

**ILLINOIS STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD**

**Illinois State Board of Education  
State Board Room, Fourth Floor**

**Friday, November 2, 2007**

**Business Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order / Roll Call:**

Dr. Linda Tomlinson, Assistant Superintendent, called the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Mr. Dennis Williams, Secretary, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board, was asked to call the roll. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Dr. Linda Tomlinson, Assistant Superintendent (Representing Chairman Koch)  
Mr. Dennis Williams, Secretary

Muhammad Abdullah  
Denise Albrecht  
Richard Ammentorp  
Sheila Bowens

Eric Brown  
Deborah Curtis  
Elliott Lessen  
Sr. Colleen McNicholas

Linda Pellegrini  
Tamara Smith

**Members Absent:**

Carol Auer  
Caryn Block  
Stephen Breese  
Lawer Dixon, Jr.

Nina Dorsch  
Allen Ellington  
Lindy Greenlee  
Ascencion Juarez

Janet Pierce-Ritter

**Others Present:**

Ed Blue  
Wanda Bracy  
Glen Bryant  
Lydia Bullock  
Edwin Cehelnik  
Dianna Galante  
Pamela Guimond  
Mary Hagan

Nina Hamilton  
Kim Henke  
Deborah Hopper  
Mitch Hopper  
Linda Jamali  
Nancy Johnson  
Phyliss Jones  
Diane Lacopo

Daryl Morrison  
Patrick Murphy  
Melissa Phillips  
Lynn Steffen  
Kathryn Taylor  
Joy Taylor-Ankenbrandt  
Suzanne Walker

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The meeting minutes of the September 7, 2007, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board meeting was presented for consideration. Richard Ammentorp moved the September 7, 2007 minutes be approved. Sr. Colleen McNicholas seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Public Participation:**

None.

### **Facilitation Committee's Report:**

Richard Ammentorp, Chair of the Facilitation Committee, reported the Facilitation Committee met at 8:00 a.m. There were no changes made to the agenda.

Mr. Ammentorp asked if members of the State Teacher Certification Board would review its March 7, 2008 meeting date. This date is in conflict with the Illinois Education Association Representative Assembly (IEA RA). Certification Board teacher members of the IEA would like to propose moving the March 7, 2008 meeting to February 29, 2008. Linda Tomlinson indicated an email would be sent to members of the State Teacher Certification Board asking if there are any other meeting conflicts with the March 2008 date.

In response to an inquiry from the Facilitation Committee at the September 7, 2007 meeting of the State Teacher Certification Board, Linda Jamali, Division Administrator, Educator Certification Division, provided Certification Board members with a memorandum regarding Early Childhood Special Education Approvals. This memorandum will be sent to institutions of higher education with previously approved early childhood special education approvals as well as institutions of higher education who wish to pursue such approvals.

### **Item(s) for Immediate Action:**

#### **Rules Related to Certification**

Linda Tomlinson indicated that there are no rules related to certification at this time. However, she noted that a set of rules will be open for public comment beginning November 9, 2007, with regard to media services and other topics.

## New Program Proposal Recommendation(s)

### Governors State University – Secondary Math

Phyliss Jones, Principal Consultant, Educator Preparation and Recertification Division, introduced the following representatives from Governors State University: Dr. Ed Cehelnik, Acting Assistant Dean; Dr. Pamela Guimond, Assistant Professor of Biology Education and Co-Director of Teacher Quality Enhancement; and Dr. Dianna Galante, Associate Professor of Math and Program Coordinator.

Denise Albrecht raised a concern with regard to student teaching experience. It appears that candidates receive some exposure to the middle school in the pre-clinical observations. However, it was unclear if students who decide middle school is more of the direction they would like to move, would have an opportunity for student teaching experience assigned in a middle school or must be assigned high school exposure. Ms. Albrecht also asked university representatives share what kind of rural school experience candidates receive.

Elliott Lessen noted that university representatives talked as if this program was an initial high school certificate, and it is not a high school certificate. The certificate is a 6-12. As long as the candidates are engaged in middle school, and this is a new program, and a 6-12 certificate is issued, it would seem this would be an opportune time for the institution to require the middle school courses so that candidates can earn the entire 6-12 certificate at the time of graduation and not have to come back if they cannot obtain a high school position, but can obtain a middle school position.

Dr. Lessen referred to pages 11 and 19 of the program proposal referencing the conceptual framework. He asked that clarification be given to the conceptual framework for Governors State University. Dr. Lessen further asked how the dispositions are assessed throughout the program.

