



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the May 26, 2021 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Wendy Ault; Fern Desjardins; Wilson Hess; Cynthia Murray-Beliveau, and Peter Geiger (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; Angel Loreda, Director of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Jason Libby, Higher Education Specialist; Stephanie Fyfe, Certification Coordinator; (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

Guests: Daniel Allen, Training and Professional Development Director, Maine Education Association (MEA).

Chair Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM.

Introductions:

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

The focus of the May 26, 2021 meeting was stated:

- Approval of Minutes
- Public Comment
- Certification update from Stephanie Fyfe, Certification Coordinator
- Higher Education update from Jason Libby, Higher Education Specialist
- Review of Annual Reports
- Chapter 115, Part I Final Review

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Wilson Hess, seconded by Fern Desjardins, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the April 28, 2021 minutes as presented.

MOTION by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the May 18, 2021 minutes as presented.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Certification Office Update: *(Stephanie Fyfe)*

Certification News – May 2021 Processing:

Stephanie Fyfe presented a written certification news update and reviewed it with the Committee. (Copy of written report in file)

Angel Loreda shared a PowerPoint chart presentation with the Committee and will send to Mary Becker to distribute to Committee members.

Higher Education Update: *(Jason Libby)*

Review Team schedules

- The College of the Atlantic (COA) review in April 2021 was held virtually and was successful. Wendy Ault was the Board Observer. The report is ready for review at the June 23, 2021 CHE Committee meeting.
- The Bates College review was held virtually in April. The report will be available for the July 28, 2021 Committee meeting. Peter Geiger was the Board Observer.
- UMaine CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation) review is upcoming. Three Maine institutions receive a CAEP review – University of Southern Maine (USM), University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) and University of Maine.

Review of Annual Reports for Chapter 114 approved programs:

16 colleges submit this report to the Committee. The reports are due each year by April 7.

The Committee reviewed the following annual reports at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 28, 2021:

- Bates College
- Bowdoin College
- Eastern Maine Community College (EMCC)
- Husson University
- Maine College of the Art

The following reports will be reviewed at an upcoming Committee meeting:

- Colby College
- College of the Atlantic
- Saint Joseph's College
- Thomas College (pending receipt)
- University of Maine at Augusta
- University of Maine at Farmington
- University of Maine at Machias (pending receipt)
- University of Maine
- University of Maine at Presque Isle
- University of Southern Maine

- University of New England

Chapter 115:

Part I Final Review

The Committee received an updated version of Part I which included edits from the May 18 special meeting.

Deputy Commissioner Chuhta has made corrections in Part II but had questions for the Committee before sending out the final draft to Committee members. The Committee discussed those questions.

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Draft Minutes – April 28 and May 18, 2021
- 3) Annual Reports – Eleven of Fourteen due
- 4) Certification News from Stephanie Fyfe
- 5) Chapter 115, Part I

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

Five special meetings for continued review of Chapter 115, Part II are scheduled for Monday, June 7; Friday, June 11; Tuesday, June 15; Friday, June 18; and Monday, June 21. An agenda for each meeting with the time will be posted on the State Board of Education website.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Fern Desjardins, seconded by Wilson Hess, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the May 26, 2021 Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting at 12:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Johnson Becker
Secretary Specialist,
Maine State Board of Education