

TEACHER CERTIFICATION APPEALS COUNCIL

Thursday, July 25, 2013

9:00 am

Minutes

The Teacher Certification Appeals Council was called to order at 9:00 am by Dr. William Rieck. Members present were Ms. Gwen Hitt, Ms. Sheila Monus, Ms. Jocelyn Olivier, and Dr. Michael Shamblin.

Representing the Department were Ms. Barbara Burke, Ms. Rachel Normand and Ms. Regina Poole.

Appellants who appeared before the Council were Sharon Green, Alicia Istre, Adrienne Mustiful, Quentina Timoll, Megna Terrell, Calvin Hall, Karen Boudreaux, Deidre Kirkland, Jean Pitre, Kevin Burke, Shan Williams, Jr., Yvette Frazier, and Nikki Landry.

The following actions were taken by the Council on July 25, 2013:

1. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Olivier, the Council **granted Sharon Green** an additional year on her Out-of-State (OS) teaching certificate to complete the PRAXIS requirements needed for the Professional Level Teaching Certificate.
2. On the motion of Ms. Olivier, seconded by Ms. Hitt, the Council **granted Alicia Istre** certification in Hearing Impaired because of her experience and her undergraduate course work in audiology and speech pathology.
3. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Olivier, the Council **granted with contingency Adrienne Mustiful's** Ancillary Type B School Psychologist certification once she takes six hours of graduate level school psychology course work and submits letter of verification from her employer documenting the activities and her level of performance as a school psychologist while serving on the provisional school psychologist certificate.
4. On the motion of Ms. Hitt, seconded by Dr. Shamblin, the Council **granted Quentina Timoll** school superintendent certification because of her past experience in supervision and evaluation and her five years of teaching experience.
5. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Hitt, the Council **granted with contingency Megan Terrell's** visually impaired certification once she completes six hours (currently enrolled) and PRAXIS (0354).
6. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Olivier, the Council **granted Calvin Hall** an additional year on his Practitioner License (PL2) to complete his alternate certification program.
7. On the motion of Ms. Hitt, seconded by Dr. Shamblin, the Council **granted Karen Boudreaux** add-on certification as a school counselor based on her documentation of counseling activities completed under the supervision of a certified school counselor.

Council had previously recommended she complete these activities in lieu of the counseling practicum in a school setting.

8. On the motion of Ms. Olivier, seconded by Ms. Monus, the Council **granted Deidre Kirkland** an additional year on her Out-of-State (OS) certificate to complete the required PRAXIS exam for the Professional Level certificate.
9. On the motion of Ms. Hitt, seconded by Dr. Shamblin, the Council **granted Jena Pitre** add-on in reading specialist because of her experience as a TAP master teacher, extensive training and professional development in various reading/ELA curriculum trainings in programs and strategies
10. On the motion of Ms. Hitt, seconded by Ms. Monus, the Council **granted with contingencies Kevin Burke's** certification in Mild/Moderate 1-12, after the date of 7/1/2013, once he has completed one additional year of Mild/Moderate teaching experience.
11. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Olivier, the Council **granted Shan Williams, Jr.**, an additional year on his Practitioner License (PL2) to complete his alternate certification program.
12. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Hitt, the Council **granted Yvette Frazier** educational leader level 2 certification by using administrative experience in lieu of the leadership induction program.
13. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Hitt, the Council **granted with contingency Nikki Landry** school librarian certification once she has completed three semester hours of either Library Methods or Library Organization. Also, Council granted an additional year on the Out-of-Field Authority to Teach (OFAT) in school librarian for the 2013-2014 school year.
14. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Hitt, the Council **denied Vallie Anderson** educational leader level 1 certification. The Council felt strongly, experience and graduate degree should not be used in lieu of the required State licensure exam. Council feels the PRAXIS School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) exam is a demonstration of the minimal standards of leadership skills and knowledge needed to serve in a leadership capacity. Once she has successfully completed the PRAXIS SLLA exam, she will be eligible for the educational leader level 1 certification.
15. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Olivier, the Council **granted Gisele Cooper** an additional year on her Out-of-State (OS) teaching certificate to complete the required PRAXIS requirements for the professional level teaching certificate.
16. On the motion of Ms. Hitt, seconded by Dr. Shamblin, the Council **granted Amber Harris** an additional year on her Out-of-State (OS) teaching certificate to complete the required PRAXIS requirements for the professional level teaching certificate.
17. On the motion of Ms. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Olivier, the Council **granted Victoria Kennon** an additional year on her Practitioner License (PL2) to complete her alternate certification program.
18. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Hitt, the Council **granted with contingency LaDonna Lee** elementary mathematics specialist certification once she presents documentation of three years of teaching experience in mathematics and completion of the three semester hour practicum to include leadership challenges and

issues which mathematics leaders encounter. Council suggests contacting University of Louisiana in Lafayette, McNeese State University, or Louisiana State University which offer the practicum.

19. On the motion of Ms. Hitt, seconded by Ms. Olivier, the Council **granted with contingencies Brooke Muntean** add-on certification as a reading specialist to her Level 1 teaching certificate once she submits an official University of New Orleans transcript verifying the completion of the three semester hours in Foundations of Reading.
20. On the motion of Ms. Hitt, seconded by Ms. Monus, the Council **granted Michelle Newton** an additional year on her Out-of-State (OS) teaching certificate to complete the required PRAXIS exams for the professional level certificate.
21. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Hitt, the Council **granted Jerry Payne** a one year renewal of his Out-of-State Principal 1 (OSP1) certificate for the 2013-2014 school year to complete the PRAXIS or meet PRAXIS exclusion policy for the Out-of-State Principal2 (OSP2) certification.
22. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Hitt, the Council **granted JoAnna Proctor** an additional year on her Out-of-State (OS) teaching certificate to complete the required PRAXIS for the professional level certificate.
23. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Hitt, the Council **granted Ashley Riche'** eligibility to serve as an educational leader level 2 because of her federal programs coordinator experience in Assumption Parish School System.
24. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Hitt, the Council **granted Melissa Warren** an additional year on her Out-of-State (OS) teaching certificate to complete the required PRAXIS exams for the professional level certificate.
25. On the motion of Dr. Shamblin, seconded by Ms. Olivier, the Council **granted Kamara Barclay** an additional year on her Out-of-State (OS) teaching certificate to meet the PRAXIS exclusion policy needed for the professional level certificate.

On the motion of Gwen Hitt, seconded by Dr. Shamblin, the Council gave the Office of Certification, Preparation , Recruitment the authority to grant one-year renewals of Out-of-State certificates and Practitioner Licenses because of the many appeals coming to the Council for this request in the last year. The Council has always granted the appeals for the one-additional year. The Louisiana employing authority may request a renewal of an Out-of-State or Practitioner License for a teacher upon presentation of the following documentation:

- Successful teacher evaluation results in COMPASS or CIS or district office
- Verification of continued employment for the additional year
- Verification the teacher is in good standing with the employing authority
- Under this stipulation, teachers are only allowed one such renewal and understand they must complete the requirements needed for the standard professional level certification

The 2014 meeting dates are to be announced. The Teacher Certification Appeals Council was adjourned at 11:30a.m , July 25, 2013.

