

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 23-24, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Members present at January 23 committee meetings: Bierne, Boothe, Enger, Henry, Kellerer, Lakey-Campbell, Meyer, Mikolajczyk, Nelson, Nuckols, Ritter, Roark, Sakota, Van Mullem, Welton. SDE staff present: Haas, Lackey, Markland, Raney, Schwab. Absent: Allred, Quarles. Guests: Terah Moore, Andy Snook.

Members present at the January 24 general meeting: Enger, Henry, Kellerer, Lakey-Campbell, Meyer, Mikolajczyk, Nelson, Nuckols, Ritter, Roark, Sakota, Van Mullem, Welton. SDE staff present: Haas, Lackey, Markland, Raney, Schwab. Absent: Allred, Bierne, Boothe, Quarles. Guests: Allison McClintick, Andy Snook.

Christina Linder (former Commission administrator) and Katie Rhodenbaugh (former Professional Standards coordinator) have resigned from the Department of Education. Taylor Raney, former representative for Elementary Principals on the Commission, has been hired as the new Commission administrator.

AGENDA REVIEW/REVISIONS/APPROVAL

M/S (Bierne/Nuckols): To approve the January 23-24, 2014, Commission meeting agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S (Mikolajczyk/Nelson): To approve the October 17-18, 2013, Commission meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF STIPULATIONS/FINAL ORDERS BY FULL COMMISSION

Deputy Attorney General Andy Snook provided the Commission with the Stipulation listed below. The Stipulation was agreed to by the respective respondent and was recommended by Andy Snook and the Executive Committee for adoption by the Commission. The Commission members reviewed the Stipulation at the meeting and, having no questions or requests for discussion, voted as follows:

M/S (Enger/Lakey-Campbell): To accept the proposed Stipulation as written and enter the accompanying Consent Order in Case #21319 regarding the certificate of Melissa Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Commission members Bierne, Henry, Meyer, Nelson, Ritter, and Sakota were recused from voting.

Andy Snook provided the Commission with the Stipulation listed below. The Stipulation was agreed to by the respective respondent and was recommended by Andy Snook and

the Executive Committee for adoption by the Commission. The Commission members reviewed and discussed the Stipulation at the meeting and voted as follows:

M/S (Roark/Enger): To reject the proposed Stipulation in Case #21230 regarding the certificate of Rebecca Hunsaker on the grounds that remanding the case back to the Executive Committee for reconsideration of the case in light of the distinction between teaching certification and administrative certification is appropriate. Motion carried unanimously. Commission members Bierne, Henry, Meyer, Nelson, Ritter, and Sakota were recused from voting.

Andy Snook provided the Commission with the Stipulation listed below. The Stipulation was agreed to by the respective respondent and was recommended by Andy Snook and the Executive Committee for adoption by the Commission. The Commission members reviewed and discussed the Stipulation at the meeting and voted as follows:

M/S (Enger/Kellerer): To accept the proposed Stipulation as written and enter the accompanying Consent Order in Case #21229 regarding the certificate of Summer Rae Larsen. Motion failed for lack of a majority vote. Commission members Bierne, Henry, Meyer, Nelson, Ritter, and Sakota were recused from voting.

M/S (Kellerer/Nuckols): To reject the proposed Stipulation as written in Case #21229 regarding the certificate of Summer Rae Larsen and consider amendments based on Commission discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Commission members Bierne, Henry, Meyer, Nelson, Ritter, and Sakota were recused from voting.

(The following motion made on the second day of the Commission meeting.)

M/S (Enger/Nuckols): To accept the proposed Stipulation as written and enter the accompanying Consent Order in Case #21229 regarding the certificate of Summer Rae Larsen. Motion carried unanimously. Commission members Bierne, Henry, Meyer, Nelson, Ritter, and Sakota were recused from voting.

