

**STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD  
MINUTES  
September 6, 2002  
Illinois State Board of Education – Board Room  
Springfield, Illinois**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Kay Acklin	Dr. Nan Giblin
Ms. Marsha Allen	Dr. Elliott Lessen
Mr. William E. Briggs	Ms. Laura Lipe
Dr. Andrew Brulle	Dr. Linda Tafel
Dr. Roger Chamberlain	Ms. Camille Taylor
Ms. Deidre Dare	Ms. Denise Williams
Mr. Bruce Dennison	Dr. Eugene Zalewski
Dr. Nina Dorsch	Dr. J. Robert Sampson, Secretary Presiding
Ms. Barbara Eason-Watkins	Dr. Robert Schiller, Chairman Presiding
Ms. Connee Fitch-Blanks	

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Ronald Babcock  
Ms. Brenda Humphrey

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Roll Call: State Superintendent, Dr. Robert Schiller, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and Dr. J. Robert Sampson, Secretary, called the roll. A quorum was present.

Others Present

Elizabeth Brooks	Mike Long	Susan Richardson
Pat Glenn	Nancy Patton	Dr. Susan Shea
Elizabeth Hanselman	Dr. Linda Pincham	Lynn Steffen
Dr. Christopher Koch	Lou Ann Reichle	Sally Vogl
		Karen Williams

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 14, 2002**

Ms. Allen moved that the minutes of the June 14, 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**

Dr. Schiller welcomed the Board and expressed his interest in working with the State Teacher Certification Board.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Dr. Sampson announced that the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) filed a Notice of Objection in response to the State Teacher Certification Board's action concerning the institution's accreditation findings at the June meeting. IIT provided materials to Mike Long for staff review and subsequent submission to the State Board of Education through the State Superintendent. The notice was filed pursuant to Section 25.160 of the Illinois Administrative Code and IIT's notice was filed in compliance with the timelines mandated by those rules.

Dr. Sampson informed the State Teacher Certification Board members that the Chief Legal Counsel of the State Board requests that one member of the Board be available at the State Board of Education meeting to answer questions regarding the findings.

Dr. Sampson gave a brief update on the processing of certificate registrations and exchanges and reported that his division was expecting to exchange more than 70,000 certificates this year. He also reminded the Board that all special education certificates were to be exchanged this year, in compliance with the Corey H. suit. Speech/Language certificates will also need to be exchanged for special certificates, elementary and secondary certificates endorsed appropriately or school service personnel certificates.

Dr. Sampson commented briefly on the processing of applications and certificate registrations in the Chicago Regional Office located at Clark and Adams streets adding that staff has processed nearly 23,000 registrations to date so the teachers could return to their classrooms with fully registered certificates. Dr. Sampson applauded staff's effort for getting this task done in a timely manner.

He provided a brief report on the latest testing developments, describing the seven field tests scheduled for the fall and the schedule for the LBS I and Bilingual Special Education LBS II committees to do item review. He informed the Board members that Ms. Glenn will be sending

letters of invitation to committee members on September 16, 2002, inviting them to attend their respective meetings for the Assessment of Professional Teaching tests including those for the four levels (early childhood, elementary, secondary, K-12). The Content Committees are scheduled to meet during the week of November 4, and the Bias Review Committee will meet on November 4 and 5. He and Pat Glenn continue to solicit the help of the State Teacher Certification Board in adding members to the Bias Review Committee and to the other Content Committees.

## **FACILITATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Briggs reported the committee met at 8:30 a.m. in Dr. Sampson's office and announced that Dr. Roger Chamberlain has been selected as this year's Facilitation Committee secretary.

The committee discussed the December meeting date that is currently scheduled for Friday and Saturday, and many board members have indicated a conflict. Dr. Tafel asked Dr. Sampson whether it is problematic for State Board staff if the State Teacher Certification Board meets on a Saturday. Dr. Schiller said he would look into that and advise the State Teacher Certification Board at the next meeting.

