MEMBERS PRESENT:
Ronald J. Gidwitz               Connie Rogers                Beverly Turkal
Marjorie B. Branch              Vincent J. Serritella

Glenn W. "Max" McGee, State Superintendent of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Marilyn McConachie, Janet Steiner

Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Gidwitz, who asked Judy Carmody, the staff secretary to the Board, to call the roll. Mrs. Carmody called the roll of members. A quorum was present.

Chairman Gidwitz indicated that Dr. Steiner was unable to attend the Board meeting this month. He also noted that Marilyn McConachie had been delayed due to inclement weather and would be joining the meeting later.

NCATE 2000 Update
Chairman Gidwitz commented that last June the Board, in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board, adopted the NCATE 2000 Standards as the basis for educator preparation program approval and accreditation in Illinois. He indicated that the Board meeting discussion would focus on implementation issues and timelines to assist staff in rule preparation. The Chairman also said that the rules would be addressed at the August Board meeting for anticipated approval and dissemination for public comment.

Superintendent McGee reported that the Board materials provided a thorough overview of activity since the adoption of the NCATE rules. He also addressed several issues that needed input and direction from the Board meeting discussion. These included:

1. Plans for use of the "Specialized Professional Associations" (SPAs) in the state program approval process;
2. The use of supplemental panels to review program areas that are not addressed by SPAs;
3. Decision options, including the role of the State Board in final decision-making on unit and program accreditation rather than the State Superintendent to whom it previously had been delegated;
4. The role of the State Teacher Certification Board and the Board of Higher Education; and
5. The connection to the Title II accountability requirements.

The Superintendent commented that other issues that were not highlighted in the content of the Board materials but will need to be addressed, including the development of a proactive communication strategy that brings all partners and institutions along as we transition to full implementation of the NCATE Standards.

Division Administrator Michael Long provided brief background comments related to the NCATE Standards and power-point presentation (see Addendum II).

Discussion followed for clarification purposes and Board members' input. General Counsel Respicio Vazquez assisted in responding to questions.

Chairman Gidwitz expressed appreciation to staff for their work.

An audio tape of the meeting is available through the State Board office in Springfield (217/782-9560).

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Connie Rogers, Secretary

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Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chairman