Dr. Lessen questioned that this is a new program, although it seems that students are already enrolled, and given that mathematics is a shortage area in the state, he asked if any consideration had been given as to how the program would dovetail with the Associate of Arts in Teaching degree that is offered by the community colleges.

Eric Brown asked for clarification regarding field experience programs – specifically Education 310, 440 and Special Education 510 ... He asked, “If there are a certain number of clock hours spent observing surrounding schools, how does one assess how the observations are relevant to that particular course?” In addition, Mr. Brown asked about the diversity of the cohort, and shared his concerns that, when looking at surrounding schools, Governors State University understands what diversity really means.

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education provisional approval of the Governors State University Secondary Math program, thereby authorizing the educational unit to conduct the

program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next scheduled Accreditation Review [Section 25.145 (d) (1)]. Denise Albrecht seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion.

After discussion Richard Ammentorp and Denise Albrecht withdrew their motions to recommend provisional approval of the Governors State University Secondary Math program.

Sr. Colleen McNicholas pointed out that until the program is approved candidates cannot be brought into the program.

Elliott Lessen moved that the State Teacher Certification Board table the Governors State University Secondary Math program. Sr. Colleen McNicholas seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### Greenville College – Reading Specialist

Phyliss Jones introduced the following representatives from Greenville College: Dr. Ed Blue, Dean; Kathryn Taylor, Co-Director of Graduate and Partnership Programs in Teacher Education; Suzanne Walker, Co-Director of Graduate and Partnership Programs in Teacher Education; Nancy Johnson, Committee Chair and Adjunct Instructor; Mary Hagan, Instructor; Glen Bryant, Instructor; and Kim Henke, Instructor.

Elliott Lessen commended Greenville College representatives with regard to their assessments.

Greenville College representatives shared that the New Program Proposal format document was very helpful in preparing the program proposal. Deborah Curtis asked if representatives felt there was enough reference with regard to the role of the conceptual framework and what is expected. Greenville College representatives would have liked to have seen more direction or specific details with regard to the conceptual framework.

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education provisional approval of the Greenville College Reading Specialist program, thereby authorizing the educational unit to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next scheduled Accreditation Review [Section 25.145 (d) (1)]. Eric Brown seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with one abstention.

#### Illinois State University – School Social Worker

Phyliss Jones introduced the following representatives from Illinois State University: Dr. Wanda Bracy, Director, School of Social Work; and Nina Hamilton, Director of Master of Social Work.

Elliott Lessen asked for clarification regarding the retention and the dispositions. He commended Illinois State University representatives on the rubric (416).

Eric Brown referred to page 23 of the program proposal and asked representatives to explain the following reference, "Candidates are admitted if they receive an average score of 35 and above." He wanted to know what the number 35 referred to.

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education provisional approval of the Illinois State University School Social Worker program, thereby authorizing the educational unit to conduct the program and to recommend candidates for certification by entitlement until the time of the institution's next scheduled Accreditation Review [Section 25.145 (d) (1)]. Tamara Smith seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with four abstentions.

#### Recommendation to Accept the National Family and Consumer Sciences Standards

Phyliss Jones introduced Deborah Hopper, Consultant for Family and Consumer Science, Career and Technical Education Division, Illinois State Board of Education, as Ms. Hopper was instrumental in this endeavor.

Ms. Jones stated that the National Association of Teacher Educators for Family and Consumer Sciences (NATEFCS) has not received its accreditation status (approval) from the accrediting bodies. NATEFCS can only be considered as advisory and should be removed from the agenda. Ms. Jones further asked that the wording for Standard 4 be removed from the agenda since further changes will be coming in the future.

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board in accordance with Section 25.127 (b)

1. Accept the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) standards with the choice of accrediting organization up to the institution and its FCS program
2. Illinois FCS Standards 1-3 be submitted to the State as an addendum
3. Illinois FCS indicators 8F-8J be submitted to the State as an addendum
4. Change wording in the Illinois FCS Standards as suggested:
  - a) STANDARD 8 – Nutrition, and Wellness, and Hospitality changed to Foods, Nutrition, and Wellness, and Hospitality
  - b) Indicator 10B. comprehends the use of housing and interior furnishings and products in meeting individual and family needs changed to comprehends the use of housing and interior services and products in meeting individual and family needs

Elliott Lessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### Proposals for Activities that Meet Requirements for Standard Certificate Eligibility

Sr. Colleen McNicholas moved that the revised list of “Proposals for Activities that Meet Requirements for Standard Certificate Eligibility” dated November 1, 2007, be approved. Richard Ammentorp seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (See Attachment)

### Renewal of Standard / Master Certificates (Group B List)

Linda Tomlinson reported there are no non-renewals on the Group B List at this time.

