



Certification and Higher Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the October 5, 2021 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a special meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, virtually via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Wendy Ault; Wilson Hess; Victoria Kornfield; and Fern Desjardins (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; Angel Loredo, Director of Office of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Jaci Holmes, Federal State Legislative Liaison (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board of Education Secretary Specialist.

Guests: Gay Anne McDonald, Executive Director, MADSEC

Chair, Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 1:53 PM.

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

The focus of the October 5, 2021 special meeting was stated:

- Continue the review of Statement of Factual and Policy Basis and Summary of Comments/Responses – State Board of Education Chapter 115, Part I Standards and Procedures for Credentialing, Part II Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Chapter 115 Comment/Response Review:

- The Committee continued review of comments and responses for Chapter 115. At the September 30, 2021 special meeting, the Committee ended with Comment #4 (commenter #16). The Committee determined a need for further discussion on Adaptive PE at today's meeting.

The Committee discussed the merits of APE Certification and recognized the expertise provided by this endorsement.

MOTION by Victoria Kornfield, seconded by Wendy Ault, and voted two in favor with one member opposed (Wilson Hess) to reinstate Adaptive Physical Education as an endorsement.

Comment #8 (World Languages) – April Perkins, DOE, joined the meeting and briefed the Committee on American Sign Language (ASL) and the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

The Committee ended review on Comment 25.

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Chapter 115 Comments and Responses

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

Adjournment:

The October 5, 2021 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 3:11 PM.

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