

State Teacher Certification Board Audit Committee

Phylliss Jones, Principal Consultant, Educator Preparation and Recertification Division, provided the State Teacher Certification Board members with a review of the decision-making process and overall procedural process for the accreditation and program approval of higher education institutions.

Elliott Lessen volunteered to serve as Facilitator of the Audit Committee for University of Illinois at Chicago and Saint Xavier University, and Nina Dorsch volunteered to serve as Facilitator for Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Deborah Curtis volunteered to serve as Recorder.

The Certification Board proceeded with the work before them. The institution unit accreditation and program approval recommendations of the following institutions were reviewed and discussed:

Continuing Institutional Accreditations and Program Approvals

- University of Illinois at Chicago
- Saint Xavier University
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

The following new program proposal recommendations were also reviewed and discussed:

New Program Proposals

- Chicago State University – Family and Consumer Sciences
- Governors State University – Secondary Math
- Lake Forest College – Visual Arts

The Audit Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

ILLINOIS STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD

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

Friday, December 7, 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 9:00 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	Stephen Breese	Ascencion Juarez
Denise Albrecht	Eric Brown	Elliott Lessen
Richard Ammentorp	Deborah Curtis	Linda Pellegrini
Carol Auer	Nina Dorsch	Janet Pierce-Ritter
Caryn Block	Allen Ellington	Tamara Smith
Sheila Bowens	Lindy Greenlee	

Members Absent:

Lawer Dixon, Jr.
Sr. Colleen McNicholas

Others Present:

Lydia Bullock	Colleen Herald	Eric Martin
Karen D'Arcy	Mitch Hopper	Patrick Murphy
Luke DeGrand	Jessica Jacobson	Shelley Sherman
Laurel Gibler	Linda Jamali	Lynn Steffen
Sylvia Gist	Phyliss Jones	Debra Stephens
Lisa Hendrickson	Diane Lacopo	

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the November 2, 2007, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board meeting was presented for consideration. Elliott Lessen moved the November 2, 2007 minutes be approved. Lindy Greenlee 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 immediately following the Audit Committee held on Thursday, December 6, 2007. There are no changes to the agenda.

Item(s) for Immediate Action:

Continuing Institutional Accreditation and Program Approval Recommendations –

University of Illinois at Chicago

Unit Accreditation

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education the University of Illinois at Chicago be assigned Continuing Accreditation based on the Board's review of the documentation provided in the ISBE team report and institutional response [Section 25.125 (j) (1)]. Nina Dorsch seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with one abstention.

Program Approval

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education approval of the following programs at the University of Illinois at Chicago [Section 25.127 (j) (1) (A)]:

- General Administrative Principal
- Superintendent
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Elementary Education – Undergraduate and Graduate

- English Language Arts
- Foreign Language
- Mathematics – Undergraduate and Graduate
- Master’s of Education in Secondary Education
- Reading Specialist
- Science – Chemistry
- Science – Physics
- Social Science Core
- Social Science – History
- LBS I
- School Nurse
- School Social Worker
- Visual Arts

Tamara Smith seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with one abstention.

Saint Xavier University

Unit Accreditation

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education that Saint Xavier University be assigned Continuing Accreditation based on the Board’s review of the documentation provided in the NCATE team report, institutional response and rejoinder [Section 25.125 (j) (1)]. Deborah Curtis seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with three abstentions.

Program Approval

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education approval of the following programs at Saint Xavier University [Section 25.127 (j) (1) (A)]:

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- English Language Arts – Undergraduate
- Mathematics
- Music Education
- Reading Specialist
- Reading Teacher
- Science – Core and Biology Undergraduate and Graduate
- Social Science – Core and History Undergraduate and Graduate
- LBS I
- Speech Language Pathologist

- Visual Arts

Deborah Curtis seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with three abstentions.

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education that the following programs at Saint Xavier University be tabled until such time that final action is taken by the NCATE SPA and/or Illinois State Board of Education program reviewers [Section 25.127 (j) (1) (B)]:

- General Administrative – Principal
- English Language Arts – Graduate
- Foreign Language
- School Counselor

Janet Pierce-Ritter seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with three abstentions.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Unit Accreditation

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education that Southern Illinois University Edwardsville be assigned Continuing Accreditation based on the Board's review of the documentation provided in the NCATE team report, institutional response and rejoinder [Section 25.125 (j) (1)].

Nina Dorsch seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with four abstentions.

Program Approval

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education approval of the following programs at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville [Section 25.127 (j) (1) (A)]:

- General Administrative – Principal
- Elementary Education
- English Language Arts
- Health Education
- Mathematics
- Music Education
- Physical Education
- Reading Specialist
- LBS I
- LBS II – Curriculum Adaptation Specialist
- School Psychologist

- School Nurse
- School Social Worker
- Science – Biology/Core
- Science – Chemistry/Core
- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Technology Education
- Visual Arts

Janet Pierce-Ritter seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with four abstentions.