### **Item(s) for Information:**

#### Renewal of Standard / Master Certificates (Report – Group A List)

Dennis Williams reported that there were 913 recommendations for Standard / Master Certificates renewed in Group A for the period of September 1, 2007 through October 31, 2007.

(Note: Due to the size of the printout, the report is not attached to these minutes. If an individual would like to obtain a copy of the approved recommendations, please contact Dennis Williams, Secretary, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board.)

#### Moving from Initial to Standard Certificate

Dennis Williams reported that there were 408 recommendations for Initial Certificates moving to Standard Certificates for the period of September 1, 2007 through October 31, 2007.

#### New Foreign Languages

Phyliss Jones stated that the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign is adding Chinese (Mandarin) and Japanese to their approved foreign language programs.

#### Discontinuation of Programs

Phyliss Jones stated that Illinois State University is removing Social Science – Sociology and Anthropology as well as Social Science – Psychology.

Ms. Jones also shared that Concordia University wishes to remove all of its alternative certificate programs.

Deborah Curtis suggested that there be a collection of information as to why the alternative certification programs seem to be phasing out. Phyliss Jones recommended a survey might be developed in order to collect some of this information. Elliott Lessen indicated that it may be helpful to know how many individuals in the last five years have been certified via an alternative certification program in Illinois.

### Revocations and Suspensions

Dennis Williams reported the following:

#### Notices of Opportunity for Hearing

**Barry Kohl** – Administrative Certificate #1246982, Administrative Certificate #1209782, Secondary Certificate #1955026

**Kenneth Blouin** – Elementary Certificate #1905962, Secondary Certificate #1905963, Administrative Certificate #2255393

**Kevin Maves** – Substitute Certificate #2225644

#### Notification: Revocation of Certificates by State Superintendent

**Jennifer Brummett** – Initial Elementary Certificate #2073068, Initial Secondary Certificate #2073069

**Jason Ernsting** – Initial Secondary Certificate #1794009

**Jason Francis** – Substitute Certificate #2151832, Initial Secondary Certificate #2151834, Teacher's Aide Approval

**Thomas Grimm** – Administrative Certificate #1343363, Secondary Certificate #1821757

**Mark Roller** – Standard Special Certificate #2196683

**Samson Shelton** – Initial Elementary Certificate #1991326, Initial Secondary Certificate #1991328

**Jonathan A. Underwood** – Substitute Certificate #2100297

#### Notification: Suspension of Certificates

**Eric Hutt** – Standard Secondary Certificate #1866370, General Administrative Certificate #1454780

**Jason Krigas** – Standard Special Certificate #1837857, General Administrative Certificate #1595592

**Thaddeus Wordlaw** – Initial Elementary Certificate #1931070

Deborah Curtis asked if Certification Board members could receive some language as to how they (as Certification Board members) should answer questions regarding revocations and suspensions. Linda Tomlinson stated she would contact the Legal Department and ask if a statement could be provided with regard to this item.

**Chair and Secretary Report:**

Linda Tomlinson asked the State Teacher Certification Board for their support and assistance with several items including the (1) requirements and responsibilities for certification officers at institutions of higher education; (2) designees on accreditation visits; and (3) program review process for higher education and the training of program reviewers.

Dennis Williams stated that there is currently no back-log in the Educator Certification Division with regard to new applications. Mr. Williams also provided an update on the administrator/teacher/HOUSSE audits which have begun.

Elliott Lessen indicated that he received a telephone call from fellow Certification Board member, Carol Auer, asking that the review of new programs be looked at. The issue at hand is the “tabling of a program” versus “disapproval of a program”. There needs to be discussion regarding the program review process that allows the decision of approval, table or disapproval of programs.

Dr. Lessen also shared his concerns regarding the number of cancelled Certification Board meetings. He suggested that if meetings are cancelled, the time could be spent on training Certification Board members on the process for institution unit accreditation and program approval, discussion of the rules and/or other certification issues.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business, Elliott Lessen moved that the State Teacher Certification Board meeting adjourn. Tamara Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The State Teacher Certification Board meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVED

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Chairman

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Secretary

**Note:** Phyliss Jones distributed material for the December 6 Institution Unit Accreditation and Program Approval Audit Committee.

**ATTACHMENT**

**Proposals for “Induction and Mentoring Programs”  
to Meet Requirements for the Standard Certificate**

**Recommended for Approval by  
State Board of Education Staff**

**November 2007**

**School / County**

Amboy CUSD 272, Lee County

Lake Forest High School District 115, Lake County

Madison CUSD 12, Madison County

Monroe/Randolph ROE 45, Monroe and Randolph Counties