

# CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

*Zoom Meeting*

## **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 Ms. Stockton took roll call.

Council members present: Mr. Kelly Elder, Chair; Ms. Ann Wake, Vice Chair; Mr. Tom Cabbage; Dr. Rob Watson; Ms. Barbara Brown; Ms. Theresa Marchant; Dr. Trent Atkins. Staff present: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director Board of Public Education and CSPAC; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present: Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI; Ms. Tracy Moseman, OPI; Ms. Jesse Counts, OPI; Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI; Ms. Tammy Lacey, Board of Public Education; Ms. Sharyl Allen, OPI; Ms. Evelyn Paz;

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

*Dr. Rob Watson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Dr. Trent Atkins.*

*No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

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

*No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

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

Chair Elder welcomed Ms. McCall Flynn as the new Executive Director for the Board of Public Education and CSPAC. The Chair discussed the announcement that the Helena School District going back to in person learning beginning in the coming weeks. The five-year review cycle for the Code of Ethics was discussed noting the code was last reviewed in 2016 and volunteers for a subcommittee to review the Code we requested. Dr. Watson, Dr. Atkins, and Mr. Cabbage all volunteered.

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

Ms. Flynn thanked everyone for the welcome wishes and reviewed sub-committee hearing for the Board's budget request, reviewing the requests for legal fees, operation funding, and fund reallocation. Ms. Flynn reviewed bills the board is following with the Council and answered member questions.

### **ITEM 3 OPI LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Superintendent Arntzen, OPI**

Ms. Sharyl Allen gave the update to the Council on behalf of the Superintendent highlighting areas the Superintendent is focusing on including Special Education and residential treatment centers. Ms. Allen discussed bills the OPI is following including SB 246 which would negate the Class 8 license. Ms. Allen announced the State of Education address will be Thursday evening in the old Supreme Court chambers and will be carried on MPAN.

### **ITEM 4 SEAL OF BILTERACY: REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION – Lisa Werner**

**ITEM 5 UPDATE ON CHAPTER 57 WORK – Tracy Moseman, OPI**

Ms. Moseman presented the preliminary groundwork done to date at the OPI for the revisions of Administrative Rules, Chapter 57, Educator Licensure. Ms. Moseman walked through the timeline approved by the BPE in November. Ms. Moseman reviewed the team that is doing the work and work done to date. A reciprocity report has been completed, a focus group, and a survey of applicants who have started the licensure process and never completed, and a review of the denial letters issued to determine barriers to licensure. Ms. Jacqueline Rafael from the Region 17 Comprehensive Center reviewed the Reciprocity report which reviewed areas that make it difficult for out of state educators to be licensed in Montana, emerging models and best practices, and reviewed findings. Ms. Moseman reviewed the survey of responses from incomplete applicants and the reasons why they were unable to complete the application. Ms. Moseman reviewed next steps, including a cross walk, tracking legislative bills and drafts moving through, develop and administer survey and focus group questions, expanding work to stakeholders, and bringing back the work done at the April CSPAC meeting. Ms. Moseman and Dr. Murgel answered Council member questions.

**ITEM 6 UPDATE ON CHAPTER 58 WORK – Jessie Counts, OPI**

Ms. Jessie Counts discussed the Chapter 58 Educator Preparation Program Standards work to date with the Council. Dr. Peterson discussed the work group and work that has been done to date in reviewing and revising the Chapter 58 standards. An update on the revisions will be presented at the April CSPAC Meeting.

**ITEM 7 LICENSURE REPORT – Dr. Julie Murgel, OPI**

Dr. Murgel presented the Annual Licensure Report to the Council. This report was also presented to the Board of Public Education at the January meeting. Dr. Murgel moved through each piece of the report for the Council and answered Council member questions.

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

The Council reviewed one Class 8 license application and asked for additional information on this application and for OPI to bring back to the April meeting. Dr. Murgel will follow up with the applicant for the additional information and bring back at the April meeting.

**ITEM 9 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn from Mr. Cabbage. Second from Dr. Watson.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:28AM.**

*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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