

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS BOARD (PTSB)  
OCTOBER 8, 2018 – REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HOLIDAY INN CASPER EAST – MEDICAL CENTER  
CASPER, WY

CALL TO ORDER – 9:01 A.M.

Present: Board: Sara Reed, Jenifer Schultze, Jason Wheeler, Jenna Shim, Ray Reutzal, Aaron Jensen, Liann Brenneman, Tracy Ragland, Mike Hamel, and Janice Marshall; Staff: Nish Goicolea, Ashley Graham, and Trisha Wright; Attorney General's Office: Mackenzie Williams; Guests: Shelley Hamel with the Wyoming Department of Education, Tammy Schroeder with the Wyoming Education Association, and Nicholas Bellack with Educational Testing Service

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by **Janice Marshall** and seconded by **Aaron Jensen** to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by **Ray Reutzal** and seconded by **Janice Marshall** to adopt the Board Meeting minutes from June 18-19, 2018 and August 31, 2018, as presented. Motion carried.

LICENSE RATIFICATION

Moved by **Liann Brenneman** and seconded by **Jason Wheeler** for the Board to ratify all licenses listed in the Google Doc link provided for the Board's review. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF DISMISSAL OF DOCKET 2017-026

Moved by **Aaron Jensen** and seconded by **Ray Reutzal** to approve the IC's recommendation for dismissal without prejudice and an advisory letter in Docket #2017-026. Tracy Ragland abstained from voting. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF DISMISSAL OF DOCKET 2017-028

Moved by **Janice Marshall** and seconded by **Liann Brenneman** to approve the IC's recommendation for dismissal without prejudice and an advisory letter with a recommendation to take an ethics course in Docket #2017-028. Tracy Ragland abstained from voting. Motion carried.

ETS - PRAXIS

Nicholas Bellack, PTSB's Client Relations Director with Educational Testing Service (ETS) presented information and data regarding 1) a review of the science generalist exam cut score, 2) tests approved by PTSB with cut scores needing review, and 3) the middle school generalist exam. The Board also reviewed the exams for business education, reading, and theatre education and based on Wyoming's pass rate for these tests the current cut scores were approved as currently set.

Moved by **Liann Brenneman** and seconded by **Mike Hamel** to adopt the Praxis **5435 Science Generalist: Content Knowledge** test with a cut score of **160**. Motion carried.

Moved by **Liann Brenneman** and seconded by **Ray Reutzal** to change the Praxis **5095 Physical Education (K-6, 5-8, 6-12, K-12): Content and Design** test cut score from 176 to **169**. Motion carried.

Moved by **Mike Hamel** and seconded by **Janice Marshall** to approve all cut scores previously approved by PTSB not discussed at this meeting at the cut score previously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

## PROGRAM APPROVAL

Cecilia “CC” Aragón, Ph.D., Associate Director, School of Culture, Gender, and Social Justice, Professor of Theatre and Dance, and Latina/o Studies, Director of Latina/o Studies Program at the University of Wyoming presented on the Theatre Education Endorsement (TEE) K-12.

Moved by **Lianne Brenneman** and seconded by **Jennifer Schultze** for the Board to approve the Theatre Education Endorsement (TEE) K-12 Program. Motion carried.

Angela Jaime, Ph.D., Associate Director, School of Culture, Gender and Social Justice Director, Native American & Indigenous Studies Coordinator, Teachers of American Indian Children Statewide Endorsement, Associate Professor, College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Wyoming provided the Board with a progress report regarding the Teachers of American Indian Children program. Board Chair, Tracy Ragland assigned Board Member, Janice Marshall to serve on the TAIC program approval committee.

## BOARD MEMBER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

Per board directive, the Board Office is proposing all work done as a board or committee member will be accepted as professional development credits. This policy will be valid for PTSB Board members and educators serving on other boards in their respective fields of education, coaching or industry (educators on a PIC Permit). The time spent working as a board member or committee member will be recorded per meeting--to the nearest half hour. At the end of the school year the total number of hours will be tallied and the proper credits will be awarded based on the current conversion of contact hours to credits.

The current conversion for contact hours to credits is as follows:

7 contact hours = 0.5 credit

14 contact hours = 1 credit.