Andy Snook provided the Commission with the Stipulation listed below. The Stipulation was agreed to by the respective respondent and was recommended by Andy Snook and the Executive Committee for adoption by the Commission. The Commission members reviewed and briefly discussed the Stipulation at the meeting and voted as follows:

M/S (Welton/Nuckols): To accept the proposed Stipulation as written and enter the accompanying Consent Order in Case #21317 regarding the certificate of Kathryn Haderlie. Motion carried unanimously. Commission members Bierne, Henry, Meyer, Nelson, Ritter, and Sakota were recused from voting.

Andy Snook provided the Commission with the Stipulation listed below. The Stipulation was agreed to by the respective respondent and was recommended by Andy Snook and the Executive Committee for adoption by the Commission. The Commission members reviewed the Stipulation at the meeting and, having no questions or requests for discussion, voted as follows:

M/S (Enger/Boothe): To accept the proposed Stipulation as written and enter the accompanying Consent Order in Case #21332 regarding the certificate of Alina Jensen. Motion carried unanimously. Commission members Bierne, Henry, Kellerer, Meyer, Nelson, Ritter, and Sakota were recused from voting.

Snook provided the Commission with the Stipulation listed below. The Stipulation was agreed to by the respective respondent and was recommended by Andy Snook and the Executive Committee for adoption by the Commission. The Commission members reviewed the Stipulation at the meeting and, having no questions or requests for discussion, voted as follows:

M/S (Lakey-Campbell/Enger): To accept the proposed Stipulation as written and enter the accompanying Consent Order in Case #21306 regarding the certificate of Susan Chandler. Motion carried unanimously. Commission members Bierne, Henry, Meyer, Nelson, Ritter, and Sakota were recused from voting.

Andy Snook presented a proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order for consideration by the Commission. Andy reviewed the content of the proposed order and answered questions from Commission members. He also recommended the adoption of the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as presented and that the Commission enter an order revoking the certificate of Rebecca Penn based upon her alleged misconduct.

M/S (Kellerer/Mikolajczyk): To accept the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as written and enter the accompanying Final Order in Case #21331 regarding the revocation of the certificate of Rebecca Penn. Motion carried unanimously. Commission members Bierne, Henry, Meyer, Nelson, Ritter, and Sakota were recused from voting.

Andy Snook presented a proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order for consideration by the Commission. Andy reviewed the content of the proposed order and answered questions from Commission members. He also recommended the adoption of the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as presented and that the Commission enter an order permanently revoking the certificate of Mark Saltzer based upon his alleged misconduct.

M/S (Mikolajczyk/Nuckols): To accept the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as written and enter the accompanying Final Order in Case #21222 regarding the permanent revocation of the certificate of Mark Saltzer. Motion carried unanimously. Commission members Bierne, Enger, Henry, Meyer, Nelson, Ritter, and Sakota were recused from voting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Taylor Raney (unless indicated otherwise) reported on the following.

1. There has been some reorganization in Certification/Professional Standards in light of the resignations of Christina Linder and Katie Rhodenbaugh. Members received a summary of current staff job descriptions reflecting the reorganization.
2. Taylor and Commission members discussed the need for better communication with constituents regarding Commission work. It was mentioned that guidelines may be needed on amount of information to share and appropriate information recipients; one information source is essential for consistency; not all information is appropriate for all constituents; some organizations don't have a means of communicating with all of their members; sometimes there is insufficient detail for appropriate constituency feedback; and including an article in an organization magazine or a blurb/link in the Department of Education weekly newsletter is a possibility. Taylor agreed to provide a communication document all Commission members understand, thus alerting new members to our communication expectations of them. He will share the document with the Leadership Team and possibly the full Commission. Taylor requested that members ask their constituencies what their communication needs are and report that to him.
3. Results of current legislative consideration of document revisions proposed by review teams are as follows:

Code of Ethics – approved with a title added for each principle and minor verbiage revisions.

Gifted and Talented Standards – approved.

Library Media Specialist Standards – approved with a name change from Library Media Specialist to Teacher Librarian.

Literacy Standards – approved with an increase from 20 to 21 semester credit hours with the requirement of seven full courses.

School Administrator Standards and Superintendent, Principal, and Special Education Director Endorsements – approved.

