



**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
LARAMIE, WY- IN PERSON
JUNE 26, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER -9:00 AM

This meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Janice Marshall at 9:00 AM

Present: **Board:** Jon VanOverbeke, Dixie Brackman, Mariah Learned, Jancie Marshall, Astrid Northup. Ryan Fuhrman, Joseph Martinez; **Staff:** Brendan O'Connor, Trisha Wright, Jillian Reagan; **Attorney General's Office:** Catherine Reeves; **Guests:** Nick Bellack, ETS. Nish Goicolea, Wyoming Game and Fish, Alex Rickert, University of Wyoming, Blake Youde, American Board, Howard Wakkinen Wyoming School Psychologist Association, Jamie, Albany and Carbon County CDC, Colleen Bartlett, CWC, Nikki Baldwin, UW, Tiffany Hunt, UW, Marsha Riley, CDE Region, Alisha Rone, Natrona County, Janet Buchhammer, Wyoming School Counselors Association.

- Moved by Janice Marshall to elect Jon VanOverbeke to Chairman
 - Seconded by Mariah Learned
 - Motion passed

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda
 2. Approval of Minutes - March 20, 2023
 3. License Ratification
- Moved by Dixie Brackman to accept and approve all items listed on the consent agenda as presented
 - Seconded by Mariah Learned
 - Motion passed

DISCIPLINARY

- Docket 2022-004 - Moved to approve the Settlement Agreement, Stipulation, and Advisory Letter by Janice Marshall.
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman
 - Motion passed
- Docket 2023-001 - Moved to approve the Dismissal by Mariah Learned.
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman
 - Recused from voting- Mike Hamel and Jon VanOverbeke
 - Motion passed

- Docket 2023-007 Moved to approve Dismissal by Janice Marshall
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman
 - Recused from voting - Mike Hamel and Jon VanOverbeke
 - Motion passed

PROGRAM APPROVALS

Director O'Connor reviewed the program approvals. Mr. Alan Buss with the University of Wyoming went more in depth with each program and the direction they are going within the college of education. There was a robust discussion regarding each program, including any changes with each program, it was concluded that there are no major changes.

- Mathematics (5-8)(6-12)
 - Moved by Mariah Learned to grant continued approval to the Middle Level Mathematics endorsement program at the University of Wyoming until the next program review scheduled for the 2029-2030 academic year.
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman
 - Motion passed

- Family & Consumer Science
 - Moved by Janice Marshall to grant continued approval to the Career Technical Education (CTE) Human Development and Family Sciences program at the University of Wyoming until the 2026-2027 academic year.
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman
 - Motion passed

- Business Education
 - Moved by Janice Marshall to grant conditional approval to the Career Technical Education (CTE) Human Development and Family Sciences program at the University of Wyoming until the 2026-2027 academic year.
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman
 - Motion passed

- Education Leadership NELP Transition Report
 - Director O'Connor provided an update on this report from Barbara Hickman with the University of Wyoming. Director O'Connor explained that this is a seven (7) year spread of the work and process of the principal endorsement curriculum with the transition from the ELCC standards to NELP standards.

ACTION ITEMS

Director O'Connor provided an update on the Praxis Test Adoptions for 2023. Director O'Connor explained that in September 2023, the replacement testing would be the only test PTSB would accept. Director O'Connor asked Nick Bellack to provide a brief overview of the process to Praxis testing and why the PTSB board adopts these new test and the scores. The question was asked if all Wyoming teachers had to pass the Praxis. Director O'Connor explained our process of licensure and how it differs with the requirements from the institution in where the individual graduated from.

- Moved by Ryan Fuhrman to ratify the Praxis tests with passing scores as presented
- Seconded by Dixie Brackman
- Motion passed.

