

**STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD
MINUTES
June 14, 2002
Illinois State Board of Education – Board Room
Springfield, Illinois**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Ms. Kay Acklin | Ms. Brenda Humphrey |
| Ms. Marsha Allen | Dr. Barbara Nourie |
| Mr. Ronald Babcock | Dr. Linda Tafel |
| Mr. Robert Blade | Ms. Camille Taylor |
| Mr. William E. Briggs | Ms. Linda Tomlinson |
| Dr. Andrew Brulle | Ms. Denise Williams |
| Dr. Cozette Buckney | Dr. Eugene Zalewski |
| Dr. Roger Chamberlain | Dr. J. Robert Sampson, Secretary Presiding |
| Ms. Deidre Dare | Respicio Vazquez, Chairman Presiding |
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MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Bruce Dennison

Roll Call: Dr. Robert Sampson, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called the roll. A quorum was present.

Others Present:

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| Lynn Steffen | Laura Lipe | Pat Glenn | Elizabeth Brooks |
| John Gambro | Karen Williams | Sally Vogl | Susan Richardson |
| Bill Summers | Dr. Linda Pincham | Marti Woelfle | Dr. Gerald Chapman |
| Dr. George Lowery | Larry Sondler | Jenny Bolander | Dr. Robert Clark |
| Dr. Mary Ann Corley | Dr. Susan Shea | Nancy Patton | Dr. Karen Haworth |
| Dr. Sharon Grant | Dr. Carol Wren | Mike Long | Jim Duignan |
| Dr. Elizabeth Hawthorne | | | |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 3, 2002

Ms. Humphrey moved that the minutes of the May 3, 2002, meeting of the State Teacher Certification Board be approved. Ms. Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation was requested.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

State Superintendent Respicio Vazquez provided a brief summary of the State Board of Education FY '03 budget and directed the members to the agency website for more details.

FACILITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

No report was presented.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Sampson commented briefly on the progress toward developing a new certification testing system, the results of the pilot electronic entitlement project implemented in partnership with Western Illinois University and on his presentation at the annual IACTE conference. He spoke of the expected expansion of the electronic entitlement system in FY '03 and his invitation to other institutions to participate. He applauded the excellent collaboration of Ms. Linda Tomlinson who was instrumental in establishing the project at Western Illinois University and assisting in building an accurate and reliable system.

He commented on his plans to host a July meeting in Springfield to inform attendees from higher education institutions about the details of the electronic entitlement system and a follow up meeting that would include more detailed training on the system to be held in August or September.

G. Items for Immediate Action:**1. Audit Team Findings of Institutional Reports:**

Ms. Tomlinson moved for continuing accreditation for the following institutions: Concordia University, Dominican University, Eastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Mr. Briggs seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Tomlinson moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend that Eureka College be assigned accreditation with conditions including a focused visit within two years as stipulated under Section 25.125 (j) (2). Dr. Tafel seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Tomlinson moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend that the Illinois Institute of Technology be assigned provisional accreditation and requires the institution to conduct a focused visit within two years under Section 25.155 (l) (2) subject to section 25.125 (j) (2), and that the Illinois Institute of Technology be granted approval of the mathematics program under Section 25.127 (m) (1) and provisional approval of the science program under Section 25.127 (m) (2). Dr. Tafel seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Tomlinson moved that the State Teacher Certification Board accept the 18-month report that is due in June 2003, for MacMurray College. Dr. Nourie seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Tomlinson moved that the State Teacher Certification Board accept the 18-month reports for continuing accreditation based on review of submitted 18-month reports under Section 25.130 (a) (1) for Kendall College and Monmouth College. Dr. Tafel seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

2. DePaul University – New Program Proposal in Secondary (6-12) Education in Art:

Dr. Susan Richardson of Professional Preparation and Recruitment, State Board of Education, introduced staff from DePaul University: Dr. Carol Wren and Mr. Jim Duignan of DePaul University, who were available if the State Teacher Certification Board had any questions. Dr. Richardson briefly reviewed the new program proposal for the members.

The State Teacher Certification Board expressed comments and asked questions of the representatives from DePaul University.

Ms. Taylor moved to approve the new program proposal for Secondary (Grades 6-12) Education in Art. Ms. Williams seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

3. University of St. Francis – New Program Proposal for the Administrative Certificate with a General Administrative Endorsement:

Ms. Nancy Patton of Professional Preparation and Recruitment, State Board of Education, introduced staff from the University of St. Francis: Dr. John Gambro, Acting Dean of the College of Education, and Dr. Bill Summers, visiting Professor in the College of Education at St. Francis, who were available if the State Teacher Certification Board had any questions.