Driver Education Endorsement – approved as a stand-alone certificate of completion to be received after a workshop; no longer an endorsement.

English Language Arts Standards – rejected with an increase from 20 to 45 semester credit hours; will revert to the former requirement of 20 semester credit hours; to become a Standards Committee discussion item once again.

4. TJ Bliss will make a presentation on the Smarter Balanced Assessment effort at the March Commission meeting. Taylor made note of the fact that the State Board of Education has approved Superintendent Luna's proposal to make administration of the Smarter Balanced Field Test to 9th and 10th graders optional this spring.

5. Work on tiered licensure continues with an upcoming meeting in mid-February of the Tiered Licensure Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Becky Meyer reported that Roger Quarles is leading, Christina Linder remains on the committee, and several legislators are involved. The committee has heard from experts in multiple states on their tiered licensure systems. Funding is being discussed, as well as implementation of such a system. At this point, only teacher tiered licensure is being discussed; administrator tiered licensure will be upcoming.
6. Cina Lackey and Taylor will attend the NASDTEC Winter Symposium in early February. The School Psychologist standards will be reviewed/revise on March 6-7.

NTEP GRANT PRESENTATION

Taylor Raney updated the Commission on the two-year pilot that Idaho, along with six other states, has been selected to participate in. The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) created the Network for Transforming Educator Preparation (NTEP) to support these seven states that are ready to take action in three key policy areas (licensure; educator preparation program approval; and data collection, analysis, and reporting) to ensure all educators are learner-ready. This is a Gates-funded grant opportunity, and it is founded on research-based tenets of teacher preparation.

Taylor emphasized that Idaho's educators in the past were not poorly prepared; the state is simply moving forward with new ways of preparing educators using the tenets. Our work through the grant will be 1) aligned with the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) Standards that were adopted in Idaho in April of 2013 and 2) informed by the Tiered Licensure TAC from the Governor's Task Force Recommendations. Much of the work had been identified by the Idaho Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) Coalition, a voluntary collaboration of two- and four-year universities meeting for the past two years on how to better prepare quality teachers and administrators and committed to piloting the identified goals of the NTEP grant. Action items are being identified, and work has begun on elements in the three key policy areas mentioned above. Through this effort, the manner in which we prepare educators will be changed, and their learning will be sustained through a continuum from preservice to inservice.

ETHICS SYMPOSIUM UPDATE

Annette Schwab updated the Commission on the Ethics Symposium held in October. The purpose of the symposium was to begin a conversation on ethics with stakeholders and measure the status of the ethics issue in Idaho. There was good stakeholder representation at the event, the presenter was well received, and all who attended agreed that there was a need for this type of discussion. In an effort to determine next steps, Taylor Raney will communicate with Christina Linder and Senator John Goedde, both of

whom attended, regarding a vision for moving forward. Annette agreed to provide Taylor with a list of the symposium participants.

STATE BOARD REPORT

Allison McClintick distributed to Commission members a 2014 higher education fact book put forth by the State Board. She called member attention to the following: page 3 – only 35 percent of Idaho citizens between the ages of 25 and 34 have an associate's degree or higher; page 4 - Idaho (along with Maine and Delaware) is one of only three states that pays for every student to take the SAT; Idaho's go-to-college rate dropped from 49 percent to 46 percent between 2012 and 2013; page 5 – the board and Idaho higher education institutions are working hard to transform remediation at the postsecondary level; the strategy to do so includes establishing consistent practices for placement in credit-bearing courses at all public higher education institutions and providing institutions a choice of models to deliver remedial education based on national best practices. A member asked if graduating seniors who choose to go on a religious mission prior to enrolling in college are taken into consideration when compiling the statistics; Allison agreed to check into that.

AUTHORIZATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair Mikki Nuckols reported that on December 5, 2013, via a teleconference, the Authorizations Committee recommended that the Commission, at its January 23-24, 2014, meeting, approve the following new Teacher to New Certificate/Endorsement requests (for the 2013-2014 school year):

BAIRD, Kira, Jerome Joint #261, Mathematics 6-9
BAUMANN, Blair, Emmett #221, Economics 6-12
BERG, Patrick, Nampa #131, Principal
BERRY, Lisa, Madison #321, Generalist K-12
BRAND, Jody, Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency, Generalist K-12
BROWN, Barbara, Gooding Joint #231, Generalist K-12
BUCKLES, Joseph, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, Basic Mathematics 6-12
ECKERT, John, Pocatello Community Charter #777, All Subjects K-8
EDMUNSON, Cletus, New Plymouth #372, Economics 6-12
HOWARD, Derek, Filer #413, Economics 6-12
HUBBARD, Christine, Idaho Falls #91, American Government
JAMES, Dan, Mountain Home #193, Generalist K-12
JOHNSON, Tima, Vallivue #139, Physical Science 6-9
KRUMPEN, Julie, Teton County #401, Physical Education K-12
LEE, Theron, Cassia County Joint #151, Biology
LESTER, Janell, Melba Joint #136, Birth-Grade 3
LUQUE, Sheila, Meridian Joint #2, Library Media Specialist K-12
LUTZ, Nellie, Lake Pend Oreille #84, Music K-12
MACKOWSKI, Hattie, Twin Falls #411, Mathematics 6-12
MECHAM, Luke, Madison #321, Generalist K-12
MOYER, LaRee, Teton County #401, Generalist K-12

NIELSON, Lacy Jo, North Gem #149, Business Technology Education 6-12
 NOBLE, Matthew, Pocatello #25, Economics 6-12
 PEARSON, Stacey, Caldwell #132, Generalist K-12
 PECK, Jayme, Twin Falls #411, Physical Science 6-12
 PICKETT, Arvil, Butte County Joint #111, Natural Science
 REEDER, Vance, West Side Joint #202, Basic Mathematics 6-12; Economics 6-12
 RINGLE, David, Cassia County Joint #151, Health
 SCHWAB, Travis, Madison #321, Director of Special Education
 SELBY, Karina, Coeur d'Alene #271, Basic Mathematics 6-9
 SLETTELAND, Marianne, Potlatch #285, Generalist K-12
 SMITH, Colin, Shoshone Joint #312, English 6-9
 STOKER, Wendy, Jerome Joint #261, Counselor 6-12
 ULRICH, Cory, Lake Pend Oreille #84, Mathematics 6-12
 WALDEMARSON, Bonnie, Culdesac Joint #342, Physical Science 6-12
 WERT, Brandy, Wendell #232, Library Media Specialist K-12
 WHIPPLE, Stephanie, Oneida County #351, Biology 6-12; Health 6-12
 YOUNG, Jaclyn, Meridian Joint #2, Generalist K-12

On December 5, 2013, via a teleconference, the Authorizations Committee recommended that the Commission, at its January 23-24, 2014, meeting, approve the following renewal Teacher to New Certificate/Endorsement requests (for the 2013-2014 school year):

CHALFANT McKEVITT, Jane, Boise #1, Gifted and Talented K-12 (2)
 CHRISTENSEN, Stephanie, North Gem #149, Birth-Grade 3 (3)
 DODGE, Mark, North Gem #149, Physical Education K-12; Economics 6-12; American Government/Political Science 6-12 (3)
 GIBBONS, Lucinda, Bonneville Joint #93, Generalist K-12 (3)
 KOLSEN, Teresa, Bonneville Joint #93, Generalist K-12 (2)
 LEAVITT, Staci, Meridian Joint #2, Economics 6-12 (2)
 MAHLKE, Tami, Twin Falls #411, Library Media Specialist K-12 (2)
 MARTIN, Kimberly, Bonneville Joint #93, All Subjects K-8 (2)
 MOUNT, Andrew, Caldwell #132, Mathematics 6-12 (2)
 PERKINS, Gretchen, Caldwell #132, Library Media Specialist K-12 (2)
 SMITH, Brandy, Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency, School Counselor (2)
 STITT, Lisa, Boise #1, Gifted and Talented K-12 (2)
 WATTS, Renee, Nampa #131, Generalist K-12 (4)
 WILLIAMS, Hope, Oneida County #351, Mathematics 6-12 (2)

During the above-mentioned December 5, 2013, teleconference, the Authorizations Committee recommended that the Commission, at its January 23-24, 2014, meeting approve 37 Provisional Authorizations; 9 Alternative Authorizations – Content Specialist; and 2 Alternative Authorizations – Pupil Personnel Services (for the 2013-2014 school year).

