



**Certification and Higher Education Committee**  
Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the September 23, 2021 Special Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a special meeting on Thursday, September 23, 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 Loreda, 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; Vicki Wallack, Director of Communications and Government Relations, MSMA; and Steven Bailey, Executive Director, MSMA

Chair, Wendy Ault called the meeting to order at 11:33 AM.

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

The focus of the September 23, 2021 special meeting was stated:

- Continue review of comments and responses from the public hearing and comment period on rule Chapter 115.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment

**Review of Chapter 115 Comments and Responses:**

The Committee continued review of Rule Chapter 115 comments and responses for the following topics:

- Grade Spans - updating
- Special Education
- Adaptive Physical Education (APE) Endorsement
- Review of highlighted sections of document
- Teachers and Educational Specialists: Career and Technical Education (CTE) Certificates and Endorsements
  - Requirements for all Pathways – ended with Comment #6, on page #12

**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 September 23, 2021 Special Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Secretary Specialist,  
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