RULE CHANGES

- PTSB License Pathways ([Presentation](#))
 - Director O'Connor presented the pathways to a Standard Educator Licesne.
 - Traditional Route
 - Alternative Route - Chapter 2 Rules and Regulations. Director O'Connor explained at minimum, an out-of-state must be coordinated with an accredited institution that is physically located and includes a student teaching component.
 - PIC - the intention is to get CTE subjects in the schools. These subjects do not have the requirement of an educator preparation program.
 - The PIC covers Agriculture, Business Education, Welding, Tech ed., automotive, etc.
 - It was noted that the PIC permit is working well for individuals who have retired from the industry but the area of concern is the young individuals entering the districts with a PIC permit, they are in need of additional support.
 - Exception Authorization(EA)
 - All individuals on an EA must be hired by the district. It was explained that there are five (5) different options. Each EA has different criteria and steps that are required to reach the Standard license.
 - Permits
 - Permits do not require a Bachelor's degree
 - Substitute
 - Coaching
 - Native Language

- ELS
- Consultant Specialist
- Internship
- Visiting Foreign Teacher
- Domestic Teaching Exchange

The question was asked about extending their gradebands. Director O'Connor explained that we have options for the expansion. Director O'Connor also explained that in some cases the educator may be required to take an additional test to receive the endorsement(s).

- Director O'Connor provides an update on Chapter 3 - Terms and Conditions the Governor signed March 29, 2023.
- Director O'Connor provides an update on Chapter 4 - Endorsements - Governor signed March 29, 2023
- Chapter 4 - New Endorsement areas ([Action](#))(~~Strike-through~~)
 - Director O'Connor explained that this spring PTSB received several new endorsement ideas. Catherine Reeves explained our rules need to reference our endorsement(s).

InTASC

- Moved by Janice Marshall
- Seconded by Dixie Brackman
- Motion passed

Athletic Administration

No motion was made

Dual Language Immersion -

- Moved by Alan Bus to approve
- Seconded by Astrid Northup.
- Motion denied - it was noted that the need is there but there needs to be more communication about this topic.
 - The motion was withdrawn from Alan Bus and Astrid Northup.
 - Moved to direct staff to develop a subcommittee for DLI/ESL by Dixie Brackman
 - Seconded by Joseph Martinez
 - Motion passed
- Alex Rickert provided a presentation regarding the UW DLI/ESL endorsement.
- Alex explained the hope is for the new options in this endorsement area will help the length of the educator's time in Wyoming from two (2) years to more like ten (10) years. Alex explained that the UW plans to reach the districts across the state to target students that live in a dual language home in hopes to attract students with the Seal of Biliteracy (but not a requirement) to the College of Education with ESL/DL endorsement in mind.

- There was a discussion on what the Seal of Biliteracy and what it entails. The Seal of Biliteracy is received upon High School graduation, it is at the discretion of WDE. It was passed in legislation in 2022.

- There was a robust discussion regarding each endorsement.

Elementary Math Specialist

- Moved by Mariah Learned
- Seconded by Dixie Brackman
- Motion passed

Test scores - Dixie Seconded by Mariah - passed

Special Education Director

- Moved to direct staff to develop a subcommittee by Alan Buss
- Seconded by Mariah Learned
- Motion passed

Hunter's Education

- Nish Goicolea provided background on the Hunter's Education and it's history. This endorsement would provide education on the values of the Wyoming outdoors, gun safety, and suicide prevention. Nish explained that the Game and Fish would like to align with PTSB's standards and provide the opportunity for educators across the state to become Hunter Education teachers. This subject is in high demand across the state. If this endorsement passes with PTSB the educator would be required to maintain Game and Fish requirements.
 - Moved to approve by Dixie Brackman
 - Seconded by Astrid Northrup
 - Motion passed

It was moved to approve the proposed rules changes to Chapter 4 rules including adopting the InTASC Standards, and the creation of the proposed new endorsement areas as presented, and to start the rules promulgation process

- Chapter 5 - COVID-EA sunset, DLI clarification, Alternate Routes
 - Director O'Connor provided a brief overview of the Chapter 5 changes.
 - Director O'Connor provided an explanation of the of why the Board of Psychologists would like to be removed from the EA Opt #3.
 - Moved to approve the proposed rules changes for the COVID-EA to sunset and start the rules promulgation process by Mariah Learned
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman

- Motion passed
- Moved to approve the proposed rules changes for the DLI EA by Dixie Brackman
- Seconded by Astrid Northup
- Motion passed
- Related Services EA - Mariah Learned
- Seconded by Janice Marshall
- Motion passed
- No motion for Alternative Certification EA.
- Chapter 6 - Apprentice Permit-
 - Director O'Connor provided an overview of the Apprentice Permit
 - Moved to approve the proposed rules changes for the Apprentice Permit as presented, and to start the rules promulgation process by Janice Marshall
 - Seconded by Dixie Brackman
 - Motion passed
 - It was asked how many individuals are currently enrolled within the three counties, Director O'Connor mentioned the apprentice program currently has twenty-six individuals.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Early Childhood & ECE SPED
 - Alisha Rone explained her role at the CDC in Natrona as a director and the challenges she is faced with hiring at the preschool level for Special Education. Ms. Rone provided some examples of applicants she has had in her hiring process, the applicants have their Master's in Special Education but can not be issued an endorsement with PTSB because it is K-12 not birth to 12. These individuals would have to return to school for more coursework. Ms. Baldwin with UW explained the standpoint from the University. Ms. Baldwin explained that they must meet the national standards as well. Ms. Hunt with UW also acknowledged that an individual that receives an endorsement for Birth-Age 8 and wanted to jump to the school district would have to return to school to complete those courses. Ms. Baldwin mentioned that the legislation passed the "Why Quality Counts" scholarship. Marsha, Alisha, and Jamie mentioned with this scholarship the individuals can only complete one course at a time which doesn't always work. Marsha mentioned that individuals that come from out of state sometimes have the Pre-K to age 8 through their Bachelor's degree, with this

scenario they have the ability to get a license with PTSB. Ms. Bartlett provided information on the program at CWC.

- The question was asked if PTSB can help with this situation. It is understood that PTSB can not help with the pay and individuals jumping from CDCs to the districts. Director O'Connor explained PTSB could potentially with our EA Opt #4 or our Demonstration of Competency.
- Related Services distinction of roles - School Counselor, SSW, School Psych, Behavior Analyst, Behavior Interventionist, Instructional Interventionist
 - Janet provided an overview of what School Counselors and School Social workers are responsible for in the school environment. School Counselors are supposed to do 80/20 but they are not able to do this model because School Counselors and Social workers are also being given workload for SPED evaluations. Mr. Wakkinen provided an overview of what School Psychologists are responsible for in a school setting but again they are not able to provide all the services because of the testing surrounding SPED. Mr. Wakkinen provided the national model the ratio should be 500 to 1, it is currently 1,000 to 1. The focus is to expand the role of a School Psychologist to be able to practice more domains in their model. In the past, related services struggled with Pre-k services because PTSB's endorsement was K-12 but as of March 29, 2023 it is now 0-21 which will help. It was explained that the School Counselor helps with situations at school whereas the Social worker will help with situations that happen outside of school but they do often blend.
- Reconsideration of Alternative Certification EA.
 - Janice Marshall asked to have a further discussion on the Alternative Route from the American Board. There was a robust discussion on language and options.
 - Moved by Alan Buss to amend the Alternative Routes be worded as Accredited Alternative Routes and to add in (iii) and (iv (B) to add PTSB approved-exam.
 - Seconded by Mariah Learned
 - Motion passed
- Moved to approve the amended alt route as presented, and to start the rules promulgation process by Mariah Learned
- Seconded by Dixie Brackman
- Motion passed

DIRECTOR REPORT

- Director O'Connor provided a brief overview of what the staff is doing to help celebrate PTSB 30th Anniversary year.
- Director O'Connor provided a brief overview of the Digilearn Microcredentials work.

- Director O'Connor provided a brief overview of the continued work for the Wyoming Teacher Apprenticeship.
- Director O'Connor provided a brief overview of the work being done for the Recruitment and Retention Task Force. This is on a standstill due to litigation in process but the work is done.
- Director O'Connor provided a brief overview of the status of our RFP for the new licensing system. This will be sent out the first week of July.
- Director O'Connor provided information on the upcoming NASDTEC PPI Conference - October 18-20th, Providence, RI.
- Director O'Connor reviewed the Financials and Workshops.
- Director O'Connor reminded the board members to update auto-reply and to check their email weekly for updates and to keep the account active.
- Director O'Connor reminded the members of our hearing on August 7, 2023

Future Board Meeting

Moved to accept the proposed date of October 16, 2023, time and location to be determined for the next scheduled Board meeting by Janice Marshall. Seconded by Dixie Brackman
Motion passed.

Adjournment 4:01 PM