During its January 23-24, 2014, meeting, the Authorizations Committee recommended that the Commission approve the following new Teacher to New Certificate/Endorsement requests (for the 2013-2014 school year):

ACKLEY, Douglas, Kuna Joint #3, Health 6-12
 BALL, Christopher, Bonneville Joint #93, Natural Science 6-12
 BARBER, Mathew, Bonneville Joint #93, Natural Science 6-12
 BEAN, David, Rockland #382, Social Studies 6-12
 BRADSHAW, Chester, Rockland #382, Superintendent
 COOK, Megan, Kuna Joint #3, Generalist K-12
 FARNSWORTH, Corey, Wings Charter School #467, Mathematics 6-12
 GOCHENOUR, Dustin, Marsing Joint #363, Physical Education 6-12
 GOWAN, Colin, Vallivue #139, English
 HARRIS, Matthew, Heritage Community Charter School #481, Foreign Language 6-12
 HEPWORTH, Dane, Rockland #382, Natural Science 6-12
 HOWARD, Carolyn, North Star Charter School #783, Generalist K-12
 JARDINE, Janson, Sugar-Salem Joint #322, Natural Science 6-12
 JOLLEY, Daren, Firth #59, Generalist K-12
 JONES, Michael, Lewiston #340, Health 6-12
 JOYCE, Brian, Council #13, Spanish 6-12
 KING, Gaven, Nampa #131, Physical Science 6-12
 MARKHAM, Carrie, Bruneau-Grandview Joint #365, Generalist K-12
 OBERG, Kristy, Wings Charter School #467, Principal
 PIERSON, Jaime, Bonneville Joint #93, All Subjects K-8
 REGGEAR, Kelly, Orofino Joint #171, Generalist K-12
 SPENCER, Nathan, Melba Joint #136, English as a New Language K-12
 STACY, Dorie, Orofino Joint #171, Counselor K-12
 WALLACE, Chad, Mountain Home #193, History
 WARD, Jessie, Bonneville Joint #93, Health 6-12

During its January 23-24, 2014, meeting, the Authorizations Committee recommended that the Commission approve the following renewal Teacher to New Certificate/Endorsement requests (for the 2013-2014 school year):

BROYLES, James, St. Maries Joint #41, Spanish K-12 (2)
 CHRISTENSEN, Laurali, Another Choice Charter School #476, Social Studies (2)
 CIRKA, Jeffrey, Potlatch #285, Superintendent (2)
 DEVORE, Roy, Mountain Home #193, Mathematics 6-12 (2)
 DILLON, Jeff, Wilder #133, Superintendent (2)
 HANEY, LeaAnne, Vallivue #139, Generalist K-12 (3)
 JEWETT, Randell, Camas County #121, American Government/Political Science 6-12 (2)
 MILES, Michelle, Firth #59, Art 6-12 (2)
 MINK, Jodie, Cambridge Joint #432, Natural Science 6-12 (3)
 SIMONS, Edward, Vallivue #139, Health 6-12 (2)
 TURRILL, Linda, Orofino Joint #171, Family and Consumer Science 6-12 (2)
 VIAN, Robert, Orofino Joint #171, Superintendent (2)
 VOGT, Klaire, Troy #287, Principal (2)

During its January 23-24, 2014, meeting, the Authorizations Committee recommended that the Commission approve 19 Provisional Authorizations and 3 Alternative Authorizations – Content Specialist (for the 2013-2014 school year).

