



**Certification and Higher Education Committee**  
Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the September 1, 2021 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a special meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 virtually via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair, Wendy Ault; Wilson Hess; Victoria Kornfield; and Fern Desjardins (Board Members). Angel Loreda, Director of Office of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Jason Libby, Postsecondary and Educator Preparation Coordinator, Office of Higher Education and Educator Support Services; Stephanie Fyfe, Certification Coordinator (Department of Education) and Mary Becker, State Board of Education Secretary Specialist.

Chair, Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

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

The focus of the September 1, 2021 special meeting was stated:

- Strategic Five-Year Plan

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment

**Strategic Plan:**

- The Committee reviewed flip chart notes from the 2021 SBE Retreat and discussed and goals.
  - See rule Chapter 115 through completion – final adoption by June of 2022 (milestone)
  - Opening of rule Chapter 114 – final adoption by June 2023 (milestone)
    - Teacher supply shortage/quality teachers
    - Opening of rule Chapter 114 needs to be concise, effective and prompt
    - Rule Chapter 115 needs to be complete before opening Chapter 114
    - APA process takes six months
    - Would a consensus-based approach be considered for Chapter 114?
      - Routine Technical – does not go before the legislature
      - Chapter 114 has less stakeholders – postsecondary and higher education groups

**University of New England Team Review:**

- The University of New England (UNE) will undergo a Chapter 114 review of its educator preparation programs in September of 2021 and the review team names need to go before the full State Board of Education for acceptance. Wendy Ault will be the State Board Observer. The Committee agreed to present an exhibit to the full Board on September 15, 2021.

**Meeting Handouts:**

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Flip Chart Notes from 2021 SBE Retreat
- 3) Template for Five-Year Strategic Plan 2021-2026

The next regular Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for today, Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 10:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

**Adjournment:**

The September 1, 2021 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

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