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education that the following programs at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville be tabled until such time that final action is taken by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Specialized Professional Association (NCATE SPA) and/or Illinois State Board of Education program reviewers [Section 25.127 (j) (1) (B)]:

- Superintendent
- Early Childhood Education
- Foreign Language – Spanish, French and German
- Science – Physics/Core
- Science – Earth and Space/Core
- Social Science – Geography/Core
- Social Science – History/Core
- Social Science – Political Science/Core

Eric Brown seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with five abstentions.

New Program Proposal Recommendation(s)

Chicago State University – Family and Consumer Sciences

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education provisional approval of the Chicago State University Family and Consumer Sciences 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)]. Carol Auer seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with two abstentions.

Governors State University – Secondary Math

Richard Ammentorp moved to remove the Governors State University Secondary Math program from the table. Deborah Curtis seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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)]. Deborah Curtis seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion.

On behalf of the Certification Board, Elliott Lessen expressed appreciation to the representatives from Governors State University for having addressed all of the issues discussed at the November meeting of the Certification Board.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Lake Forest College – Visual Arts

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education provisional approval of the Lake Forest College Visual Arts 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 by unanimous vote.

Revision to 2008 STCB Meeting Schedule

Tamara Smith moved to approve the revised 2008 meeting schedule of the State Teacher Certification Board. Denise Albrecht seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Rules Related to Certification

Linda Tomlinson indicated that there are no rules related to certification at this time.

Proposals for Activities that Meet Requirements for Standard Certificate Eligibility

Nina Dorsch moved that the list of "Proposals for Activities that Meet Requirements for Standard Certificate Eligibility" dated November 19, 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.

Committee of Cooperative Services

Nina Dorsch moved that Richard Ammentorp be appointed to serve on the Committee of Cooperative Services. Allen Ellington seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Revocation and Suspension Related Items

Linda Tomlinson introduced Jessica Jacobson, Legal Department, and indicated Ms. Jacobson will be available if questions are raised by members of the Certification Board.

Dennis Williams explained that in October, State Superintendent of Education Christopher Koch issued Notices of Opportunity for Hearing to revoke the certificates of Kenneth Blouin and Barry Kohl, based on evidence that Blouin misrepresented his qualifications to be a teacher under Section 21-1 by failing to advise of prior convictions on a certificate application and that Kohl engaged in unprofessional conduct under Section 21-23 by misappropriating public funds for personal use as the Franklin-Williamson Counties Regional Office of Education. Neither Blouin nor Kohl requested a hearing before the State Teacher Certification Board, and so the revocations of their certificates have been handled administratively. It is important to ask the State Teacher Certification Board to ratify the decision to revoke their certificates in order to have it on record.

Richard Ammentorp moved the State Teacher Certification Board hereby ratifies the revocation of the certificates of Barry Kohl and Kenneth Blouin, which were communicated to Mr. Blouin by State Teacher Certification Board Secretary Dennis Williams on November 8, 2007 and to Mr. Kohl by State Teacher Certification Board Secretary Dennis Williams on November 27, 2007. Elliott Lessen seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dennis Williams explained that the State Superintendent of Education issues a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to revoke the certificate on basis of Section 21-1 and/or Section 21-23(a). If no hearing is requested, this would allow the State Teacher Certification Board Secretary to sign and issue the revocation order on behalf of the State Teacher Certification Board. The Secretary will update the Board at regular meetings.

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board hereby, and until any further action to the contrary, delegates authority to the Secretary of the State Teacher Certification Board to sign any and all revocation orders in those situations where a certificate holder does not timely respond to a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Linda Pellegrini seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dennis Williams explained that the State Teacher Certification Board may want to delegate to the Secretary authority to designate Hearing Officers for 21-1 and 21-23(a) suspension and revocation hearings, on a rotational basis from an existing cache of hearing officers. The Secretary will update the Board at regular meetings.

Richard Ammentorp moved the State Teacher Certification Board hereby, and until any further action to the contrary, delegates authority to the Secretary of the State Teacher Certification Board to assign hearing officers on contract with the Illinois State Board of Education to any and all relevant certification hearings or appeals on a rotational basis. Deborah Curtis seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dennis Williams stated that the next item is Richard Grant vs. Northwestern University: Appeal to the State Teacher Certification Board regarding denial of certification. The issue is the State Teacher Certification Board, State Superintendent of Education and Illinois State Board of Education Legal Department received a copy of Grant's appeal to the State Teacher Certification Board of Northwestern University's decision to deny him a recommendation for a certificate after he claims he completed their alternative certification program. State Board of Education attorneys Darren Reisberg and Jessica Jacobson have reviewed the appeal request and determined that the information presented in the appeal request is insufficient to establish whether Grant's appeal is timely.

Eric Brown raised a question that at what point might conflict of interest regulations play rule in regard to the State Teacher Certification Board. Mr. Brown explained that he is an alumnus of Northwestern University. Ms. Jacobson stated this would need to be researched.