The Commission ACCEPTED the report of the Authorizations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Mikki Nuckols reported the committee is working with Melissa McGrath in the Department of Education to have professional development sources for educators included on the department website. Members were encouraged to email any professional development suggestions, opportunities, or websites to nuckolsm@d93.k12.id.us or mrmcgrath@sde.idaho.gov. Melissa will also include on the website any professional development information in the department's weekly newsletter. It was suggested that a link to the professional development sources may be more practical, and it was asked if it would be possible to get feedback on the professional development opportunities.

The Commission ACCEPTED the report of the Professional Development Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

Budget Subcommittee Chair Anne Ritter reported that the excess expenditures in the Commission budget have been in line items (ethics case investigations, program approval reviews, etc.) that the Commission is statutorily obligated to perform. She added that the Commission will need to watch those expenditures, but reducing those line items will not be easily accomplished. Additionally, with the professional development grant elimination, the Commission will have more available funds at the end of the fiscal year than it may appear.

The Commission ACCEPTED the report of the Budget Subcommittee. Motion carried unanimously.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Standards Committee Chair Paula Kellerer reported on the following committee discussion items (unless indicated otherwise):

1. The committee once again discussed the topic of assessing non-Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Idaho institutions \$2,000 per year to help in defraying the cost of program approval reviews.

The Commission PASSED the Standards Committee's recommendation to approve the assessment of \$2,000 annually to a higher education institution not nationally accredited to defray the costs of the state to conduct a national review.

2. The committee reviewed/discussed Idaho Code 33-1212 and 33-100, which specify that school social work-endorsed individuals can serve as elementary school counselors but not as middle school counselors. An option of the Teacher to New alternative certification route does allow school social workers to serve as middle school counselors. The committee concluded that resolution of this issue lies beyond the scope of its work and suggested a district waiver process for current school social workers (28 individuals) to remain in their current middle school counseling assignments.

The Commission PASSED the Standards Committee's recommendation to approve district waivers seeking the grandfathering of current school social workers assigned to middle school counseling positions.

Andy Snook agreed that the Commission position of offering a waiver process in this situation was defensible.

3. The committee discussed which Praxis exam(s) should be used to meet the Physical Science composite endorsement requirement in light of the fact that Educational Testing Service (ETS) is discontinuing the Physical Science Praxis exam. Following full Commission discussion, Taylor Randy first agreed to determine the direction the Department of Education is taking regarding the implementation of the new Generation Science Standards and their alignment with Praxis tests.
4. Dr. Terah Moore made a presentation to the committee on the College of Idaho's English as a New Language (ENL) new program proposal. The committee commended the College of Idaho for its thorough preparation of the proposal.

The Commission PASSED the Standards Committee's recommendation to conditionally approve the College of Idaho English as a New Language new program proposal.

5. Dr. Paula Kellerer made a presentation to the committee on Northwest Nazarene University's ENL new program proposal. The proposal was well prepared and provided clear documentation of meeting standards.

M/S (Roark/Enger): To approve the Standards Committee's recommendation to conditionally approve the Northwest Nazarene University English as a New Language new program proposal.

Paula Kellerer abstained from voting.

6. The committee reviewed/considered the state team report and the NCATE report resulting from the University of Idaho full program onsite review conducted on April 6-9, 2013.

M/S (Enger/Roark): To recommend to the State Board the approval of the University of Idaho program with the conditions outlined in the state team report as listed below.

Core Standards – Reviewed but Not Subject to Approval

Elementary Education – Approved

Early Childhood/Special Education Blended – Approved

Special Education – Approved

English Language Arts – Approved

Reading – Not Approved

Mathematics – Approved

Social Studies – Reviewed but Not Subject to Approval

- **Economics – Approved**
- **Geography – Approved**
- **Government/Civics – Approved**
- **History – Approved**

Science – Reviewed but Not Subject to Approval

- **Biology – Approved**
- **Chemistry – Approved**
- **Earth and Space Science – Approved**
- **Physics – Approved**

Modern Languages – Approved

Visual/Performing Arts – Reviewed but Not Subject to Approval

- **Visual Arts – Approved**
- **Music – Approved – Target**

Physical Education – Approved – Target

Health Education – Approved

Professional-Technical – Reviewed but Not Subject to Approval

- **Agricultural Science and Technology – Approved**
- **Business Technology – Approved**
- **Technology Education – Approved**
- **Marketing Education – Approved**