The State Teacher Certification Board expressed comments and asked questions of the representatives from the University of St. Francis.

Ms. Tomlinson moved to accept the University of St. Francis' new program proposal for the administrative certificate with a general administrative endorsement. Mr. Babcock seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

4. National-Louis University – Program Proposal for Alternative Route to Secondary (6-12) Certification in Biological Science, English, Foreign Languages, Mathematics, Physical Science, and Social Science:

Dr. Susan Richardson of Professional Preparation and Recruitment, State Board of Education, introduced staff from National-Louis University: Dr. Bob Clark, Associate Dean of National Louis University College of Education; Dr. Mary Ann Corley, faculty member, and Dr. Fred Chessek representing Chicago Public Schools a partner in the proposal; who were available if the State Teacher Certification Board had any questions.

The State Teacher Certification Board expressed comments and asked questions of the representatives of National-Louis University.

Ms. Humphrey moved to approve National-Louis University's program proposal for an alternative route to secondary (Grades 6-12) certification in biological science, English, foreign languages, mathematics, physical science, and social science. Mr. Blade seconded the motion.

Motion passes with Dr. Tafel abstaining.

5. Roosevelt University – New Program Proposal in Special Education:

Ms. Liz Brooks of Professional Preparation and Recruitment, State Board of Education, introduced staff from Roosevelt University: Dr. Sharon Grant, Program Director in Special Education; Dr. Gerald Chapman, Associate Dean of Roosevelt University; Dr. George Lowery, Dean of the College of Education, and Dr. Linda Pincham, Certification Officer; who were available if the State Teacher Certification Board had any questions.

The State Teacher Certification Board expressed comments and asked questions of the representatives of Roosevelt University.

Mr. Briggs moved to approve Roosevelt University's proposal for a new program in special education. Mr. Babcock seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

6. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale – New Program Proposal in Secondary Education (6-12) in Health Careers and Technology Education:

Ms. Jenny Bolander of Professional Preparation and Recruitment, State Board of Education, introduced staff from Southern Illinois University: Dr. John McIntyre, Associate Dean for Teacher Education and School Partnerships, and Dr. Marsha Anderson, Director of programs for the Department of Workforce Education and Development, who were available if the State Teacher Certification Board had any questions.

The State Teacher Certification Board expressed comments and asked questions of the representatives of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Dr. Chamberlain moved to approve the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale new program proposal in Secondary Education (Grades 6-12) in Health Careers and Technology Education. Mr. Briggs seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

7. Amendments to Part 1 of the Administrative Rules – Training for speech-language pathologists who supervise licensed assistants:

Ms. Vogl commented on an amendment responding to a recent statutory change requiring that Speech-Language Pathologists, who supervise certain categories of other employees, have to be licensed by the Department of Professional Regulation including those who are also certified under the School Code and working in the schools.

The two categories of individuals for whom supervision is discussed include the Speech-Language Pathologist Assistants and the Bachelor's degree level paraprofessionals. The statute requires licensure for anyone who supervises either of those categories but it is of the State Board of Education's Legal Department interpretation that the statute only requires training to be prescribed by the agency for SLP's (Speech-Language Pathologists) who supervise assistants as they are defined in the statute. The Board was presented a description of training requirements for those people who supervise assistants and it is not relevant to those who supervise paraprofessionals.

Ms. Vogl informed the members that the rules are slated for initial review by the State Board of Education; however, the statute is already in effect. Ms. Vogl asked the Board for their recommendation of the amendments to the State Board.

Dr. Tafel moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend the amendments to the State Board. Dr. Zalewski seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

8. Amendments to Part 25 – Updates to certification testing rules:

Ms. Vogl stated that most of the changes relate to technical aspects of the certification testing system and are minor wording changes that are intended to accommodate electronic registration and related transactions as well as other changes that accommodate the assessment of professional teaching in its various forms.

She expressed appreciation to Board member, Ms. Tomlinson for identifying a problem in the language of proposed Section 25.720 (a) (1) which describes who would be subject to the requirement for taking and passing the Assessment of Professional Teaching (APT). The original language seems to indicate that Initial certificate holders will have to take the APT when they move to the Standard level certificate, which is not the State Board's intention. She commented that she expects to replace the language that was sent to the State Board with language that amplifies that subsection about people who have not yet passed the APT to indicate that "except that individuals who receive Initial certificates before October 1, 2003, shall not be required to take the Assessment of Professional Teaching."

