elder noted that being a non-legislative year, the Executive Committee has not had any meetings.

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

Mr. Donovan gave the Board of Public Education report announcing the resignation of the Superintendent at the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind and the appointment of current MSDB Principal Paul Furthmyre as the interim Superintendent while the Board conducts a search for a new Superintendent. Mr. Donovan discussed the Espinoza case that was recently heard before the US Supreme Court regarding state funding for private education. Ms. Diane Burke, Executive Director of the Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC) attended the oral arguments heard recently in Washington DC gave an overview of her experience attending the court proceedings. Council members asked questions of Ms. Burke. Mr. Donovan thanked Ms. Burke for her hard work in this area.

ITEM 3 UPDATE: VIRTUAL SITE VISIT OF THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AT STONE CHILD COLLEGE, NOVEMBER 24-26, 2019– Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Dr. Peterson explained the reason for the virtual site visit, which was due to weather conditions that prevented the

accreditation team from traveling to Stone Child College to be on site for the review. Dr. Peterson, the accreditation team, and OPI staff, were able to conduct the review via virtual networking. Dr. Peterson reviewed the site visit with the Council. Dr. Peterson and the Stone Child staff, plus the accreditation team, will present the review to the Board of Public Education at their March meeting. Dr. Peterson answered Council member questions

ITEM 4 PRAXIS UPDATE – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Dr. Peterson updated the Council with information regarding possible additions to the subject matter test areas for the PRAXIS. Dr. Peterson discussed that currently there are 30 subject matter areas for the PRAXIS in Montana. Computer Science 5-12 and Reading K-12 are under consideration right now of two new areas to be added to the PRAXIS subject matter test areas. Dr. Peterson explained how the process for adding new test subjects is handled and the process moving forward. Dr. Peterson noted the schedule for the review and invited Council members to take part in the review of the test and review the process.

ITEM 5 SITE VISIT SCHEDULE FOR MONTANA’S 10 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Dr. Peterson reviewed the site visit schedule for the ten Educator Preparation Programs in Montana. The schedule has been revised due to some requests for Good Cause Extensions that caused the existing schedule to be revised. Mr. Donovan thanked Dr. Peterson for her work and noted that the transition to CAEP is a major undertaking and explained there is an opportunity for observing an accreditation review and invited Council members to take part in any of the review cycles.

ITEM 6 UNIVERSITY OF PROVIDENCE REQUEST FOR GOOD CAUSE EXTENSION – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Dr. Peterson explained the request for a Good Cause Extension from the University of Providence. This request is due to a program review and restructuring at the University in which several programs have been eliminated. The proposal from the University has been approved by their Board of Trustees and the process is moving forward. A Teach Out program has been created for current candidates enrolled and for how they will complete their programs. The process will be complete in 2022. The Board of Public Education will consider the approval of the request at their March meeting.

ITEM 7 TEACHER LICENSURE REPORT – Jule Walker

Ms. Walker introduced Mr. Jason Butcher, the new Assistant Deputy Superintendent at OPI. Ms. Walker then presented the Teacher Licensure report on behalf of Ms. Kris Thatcher and noted that the report was first presented at the January Board of Public Education meeting. Ms. Walker reviewed the report with the Council. Council members asked questions of Ms. Walker regarding information contained in the report.

ITEM 8 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Draft Annual Report
Class 8 License Applications

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 9:55 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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