The Facilitation Committee also decided that they will meet at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meetings as opposed to the night before and Dr. Sampson has agreed to schedule a conference room for those meetings. The committee will determine if meeting for an hour prior to the business meeting is enough time to discuss agenda items, etc.

The Facilitation Committee presented a letter to Dr. Schiller indicating a concern about the retirement of Dr. Sampson, urging the Superintendent to begin searching for a replacement.

Dr. Schiller indicated that the plan is to have a seamless transition, with a two to four-week overlap of responsibilities. Dr. Schiller accepted the letter and thanked the State Teacher Certification Board for their concern. He asked the Board members for their recommendation of individuals whom the agency could recruit.

### **G. Items for Immediate Action:**

#### **1. Notification of Suspensions and Revocations:** Dr. Schiller reported the following Revocation:

- a. Nicole A. Ayers,** Initial Secondary Certificate No. 1644051, revoked by the State Superintendent of Education, pursuant to Section 21-14 of the School Code, July 18, 2002.

#### **2. Rulemaking for Director of Special Education:**

Dr. Schiller asked for a motion regarding the rules.

Mr. Briggs moved to recommend the rules to the State Board of Education. Dr. Tafel seconded the motion.

Ms. Sally Vogl and Ms. Lou Ann Reichle came before the Board to discuss the rulemaking for the Director of Special Education. Ms. Vogl also gave an update on pending amendments to Part I and Part 25.

Ms. Vogl commented concerning the Director of Special Education rules and two sets of amendments necessary to accomplish the new endorsement.

Mr. Briggs asked how the proposed rules in Part 226 that make reference to “each school district or cooperative entity shall employ a director of special education.”

Ms. Vogl responded the law already requires districts to employ an individual for five days per week.

Dr. Brulle asked whether the Directors and Assistant Directors beginning July 1, 2005, will be subject to the new requirements.

Ms. Vogl answered that the provisions do not apply to them. However, these individuals must apply for and receive the endorsement of Director of Special Education, but they will be given it on the basis of having already met the qualifications for Director. She added that people who currently qualify as State Approved Directors will be issued the credential by applying for it. The same is true for the people who hold those qualifications but have never had an occasion to apply for state approval because there was no position available.

Dr. Dorsch questioned how the “disability area to be supervised” corresponds with Corey H. and the new certification system.

Ms. Vogl mentioned that it corresponds to both this section of the rules and the version that is contained in the final transition rules.

Ms. Taylor questioned the potential change in status of a current Director in 2005.

Ms. Vogl responded that a change in status would not happen provided the individual applied for and received the endorsement for Director of Special Education based on their previously held qualifications.

Call for motion.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Schiller announced that the review of the rulemaking related to P.A. 92-796 (HB 1436) would be moved on the agenda to “Discussion Items”.

Dr. Schiller also announced that the State Teacher Certification Board will be requesting an executive closed session:

Dr. Brulle moved that the State Teacher Certification Board go into closed session under the exception set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois (5 ILCS 120/2(c)) as follows:

Section 2(c)(11) for the purpose of discussing probable litigation, and

also moved that the Board request Respicio Vazquez, ISBE General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Koch, ISBE Chief Education Officer; and Lou Ann Reichle, Assistant Legal Advisor, be present at the closed session.

Dr. Tafel seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 17 yes, 0 no.

Motion passes.

Dr. Tafel moved that the State Teacher Certification Board move to open session.

Ms. Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 17 yes, 0 no.

Motion passes.

Dr. Brulle moved that the State Teacher Certification Board request legal representation from the Attorney General's office for counsel regarding the Corey H. litigation and Public Act 92-0709. Dr. Tafel seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 17 yes, 0 no.

Motion passes.

## **H. Discussion Items:**

### **1. Rulemaking related to P.A. 92-796 (HB 1436):**

Ms. Vogl presented an overview of the potential response to P.A. 92-796 (HB 1436) and posed several questions to gain some input from the State Teacher Certification Board members.

She described the legislation as having four sets of major changes in regard to certification: how individuals will move from holding the Initial certificate to the Standard certificate, changes to the existing requirements for continuing

professional development for teachers who hold standard or master certificates, and provisions requiring continuing professional development for the renewal of administrative certificates.

