



Certification and Higher Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the October 8, 2020 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a virtual meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2020, via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Wendy Ault; Fern Desjardins; Jana Lapoint; Peter Geiger; and Wilson Hess (Board Members). Deputy Commissioner Chuhta; Karen Kusiak, Director Legislative Affairs; Angel Loreda, Director of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Stephanie Fyfe, Certification Coordinator; (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Specialist.

Guests: Carol Pelletier, Career Coordinator, Camden Hills; and Vicki Wallack, Communications Director, Maine School Management Association

Chair, Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

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

Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Chapter 115 Review:

The Certification and Higher Education Committee met on Tuesday, October 6 and the full Consensus-based Rulemaking Committee met on Wednesday, October 7 to review the feedback of the C&HE Committee.

The focus of the October 8, 2020 meeting was stated:

- Revisions to Section 4 Administrator Certificates
- Educational Specialists Proposed Changes
 - 071 Library Media Specialist
 - 093 School Psychologist
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Proposal

Section 4: Administrator Certificates:

At the October 6, 2020 C&HE special meeting, the Committee reviewed Section 4: Administrator Certificates and made suggested changes. Deputy Commissioner Chuhta reviewed the minor revisions (clarifying the professional standards) made by the Consensus-based Chapter 115 Committee Administrator group so the C&HE Committee members could look at what type of agreement was reached by the administrator folks.

Educational Specialist – Library Media Specialist and School Psychologist:

Karen Kusiak, DOE, presented the proposed changes to the Library Media Specialist and the School Psychologist Certificates.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Certificates and Endorsements:

Carol Pelletier, Mid-Coast School of Technology, Member of the Consensus-based Rulemaking Committee presented the CTE proposals.

Following much discussion, Deputy Commissioner Chuhta will take suggested revisions for all proposals to the Consensus-based Rulemaking Committee to review the feedback of the C&HE Committee.

An updated version of each proposal will be sent to C&HE Committee members prior to the October 26th Committee meeting.

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Update of minor changes to SECTION 4: Administrator Certificates (clarifying the professional standards)
- 3) SECTION 3: Teachers and Educational Specialists: Career and Technical Education Certificates and Endorsements
- 4) Educational Specialists: 071 Library Media Specialist and 093 School Psychologist

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

Special Committee meetings scheduled to review Chapter 115 - October 26 and October 29 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM via Zoom.

Adjournment:

The October 8, 2020 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM.