



Certification and Higher Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the November 16, 2022 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, via Zoom. The following were present: Wendy Ault; Thomas Keller; Victoria Kornfield; Fern Desjardins; and Paulette Bonneau (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; Angel Loredo, Director of Office of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Stephanie Fyfe, Certification Coordinator; and Sandra Bourget, State Board of Education Office Specialist.

Guests: Cynthia Alexander; Amy Johnson; Flynn Ross; Megan London; Jane Loxterkamp; Dave Keaton; Vicki Wallack; and Gay McDonald

Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Victoria Kornfield, seconded by Thomas Keller, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the October 6, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion passes.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Introductions:

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

Higher Education: *(Angel Loredo)*

- St. Joseph's College Teacher Preparation Programs have been approved for another 5 years.
- An exhibit will be forthcoming regarding Beal University's request to add a Master of Nursing. A site visit is scheduled for February 28, 2023. A team has already been identified.
- A chart will be prepared showing reviews for the next 5-7 years. Institutions will be linked to the programs that they're approved for under Chapter 114.
- We are currently working on recruitment with EPP's.
- Stephanie manages an effective office. The staff provides excellent customer service.

Certification: *(Stephanie Fyfe)*

- New rules went into place this summer
 - Lots of confusion and unresolved issues
 - 3 people on the lines at all times
 - Processing times are very fast
 - Making certain the team is prepared and well cared for
 - Complicated regulations

Maine Teacher Residency Program, University of Southern Maine

- Flynn Ross and Amy Johnson provided an overview of this program.

Learning Facilitator Program, Eastern Maine Community College

- Megan London and Jane Loxterkamp presented a review of this program. Supporting documents were provided to committee members prior to the meeting.

Annual Reports:

The Certification and Higher Education Committee reviewed and discussed the following Annual Reports submitted by EPPs:

- University of Southern Maine
- University of Maine at Presque Isle
- Thomas College

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 10:30 AM.

Other Business:

Committee member Thomas Keller provided a handout on MDOE Educator Preparation Program Review Annual Program Update. We will review and discuss this handout at our January 25, 2023 meeting.

Adjournment:

The November 16, 2022, Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Bourget, Office Specialist
Maine State Board of Education