Dr. Tafel moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend these amendments to the State Board. Mr. Briggs seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

9. Notification of Suspensions and Revocations:

Dr. Sampson reported the following Suspension/Revocations:

Brady J. Smith, High School Certificate No. 1189810, suspended by the Regional Superintendent of Schools pursuant to Section 21-23a of the School Code May 7, 2002.

Brady J. Smith, High School Certificate No. 1189810, revoked by the State Superintendent of Education pursuant to Section 21-23a of the School Code May 8, 2002.

H. Discussion Items:

1. Amendments to Part 25 – Proposed in March 2002; update on public comment:

Ms. Vogl stated that this item is not for initial review by the State Board of Education, but one that has already been out for public comment and because of the complexity of these matters was brought to the Board as the best way to inform the members of the summary and analysis of public comment received and display the rules as they need to be changed.

The main changes being recommended to the State Board of Education are to alter the timeframes. Consequently, instead of requiring the Assessment of Professional Teaching of everyone who applies on or after July 1, 2003, the recommendation will be that the requirements not begin until people apply on or after October 1, 2003, since it would not be possible to return July or September test scores prior to employment.

With regard to the non-specific foreign language program approval for university preparation programs originally set for September 1, it makes more sense to coordinate the non-specific foreign language program approvals with the advent of the program approval standards on July 1, 2003.

The other major change being recommended is the deletion of the proposed temporary foreign language certificate because the qualifications upon which it would rely do not appear to be adequate under federal No Child Left Behind legislation.

Ms. Vogl reported that there was favorable reaction for making pay for student teaching available as proposed; however, there is some confusion about to whom it really applies and therefore, it is recommended that a better description be included.

The State Teacher Certification Board members had questions about certification testing and therefore Pat Glenn was asked to join the discussion.

Dr. Tafel stated it would be helpful for the State Teacher Certification Board members to review the timelines for implementing all the new tests during the

August retreat and that Pat Glenn prepare a timeline between now and 2007 or a more appropriate date to identify where the various program elements are in terms of everything in one place. She stated that it would be particularly helpful now since Sally has indicated that some of the things that may have been on a previous timeline are not going to be on those timelines anymore.

Ms. Vogl stated that staff has been able to move forward with the rule-making for Part 24: Standards for all Illinois Teachers now having received no objections. She has submitted notice materials on that rule-making which was adopted a number of months ago by the State Board of Education to JCAR and those notice materials have been accepted, so the rules are scheduled for consideration by JCAR at its next meeting which is July 9.

Dr. Sampson mentioned that the August Retreat dates conflict with another critical meeting and suggested having the retreat on another date.

There was discussion of acceptable dates and he informed the Board he would e-mail the date when one was established.

2. Corey H. Update:

Mr. Respicio Vazquez distributed information regarding the Corey H. matter in Lou Ann Reichle's absence. He also offered a review of Part 25 Administrative Rules regarding a proposed 10% special education requirement in the continuing professional development for general education teachers. He informed the members that it was his understanding that within the last couple of weeks the plaintiffs and the Chicago Public Schools determined that the 10% requirement was not high enough and that they were proposing approximately 20% and therefore he and others from the agency are in discussion with them. The Court Monitor has not ruled on the issue at this time.

Dr. Chamberlain made the recommendation that the Teacher Certification Board avoid having many of the other program items on the agenda including those institutions that are requesting additions or changes to their programs and that staff must inform the institutions that if they have such requests that they present them before or after June or December when the Board's agenda is loaded with Audit Committee work.

Dr. Sampson responded that staff would do what they could to control the number of agenda items during those months. He suggested that Mike Long would be willing to give institutions an early warning about such matters in the future.

Dr. Sampson and Mr. Respicio Vazquez presented Certificates of Appreciation to those members of the State Teacher Certification Board whose terms expired or resigned. Certificates were presented to the following:

Mr. Robert Blade - Resigned
Ms. Linda Tomlinson – Term expired
Dr. Cozette Buckney - Resigned
Dr. Barbara Nourie – Term expired

Mr. Blade moved that the State Teacher Certification Board adjourn. Mr. Briggs seconded the motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

APPROVED

Chairman

Secretary