

# CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2016**

*Board of Public Education Conference Room  
46 N Last Chance Gulch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Helena, MT*

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. O'Dell called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Ms. Stockton took roll call and Dr. O'Dell read the Statement of Public Participation. Dr. O'Dell welcomed Dr. Watson to the Council and asked him to introduce himself. Dr. O'Dell asked other visitors, Council members, and staff to introduce themselves.

Council members present included: Dr. Cindy O'Dell, Chair; Mr. Kelly Elder; Ms. Leanne Yenny; Ms. Debbie Hendricks; Dr. Rob Watson; Ms. Noreen Burris; Ms. Sabrina Steketee. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education and CSPAC; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present included: Mr. Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services; Mr. Erik Burke, MEA-MFT; Mr. Bob Vogel, MTSBA; Mr. Mike Miller, UM Western; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Dr. Julie Bullard, University of Montana; Ms. Katy Wright, Helena Public Schools; Ms. Jael Prezeau, OPI; Ms. Karin Billings, OPI.

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

*Ms. Debbie Hendricks moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Leanne Yenny seconded the motion.*

*No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

*Ms. Debbie Hendricks moved to approve the February 3, 2016 minutes as presented. Ms. Leanne Yenny seconded the motion.*

*No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT –Dr. Cindy O'Dell**

- CSPAC Annual Report – Draft

The council reviewed the draft and made suggested changes.

- Update on Code of Ethics Review

Mr. Kelly Elder updated the Council on the initial review of the Code of Ethics by the Professional Practices Committee. A few general changes are being recommended but most everything else will stay the same. A discussion amongst the Council members and Mr. Vogel from MTSBA and Mr. Burke from MEA-MFT was had regarding how the Code was established and how it's being reviewed. The CSPAC will vote on the proposed updated to the Code of Ethics at the July CSPAC meeting.

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

Mr. Donovan updated the Council on the most recent meetings of the School Funding Interim Commission and the Education and Local Government Interim Committee and topics they are reviewing and discussing. Also discussed was the Variances to Standards Board meeting the previous week, specifically discussing the applications for public charter schools under the Chapter 55 Accreditation Standards by the Bozeman School District and the Libby/Troy School Districts.

**ITEM 3 UPDATE ON PROPOSED STANDARDS REVISIONS FOR ART STANDARDS AND HEALTH/PE STANDARDS – Jael Prezeau, Karin Billings**

Ms. Jael Prezeau reviewed for the Council the process the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee took to review and make proposed changes to the current standards, how the application process worked, the selection process for the committee, how stakeholders were involved in the process, and how the changes were made. Ms. Karin Billings reviewed specifically the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for the Health and PE Standards which have not been updated since 1999. Ms. Prezeau discussed the general timeline for the implementation of the standards with the Council. Ms. Prezeau discussed how the OPI will reach out to the schools with information on the new standards and implementing the standards should they be approved by the BPE. Both face to face training and web interface training are available for schools.

**ITEM 4 CLASS 8 EDUCATOR LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS REVIEW – Ann Gilkey**

Ms. Ann Gilkey presented this item to the Council which was put together by Ms. Shannon Koenig who has since left the OPI. This item was a request to the OPI from the Council at the February 2016 meeting. Ms. Gilkey took suggestions to update the flow chart from the Council.

**ITEM 5 DATA ON APPLICATIONS FROM EDUCATORS COMPLETING OUT OF STATE EDUCATOR PREP PROGRAMS – Ann Gilkey**

Ms. Gilkey presented data on the number of out of state license applications for Montana licensure. This item was also requested by the Council at the February 2016 meeting. Dr. O'Dell asked if more specific information could be gathered that would denote which areas of endorsement applicants are seeking which are being denied. Ms. Gilkey responded that she would look into the request.

**ITEM 6 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO EDUCATOR LICENSURE, ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57 – Ann Gilkey, Dennis Parman**

Ms. Gilkey reviewed the presentation at the February meeting from the MACTE group regarding a request for Montessori teachers who have gone through Montessori accreditation to have licensure recognition in Montana, and the request by CSPAC to OPI to review the licensure rules to see where changes could be made. Ms. Gilkey then reviewed a possible timeline for the proposed changes should CSPAC move forward with a recommendation. Ms. Gilkey moved through each proposed revision with the Council and provided explanations for each one. Council members made comments on the revisions and suggested changes to some of the proposed changes. General comments were given by Mr. Bob Vogel and Mr. Burke regarding the addition of the Montessori certifications for a Class 4 license as proposed in 10.57.420. The Council expressed concerns with not seeing a cross walk comparing MACTE standards with the Montana standards. Ms. Katy Wright with the Helena Montessori program will contact MACTE to see about getting a cross walk for comparison. Ms. Gilkey agreed to pull the Montessori piece out for continued work and to move forward with the other changes in the rules.

**ITEM 7 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 3 (ECE P-3) PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, Dr. Julie Bullard, University of Montana, Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, MSU-Billings**

Dr. Julie Bullard, University of Montana presented to the Council the University of Montana's new Early Childhood Education Preschool through Grade 3 program. Previously the UM had brought forward a P-3 minor to be added to a K-8 major, but are now bringing forward the P-3 as a major. Dr. Bullard reviewed the courses which will be offered and an overview of the program. A first presentation to the Board of Regents has been given and a presentation to the Board of Public Education will be coming in May.

**ITEM 8 PRAXIS WORKING COMMITTEE UPDATE – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson**

Dr. Peterson updated the Council on the PRAXIS Working Committee. A previous report was given to the Council at the October 2015 meeting and this report is an update on the work the committee has done since October 2015.

**ITEM 9 MONTANA SCORE RANGES FOR PRAXIS SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS UPDATE – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson**

Dr. Peterson reviewed the minimum range scores for the subject assessments for in-state candidates and how the Educator Preparation Programs use those to make University recommendations to the OPI for candidate licensure. The proposal will go to the Montana Council of Deans for approval and then to the Board of Public Education for approval. More subject areas are being looked at currently and will be added to the list going forward.

*Mr. Kelly Elder moved to accept the score ranges as proposed and forward to the Council of Deans for consideration. Ms. Noreen Burris seconded the motion.*

*No discussion. Motion passes unanimously.*

**ITEM 10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Sabrina Steketee moved to appoint Mr. Kelly Elder as Vice Chair until the July meeting. Ms. Noreen Burris seconded the motion.*

*No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Chapter 57 Revisions  
Montessori crosswalk  
Joint BPE/CSPAC meeting  
Update goals  
Update mission statement  
Presentation to Ms. Lacey

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 1:59PM

*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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