



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education

Minutes of the May 23, 2012 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson (Board Members); Mark Cyr and Harry Osgood (DOE Staff) and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate.

Guest: Cathy Owens-Oliver by phone

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Nancy Perkins, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2012 meeting as written.

Updates

➤ Certification (Mark Cyr):

- Mark went over the proposed changes in tests/scores for Chapter 13

MOTION by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Nancy Perkins, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the new scale for Latin and Theatre.

MOTION by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Nancy Perkins, and unanimously voted by those present to switch the current content knowledge/Praxis II test used for the general elementary endorsement to a new test called "Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects" and to accept the standard recommended cut scores established during the multi-state standard setting study conducted on this new exam.

➤ Higher Education (Harry Osgood):

- Harry shared the time line for the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) process for Chapter 114: PURPOSE, STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREPARATION PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATION PERSONNEL: This Chapter contains the State Board of Education standards and procedures for the review and approval of preparation programs for education personnel.

➤ Educational Testing Services (ETS) Discussion on Praxis II - Music (Cathy Owens-Oliver):

Cathy joined the meeting by phone.

- The Committee revisited cut scores among the New England States. They looked at the process of aligning Maine with other New England States for reciprocity purposes. The other New England States are adopting Praxis II tests with constructed responses.

➤ Handouts:

- Timeline for APA Process – Chapter 114
- 3-Year Historical Data – All Praxis Titles
- Chapter 13 – Proposed Changes in Tests/Scores

The Committee will participate in the alternative pathways stakeholder group.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 26, 2012 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.