Administration – Reviewed but Not Subject to Approval

- **School Superintendent – Approved**
- **Special Education Director – Approved**

Gifted and Talented Education – Conditionally Approved

Library Media Specialist – Conditionally Approved

7. For information purposes, Paula shared the annual updates to the Praxis exams for the 2014-2015 testing year.

The Commission APPROVED the Standards Committee’s recommendation to direct Cina Lackey to complete and submit to Educational Testing Service the required Praxis paperwork associated with the updates to Praxis exams for the 2014-2015 testing year.

8. The committee discussed the recent legislative rejection of the increase in the English endorsement requirement from 20 to 45 semester credit hours. The

increase had been proposed by content experts based on their professional opinion of the content needed to be a highly qualified English teacher. Rather than responding with a counter proposal, the committee discussed developing a philosophy to guide standards/endorsement work/recommendations. It is the philosophy of the Commission to create standards and endorsement recommendations supporting the preparation of highly qualified/highly effective teachers, such as in using an outcomes-based approach.

9. The committee reviewed/discussed a new Boise State University Computer Science endorsement that had been submitted and noted deficiencies in the materials provided.

The Commission APPROVED the Standards Committee’s recommendation to recognize the proposal as submitted as partially complete. The proposal appeared to provide evidence of the standards addressed, but the other eight core teaching standards and the other two domains must be addressed.

The Commission ACCEPTED the report of the Standards Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Dan Sakota reported that the Executive Committee met with Andy Snook, Shannon Haas, Taylor Raney, and Annette Schwab to discuss ethics case information.

M/S (Bierne/Ritter): To move the Executive Committee into Executive Session to review and discuss investigation records exempt from disclosure as prescribed by Idaho Code §67-2345(d). Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Snook reviewed the cases needing Executive Committee decisions.

M/S (Nelson/Meyer): To move the Executive Session of the Executive Committee into Open Session to vote on investigation records exempt from disclosure as prescribed by Idaho Code §67-2345(d). Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Dan Sakota reported that the Executive Committee reviewed 9 cases and found Probable Cause in 8 of those. There are currently 7 cases under investigation, 9 cases pending stipulation, 6 cases in which the administrative complaints are to be filed, 1 case in which the administrative complaint has been filed, and 8 default cases.

Cases closed included the following:

- #21217 - Letter of Reprimand with Conditions
- #21321 - No Probable Cause with Warning Letter
- #21328 - No Probable Cause with Warning Letter to District

Committee members discussed a “case closed” letter proposed by Taylor Raney; a standard discipline/form letter when certification/recertification applicants fail to report prior certification irregularities/legal convictions or renewal credits taken; and the need for more space for naming classes taken for renewal credits on the recertification application. Commission staff will make needed revisions to the “case closed” letter and bring it back for committee consideration in March. It was decided that certification/recertification applicants who fail to report needed information on the application would be denied certification. There will be additional space added on the recertification application for naming renewal credit classes.

The full Commission briefly discussed the individual chosen as the Idaho Teacher of the Year. It was requested that Taylor Raney send that person a letter from the Commission congratulating him on the award he received; Taylor agreed to do that.

The Commission ACCEPTED the report of the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dan Sakota reported that the Leadership Team met by teleconference on January 8. They discussed the January full Commission meeting agenda, budgets, recent Department of Education/Professional Standards Commission staffing changes, and the NTEP grant. Taylor Raney reported the possibility of a new hire to alleviate some of the more clerical aspects of the work of Cina Lackey and Annette Schwab. The team requested that the Commission receive updated staff job descriptions once they were firm. The team requested and Taylor agreed that he and Paula Kellerer would provide at the January Commission meeting a somewhat detailed overview of the NTEP grant and work being accomplished by the IHE Coalition. The 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Commission annual reports are completed and will be emailed to members; they will also be submitted for information purposes to the State Board for its February meeting.

