

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD
AUGUST 30, 2007 - WEN**

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Brent Young, DeAnn Eisenhart, Michael Moore, Craig Sorensen, Pat McClurg, Anne Marie Anderson, Kay Persichitte, JoAnne McFarland, Eric Stemle, and David Treick. Absent: Susan Griffith and Carol Hvidston Guests: Carol Illian, WDE; Kathy Scheurman, WEA; and Marilyn Vercimak and Neal Trehune, Carbon County School District #1. Staff: Connie Pollard and Betsie Martinez.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Brent Young and seconded by Mike Moore to add Bemidji University to the agenda.
Motion carried.

MINUTES

Moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Brent Young to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2007 teleconference. Motion carried.

BUDGET REPORT

Moved by JoAnne McFarland and seconded by Kay Persichitte to accept the Budget Report as presented by Connie Pollard. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Connie Pollard reported that an exception budget for approximately \$90,000 has been submitted for technology; WDE contracted with PTSB to set up ETS study panels for 8 PRAXIS exams Fall 2007; attended a meeting at Laramie County Community College to research programs: shortages, needs, etc; she met with Dr. Jim McBride and Joe Simpson regarding contracting PTSB services for evaluating, recording and maintaining HQ data, as well as requesting funding to pay for UW students' substitute permits and teaching certificates; she reported PTSB statistics for July and August including turn around time for processing applications; she noted that PTSB has contracted serviced with Erin Peterson to work on the PTSB database; she reported that she has been selected for the Board of Examiners training with NCATE; PTSB is ready to begin staff training on processing credit card payments; Teachers.teachers.com continues to make the PTSB website more interactive; she presented a list of UW programs that will be submitted for

review by NCATE; she has requested to be placed on the SBE agenda to present an update on PTSB accomplishments, future goals, and HQ; and she and Betsie Martinez plan to attend *Professional Licensing Board Orientation and Training* workshop provided by the Attorney General's office in September.

Moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Eric Stemle to accept the Director's Report as presented by Connie Pollard. Motion carried.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS DATA

Connie Pollard reported that there recently has been a huge level of concern regarding highly qualified teachers in Wyoming. She presented a report and handouts outlining the sequence of the No Child Left Behind occurrences by the PTSB and Wyoming Department of Education this part year. The Board discussed ideas including the development of a WEN video explaining HQT, and presenting at associations such as the Wyoming School Boards Association.

WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY

Western Governors University was accredited by NCATE in 2006. Prior to WGU obtaining accreditation, the Professional Teaching Standards Board required WGU graduates to obtain certification in Utah first, then PTSB would certify applicants in the same areas at Utah.

BEMIDJI UNIVERSITY

The Board directed Connie Pollard to begin the approval process for Bemidji University's master of education program.

PORTFOLIO ACTION

Moved by Anne Marie Anderson and seconded by Brent Young to accept the Portfolio Review Committee's recommendation and approve **Barry Deibert**'s request to add a Physical Science endorsement to his standard certificate. Motion carried.

Moved by Brent Young and seconded by Mike Moore to accept the Portfolio Review Committee's recommendation to deny **Vicki Korkow**'s portfolio for Special Education. Motion carried.

Moved by Brent Young and seconded by David Treick to accept the Portfolio Review Committee's

recommendation to approve **Rebecca Schwab**'s request to add a Physical Science endorsement to her standard certificate. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by JoAnne McFarland and seconded by Kay Persichitte to move into Executive Session at 5:35 pm. Motion carried.

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 5:40 pm.

OCTOBER RETREAT

The next meeting of the Professional Teaching Standards Board will be October 11-12, 2007 at the Ramada Inn in Laramie. The Educational Testing Service will hold a conference on October 11 to provide a greater understanding of the PRAXIS exams, and the Board will hold its regular meeting on October 12.

APPROVAL OF ORAL PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW

Moved by Kay Persichitte and seconded by Mike Moore to adopt the Oral Proficiency Interview to measure foreign language fluency with a passing score of "Advanced Low." Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Moved by Brent Young and seconded by David Treick to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm. Motion carried.