Richard Ammentorp moved the State Teacher Certification Board hereby delegates authority to the Illinois State Board of Education to contact Northwestern University for further information to determine the timeliness of the appeal. Janet Pierce-Ritter seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed with one abstention.

Enter Into Closed Session:

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Illinois Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:

Section 2(c)(21) for the purpose of discussing minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act.

Richard Ammentorp also moved that the Board request that Dennis Williams, Secretary; Jessica Jacobson, Attorney, State Board of Education Legal Department; and Mitch Hopper, Multi-Media Specialist, be present at the closed session. Carol Auer seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Enter Into Open Session:

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board adjourn from Closed Session and enter into Open Session. Elliott Lessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Approval and Release of Closed Session Minutes

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board approve the December 1, 2006 and June 1, 2007 Closed Session Minutes; and that the State Teacher Certification Board also, according to Section 2.06(d) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, has reviewed the minutes of its closed sessions, September 9, 2005; October 7, 2005; December 2, 2005; March 3, 2006; May 5, 2006; June 2, 2006; December 1, 2006; and June 1, 2007 hereby certifies that the need for confidentiality still exists for the closed session minutes. Elliott Lessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item(s) for Information:

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

Dennis Williams reported that there were 183 recommendations for Standard / Master Certificates renewed in Group A for the period of November 1, 2007 through November 30, 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 137 recommendations for Initial Certificates moving to Standard Certificates for the period of November 1, 2007 through November 30, 2007.

2006-2007 Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) Summary of Aggregate Examinee Performance Report

Dennis Williams introduced Laurel Gibler, Principal Consultant, Educator Certification Division. Ms. Gibler provided an overview of the *Illinois Certification Testing System – Summary of Aggregate Examinee Performance: June, 2006 to June, 2007*. She also shared that the Illinois Certification Testing System will begin development of an Arabic Content Test in March 2008.

Elliott Lessen raised several concerns and suggested that perhaps the State Teacher Certification Board should review performance scores for the Physical Education content test and other tests with lower than 80 percent pass rates. After further discussion Deborah Curtis recommended that the Certification Board may also wish to review sub area scores and how examinees are performing in those areas.

The fields that the State Teacher Certification Board would like to address initially are:

Science: Chemistry (106)
Science: Earth and Space Science (108)
Mathematics (115)
Physical Education (144)
Reading Teacher (177)

They would like to conduct a historical review of performance scores, including scores of program completers, over the past five years for these tests.

WorkKeys

Dennis Williams introduced Debra Stephens, Principal Consultant, Educator Certification Division. Ms. Stephens shared an overview of the ACT WorkKeys paraprofessional assessment and the Praxis ETS Parapro Assessment. Both tests have reading, writing and math components. In addition WorkKeys currently requires a classroom observation component called the Instructional Support Inventory. The ETS Parapro Assessment does not have a similar component as part of its assessment. In June 2008 the ACT will discontinue the Instructional Support Inventory component of WorkKeys. However, the reading, writing and math components will still be offered

because they are given for a wide variety of purposes in addition to paraprofessional assessment. The Educator Certification Division will continue to accept the WorkKeys assessment without the Instructional Support Inventory as there are no other paths to paraprofessional approval that require a classroom observation component.

Secretary's Report:

Dennis Williams reported that the Educator Certification Division is currently in a 30 day processing time. Mr. Williams also shared that the administrator and teacher audits are underway.

Dennis Williams introduced Patrick Murphy, Division Administrator, Educator Preparation and Recertification Division. Mr. Murphy shared a list of non-registered educators by region. This information will be shared with the Regional Offices of Education.

Patrick Murphy previewed the upcoming public search site on the Educator Certification System (ECS).

Dennis Williams reported the following:

Notification: Order of Revocation

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

Notification: Revocation of Certificates by State Teacher Certification Board

- **Barry Kohl** – Administrative Certificate #1246982; Administrative Certificate #1209782; Secondary Certificate #1955026

Notification: Revocation of Certificates by State Superintendent

- **Jennifer Brummett** – Initial Elementary Certificate #2073068; Initial Secondary Certificate #2073069
- **Sarah E. Dickerson** – Initial Secondary Certificate #2059820
- **McQueen Duncantell** – Secondary Certificate #2197093
- **Danny O. Hill** – Elementary Certificate #1965682
- **James Leonard** – Standard Secondary Certificate #1833072
- **Ian M. McDonald** – Initial Secondary Certificate #2081040
- **Thaddeus Wordlaw** – Elementary Certificate #1931070

Dennis Williams announced that Patrick Murphy will assume the duties of Secretary of the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board effective January 1, 2008. Mr. Williams thanked the board members for their support over the past five years that he served. He said it was a privilege and pleasure to work with the members and they would continue to see him in a new role on the other side of the room as he comes to the table with the higher education institutions.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Elliott Lessen moved that the State Teacher Certification Board meeting adjourn. Deborah Curtis seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The State Teacher Certification Board meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

APPROVED

Chairman

Secretary

ATTACHMENT

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

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

December 2007

School / County

Homewood School District 153, Suburban Cook County