She stated that she will try to have a draft of proposed rules that encompasses three of those four items in October while leaving provisions regarding the renewal of administrative certificates for later since they do not have an effect on individuals until next July.

Ms. Vogl responded to several questions and asked the members to provide comments either in regular mail or e-mail. She identified the following issues:

- Completion of a teacher mentoring and induction program. These need to be more clearly defined. What constitutes a qualified mentor, what forms of documentation does the teacher need to have, and what constitutes supervision?
- Completion of graduate level coursework. There must be clear definition of the criteria for approval of the coursework. How do the courses address the standards? Must the advanced degree be earned while an individual holds an initial certificate? What is the effect on out-of-state teachers who move to Illinois?
- Continuing professional development units. What are the criteria for approving providers of professional development?

Dr. Dorsch asked about the proposed panel for the four-hour course.

Mr. Long responded that he sent an e-mail about the four-hour course. He stated it is the staff's intent that once a definition is included in the rules indicating what constitutes the specific requirements for these courses and what constitutes the process for reviewing and approving these courses, the panel will be convened to get feedback on the kinds of things that those individuals feel as though should be in the course consistent with the rules and the statutes. He said primarily members of higher education, and probably representatives from the Board of Higher Education and the Community College Board will make up the panels. Ms. Taylor suggested that he include an active teacher in that panel as well.

## **2. Title II:**

Mr. Mike Long and Ms. Beth Hanselman gave an update on the federal Title II section of the 1998 Higher Education Reauthorization Act report. Mr. Long reported they hope to have the report completed and ready for submission by the end of September. Ms. Hanselman reported on two components:

- Quartile rankings of institutional pass rate. The institutional report requires the pass rates to be reported to the institution as their pass rate for program completers, but the state report adds the quartile ranking of those institutions.

The reporting year for this report is the 2000-2001 program completers so this does not include the pass rates related to those who took the “new” enhanced basic skills test.

- By releasing to all the Title II coordinators the pass rate data and the quartile ranking of the institutions via e-mail, the institutions will have over a week to review the data.
- Waiver data includes the count of the teachers who are employed on waiver certificates. The definition of waiver by federal requirements for Title II is different from that of No Child Left Behind. For example, individuals employed on provisional alternative certificates and resident teaching certificates, are considered on waiver status for Title II. However, for the No Child Left Behind Act reporting, those individuals are considered as highly qualified because they have completed an approved program, have passed tests and are doing their internship phase. This has been brought to the attention of the federal Title II contacts and they are anticipating a change in the definition for Title II next year. The definition will be more closely aligned with that of the No Child Left Behind Act reporting.
- Provisional vocational, temporary provisional vocational, and part-time provisional certificates are also considered as waiver certificates for Title II.

### **3. No Child Left Behind Act Update:**

Dr. Christopher Koch and Ms. Lou Ann Reichle distributed a draft guidance document and requested comments from the Board members. Dr. Koch stated that he intended to submit this for review by the members of the State Board of Education at this month’s meeting.

Ms. Aklin expressed a concern about the lack of time available for reading the document that was distributed.

Dr. Sampson asked if Dr. Koch and Ms. Reichle would provide a more thorough review of some sections of the document.

The State Teacher Certification Board asked questions and identified several issues related to the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Dr. Koch informed the Board that the Board members comments would be considered and changes made in the guidelines prior to submitting it to the members of the State Board of Education. He stated the parental notice requirement begins this school year.

### **4. Corey H. Update:**

Dr. Schiller recommended that this item be removed from the agenda.

Dr. Sampson asked the Board to select representatives to attend the State Board of Education meeting on September 18 and 19 for the IIT discussion. He stated that a member might need to be there to answer any questions that the State Board might have relative to the action that the State Teacher Certification Board took in regard to provisional accreditation for ITT. Dr. Brulle will be checking his schedule to see if he could attend.

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

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 a.m.

APPROVED

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Chairman

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Secretary