

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD
LCCC – WEN CONFERENCE- CHEYENNE, WYOMING
OCTOBER 2, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER – 4:08 PM

Present: BOARD: Jon Abrams, Diane Beffert, Jason Wood, Peter Martin, Timothy O’Gan, Shawn Peck, Molly Potas, Eric Stemle, Allen Trent, Walter Wilcox, Linda Wolfskill; STAFF: Teresa Sexton, Ashley Rageth; Community College Commission: Amy Brockel, Joe McCan, WDE: Cindy Hill.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Allen Trent and seconded by Linda Wolfskill to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES 7/30/12

Moved by Jon Abrams and seconded by Timothy O’Gan to approve minutes for July 30, 2012. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER JASON WOOD, COMMUNITY COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE

Eric Stemle welcomed Jason Wood to the board and initiated introductions between Jason and the Board.

TEACHER SHORTAGE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM – GUEST SPEAKER AMY BROCKEL & JOE MCCAN

Amy Brockel and Joe McCan from the Community College Commission addressed the Board about the Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment Program (TSLRP). The TSLRP was adopted by the 2005 Wyoming Legislature and amended by the Wyoming Legislature in 2007 and again in 2009. As part of the statute for the TSLRP the Community College Commission is required to consult with the Professional Teaching Standards Board for recommendations for the program.

Discussion regarding TSLRP focused on reaching more students who qualify for the program. Amy explained that she feels the University of Wyoming is doing their part to promote the program. However, several students don’t qualify which she feels is the main reason more students aren’t benefiting from the program now. Board members discussed different qualifying options, and ways of reaching more qualified applicants. Amy said she is unable to make recommendations, however, she will put as much as possible into her annual report.

BUDGET REPORT

Teresa Sexton pointed out the absent report and explained why there wasn’t a budget report present for this meeting. She explained that due to staffing issues with Janie White leaving due to illness and after interviews she decided to promote internally. Aurmelia Decker has been learning rapidly and she noticed some discrepancies in the final report however Teri is happy to report that PTSB ended up under budget but she would like to present the report at the next meeting after Aurmelia has a chance to work with the budget analyst at A&I to get an accurate report to present to the Board. The Board had no questions or objections.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Teresa Sexton reviewed application data which showed a steady increase every year for the past four years. She also went over receipt type's which specifies what applications are being processed and when. Teresa highlighted online renewal and stressed the disappointment in the amount of teachers taking advantage of this feature is significantly low even showing a decrease from last year. She reiterated how PTSB has (advocated) spread the word through emails, district trainings, and in the newsletters. Linda Wolfskill raved about her experience renewing online this year and how she had her certificate within a week. Teresa also reviewed workshops and the significant increase in numbers for the past two years and how PTSB is evaluating workshops more thoroughly to focus more on education based courses.

Next, Teresa touched on Application Review Cases as well as Investigation Cases. She noted the huge increase of Application Review Cases from last year and credited this jump to HB108 which allows PTSB to review these files before they are issued. For the Investigative Cases she focused on the specific actions taken on each case specifically in 2011.

Teresa also cover staffing updates, the chapter six rule change was approved by the governor's office and is in the 45 day comment period which ends October 22, 2012. She also updated the Board on PTSB's online licensure program which is currently in the procurement stage. The RFP has been finalized and submitted to procurement and once it's finished there it will be released for bids. Finally she let the Board know that PTSB is currently going through its first Judicial Review and she had Ken Nelson elaborate more on that process.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY COMMITTEE

Eric Stemle stepped down and Shawn Peck took his spot and Timothy O'Gan took Molly Potas position other member include Allen Trent, Linda Wolfskill, Jon Abrams, Walter Wilcox. The committee arranged to meet in the next two months.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Moved by Molly Potas and seconded by Peter Martin to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 pm.
Motion carried.