



Certification and Higher Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the April 15, 2021 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual special meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2021, via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Wendy Ault; Fern Desjardins; Wilson Hess; and Peter Geiger (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; Angel Loreda, Director of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

Chair, Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Introductions: Chair Ault welcomed all members and guests to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

The focus of the April 15, 2021 meeting was stated:

- Review draft revisions to Chapter 115, Part I, *Standards and Procedures for Credentialing*, with Deputy Commissioner Chuhta.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Amendment to LD 1189:

Deputy Commissioner Chuhta gave a brief summary of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee work session on Wednesday April 14, 2021 on the following LDs:

LD 1149: An Act To Provide Exemptions from Certain Teacher Certification Examination Requirements (Representative Justin Fecteau)

LD 1169: An Act To Improve Teacher Certification during Staffing Shortages (Representative Heidi Sampson)

LD 1189: An Act To Amend the Teacher Certification Statutes (Representative Michael Brennan)

Hillary Risler, Legislative Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, Maine State Legislature presented her analysis of the three bills to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee.

Deputy Commissioner Chuhta answered several questions about LD 1189, including removing good moral character and clarifying the clearance pieces.

Chapter 115 Review:

Review of Part I –

- *The Committee continued its review starting on page 12 of the draft revisions of Chapter 115, Part I, Standards and Procedures for Credentialing.*

Following much discussion, the Committee ended today's review of Part I on page 15. The Committee scheduled a special meeting for Friday, April 16, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Chapter 115, Part I
- 3) Proposed Amendment to LD 1189

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

Adjournment:

The April 15, 2021 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.