Moved by **Mike Hamel** and seconded by **Jennifer Schultze** for the Board to approve time served on boards and committees for professional development as described in the proposal listed in Attachment 9 [shown above] of this Board packet with the addition of allowing retroactive credits up to five years from 2018. Motion carried.

## MICRO-CREDENTIALS DISCUSSION

PTSB continues to work collaboratively with the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE), the University of Wyoming (UW), and other stakeholders to formalize a framework and metrics for the state of Wyoming. The following pages are the survey results that PTSB had the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) send to all 50 states regarding their use and status of micro-credentials.

## TEMPORARY HARDSHIP/CONSULTANT SPECIALIST/PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PERMIT DISCUSSION

The Consultant Specialist Permit would be available for districts that have a “highly and uniquely qualified applicant” that does not meet all of the requirements for a Standard License. The following situations were used as examples: 1) To cover rural waivers 2) In between rule changes, current example Dual Language Immersion rule changes 3) To cover unique cases example- rural high school has a local veterinarian that they would like to teach one Biology course to their students. The veterinarian does not meet the qualifications to become an educator; however, they have a Doctorate degree in veterinary medicine and they have an expansive knowledge of the subject, and do not want to enroll in a program to get on an Exception Authorization. Board Chair, Tracy Ragland appointed Board Members Jason Wheeler and Jennifer Schultze to serve on the Consultant Specialist Permit Application Review Committee (ARC).

### MIDDLE SCHOOL GENERALIST ENDORSEMENT DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the Middle School Generalist Endorsement and would like the staff to continue to monitor and bring back to the Board as necessary.

### AG, CTE, AND STEM DISCUSSION

The Board discussed Agriculture Education (AG), Career and Technical Education (CTE), and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and would like to continue researching all areas and address issues as necessary.

### CAEP VS. AAQEP UPDATE

Director, Nish Goicolea discussed the need to review both the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP) as the Board will need to decide which agency to proceed with in the coming year. Staff will be attending both agencies conferences and anticipate that by the June Board meeting to have a better perspective of the two bodies. Board Member, Ray Reutzel requested for the Board to have a decision on which agency to proceed with by the June Board meeting.

### WDE RULES CH. 31 – WYOMING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS DISCUSSION

Director, Nish Goicolea discussed how the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) would like to provide districts with some flexibility in the area of graduation requirements. How this affects applicant licensing for PTSB is still unknown.

Board Member, Janice Marshall left the meeting at 1:33 pm.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director, Nish Goicolea presented her Director's Report. She discussed the downsizing efforts she has made by eliminating PTSB's At-Will Employee Contract (AWEC) position as well as shifting one of the three Licensing Specialists to take over professional development duties. PTSB will now have two Licensing Specialists instead of three in anticipation of shifting workloads with the new Educator Credentialing System (ECS). The ECS will also allow PTSB to shift licensee renewal dates to their birthday's (special care will be taken to make sure no licensees are shorted validity time on their certificate(s)). Brendan O'Connor will be PTSB's new Assistant Director.

Applications numbers are down from past years but are steady with last years, while professional development has seen a rise. PTSB's budget remains strong and the scanning project has been completed. The ECS is close to a soft launch with the staff currently testing and vetting for bugs and issues. The staff anticipates a launch date of January 2019. PTSB pending Rules are currently with the Governor's Office awaiting final approval. Nish is aware of a background bill that would allow PTSB to require background checks at the time of renewal, however, the draft bill has not yet been released. The Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board has submitted a bill which would provide them authorization to conduct background in the hopes that they could provide their licensees the option to not be dually licensed with PTSB.

### VETERAN FEES DISCUSSION

The Troops-to-Teachers program is a program that PTSB staff partners with to provide military veterans with licensing information in Wyoming. The Board would like the staff to research the financial impact that a fee reduction for veterans alone and then veterans and spouses would have on the Board budget.

**SCHEDULE FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

Moved by **Liann Brenneman** and seconded by **Ray Reutzel** to schedule the next regular Board meeting for Monday, January 7, 2019 at 3:30 pm via Google Hangout. Motion carried.

Moved by **Liann Brenneman** and seconded by **Mike Hamel** to schedule the March regular Board meeting for Monday, March, 11, 2019 at 3:30 pm via Google Hangout. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.