The Commission ACCEPTED the report of the Leadership Team. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Professional Practices Institute

Commission members and staff who attended the NASDTEC Professional Practices Institute (PPI) in Boise on October 23-25 reported on the event. Commission members Cathy Bierne, Esther Henry, Laural Nelson, and Anne Ritter attended, but they reported that they did not find the conference particularly valuable to them as Executive Committee members. Commission staff members found the conference helpful. Annette Schwab appreciated being able to see what other states are doing in the area of ethics; Shannon Haas reported that Idaho has changed some of its procedures because of what was learned at PPIs and there were more attendees in 2013 than in previous years; Andy Snook participated as a panel member on a panel discussing employment versus

licensure; and Larry Callicutt found many of the sessions highly relevant to the scope of his responsibilities as an ethics investigator.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Terms of Service

Commission member terms of service (for constituency representation) ending in the near future because of term expiration/resignation include the following:

Special Education Administrator – As of 6/30/14, Clara Allred will have completed the partial term of her predecessor and is eligible to serve two additional 3-year terms of her own; she wishes to continue to serve.

Public Higher Education – As of 6/30/14, Diane Boothe will have completed her 3-year term; another nominee will be requested.

School Superintendent – As of 6/30/14, Laural Nelson will have completed the first of a 3-year term; she wishes to continue to serve.

Department of Education – Roger Quarles has resigned; a nominee will be requested to serve the remainder of that 3-year term that ends 6/30/15.

Elementary School Principal – Taylor Raney has resigned; a nominee will be requested to serve the remainder of that 3-year term that ends 6/30/15.

School Board Member – Anne Ritter will resign effective 6/30/14; a nominee will be requested to serve the remainder of that 3-year term that ends 6/30/15.

Secondary Classroom Teacher – As of 6/30/14, Dan Sakota will have completed the second of the two 3-year terms he is allowed to serve; a nominee will be requested to represent the constituency.

Nominations/renomination for the above-mentioned vacancies will be submitted for approval consideration at the April 16-17 State Board meeting.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

Items of interest in these meeting minutes for member communication to constituencies include the following:

- **Reorganization and New Director in Certification/Professional Standards in the Department of Education** (see page 1, ATTENDANCE, third paragraph; see page 3, ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, item 1).
- **Creation of New Commission Communication Plan.** Commission open to suggestions related to creating stronger plan of communication with stakeholders/constituencies (see page 3, ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, item 2).

- **Rules Update.** Legislature approves standards in four content areas; changes one endorsement; rejects standards in one content area (see page 3, ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, item 3).
- **Smarter Balanced Assessment.** Idaho's 9th and 10th graders not required to take field test this spring if districts opt out (see page 3, ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, item 4).
- **Tiered Licensure Technical Advisory Committee.** Multiple state programs for tiered licensure have been reviewed (see page 3, ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, item 5).
- **Standards Review Update.** Review of School Psychologist standards upcoming (see page 3, ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, item 6).
- **NTEP Grant Update.** Idaho one of seven states to receive 2-year grant; grant goals cover three areas (see page 5, NTEP GRANT PRESENTATION).
- **Professional Development Sources for Educators Can Be Included on Department of Education Website** (see page 9, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE).
- **Non-CAEP Institutions Assessed Annual Program Approval Fee** (see page 9, STANDARDS COMMITTEE, item 1).
- **School Social Workers Can No Longer Act as Middle School Counselors.** Those currently doing so can be grandfathered in through district waiver process (see page 9, STANDARDS COMMITTEE, item 2).
- **Physical Science Praxis Exam to Be Discontinued.** Appropriate Praxis exam(s) to meet Physical Science composite endorsement requirement to be determined (see page 9, STANDARDS COMMITTEE, item 3).
- **College of Idaho and Northwest Nazarene University Both Approved to Offer ENL Endorsement** (see page 9, STANDARDS COMMITTEE, items 4 and 5).

ADJOURNMENT

M/S (Van Mullem/Nuckols): To adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Mary Jane Markland, Secretary
Professional Standards Commission

Taylor Raney, Administrator
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