

# Teacher Certification Appeals Council

## Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2015

### 1. Call to order

Dr. Voiron called to order the regular meeting of the TCAC at 9:00 am on March 25, 2015 in 1-155 North Dakota Room

### 2. Roll call

The following members were present: Dr. William Rieck, Dr. Shirley Jacob, Dr. Louis Voiron, Mr. Rick Wentzel, and Ms. Karen Richardson. Representing the Department were: Regina Poole, Barbara Burke, Rachel Normand and Cindy Millard

### 3. Appellants in attendance

Alvera McMillan, Kim Legaux, Maria Keyes, Cheryl Clawson, Philip Sampy, Tessie White-Stein, Jeffery Hand, Karen Schexnaider, Jennifer Winslett, and Melanie McCain

### 4. Actions

On the motion of **Mr. Wentzel**, seconded by **Dr. Jacob**, Council granted **Alvera McMillan** reading specialist certification to her Type C teaching certificate based on completion of the required coursework and her experience. Ms. McMillan lacked the Level 2 teaching certificate for Reading Specialist certification.

On the motion of **Mr. Wentzel**, seconded by **Dr. Jacob**, Council granted **Kim Legaux** Ancillary Counselor certification based on her three years of school counselor experience and other

counseling experience in group homes and correctional facilities.

On motion of **Dr. Voiron**, seconded by **Dr. Jacob**, Council deferred **Maria Keyes** appeal to the next TCAC meeting on July 30, 2015. Ms. Keyes will submit a comparison of the Professional Learning Units she completed for her out of state certification in academically gifted, for the nine hours of remaining course work needed to meet Louisiana academically gifted add-on certification requirements, from a Louisiana university. Council waived three hours of course work in Characteristics/Study of Gifted.

On motion of **Dr. Voiron**, seconded by **Dr. Jacob**, Council denied **Cheryl Clawson** PK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade certification since the PRAXIS Early Childhood Exam (5621) is available to meet the add-on requirements.

On motion of **Dr. Voiron**, seconded by **Ms. Richardson**, Council granted **Philip Sampy** Career Technical Trade Industrial Education certification in Oil and Gas Production due to his hands on experience with mechanisms and platform performance duties completed in his training for the Production Safety Systems (T2) certification.

On motion of **Mr. Wentzel**, seconded by **Dr. Jacob**, Council granted **Tessie White-Stein** Educational Leader Level 2 certification based on her one year of experience as an assistant principal and her work experience with the Louisiana Department of Education.

On motion of **Ms. Richardson**, seconded by **Dr. Jacob**, **Tessie White-Stein** was denied Educational Leader Level 3 certification due to her lack of appropriate administrative experiences needed to meet the four years of administrative experience lacking for the certification. **Dr. Voiron** excused

himself due to **Ms. White-Stein** working with Network 4 in his school district.

On motion of **Dr. Voiron**, seconded by **Dr. Jacob, Jeffery Hand** was denied Educational Leader Level 3 certification due to lack of five years of teaching experience in the area of certification and five years of education leadership or management experience at the level of assistant principal or above.

On motion of **Mr. Wentzel**, seconded by **Dr. Jacob, Karen Schexnaider** was granted Educational Diagnostician certification contingent upon the completion of her Master's Degree which will complete the required course work. Council waived the one year of generic special education teaching experience based on her teaching experience with inclusion students.

On motion of **Ms. Richardson**, seconded by **Mr. Wentzel, Jennifer Winslett** was granted Educational Leader Level 1 certification since she completed an out of state educational leader program and passed the PRAXIS SLLA exam.

On motion of **Dr. Voiron**, seconded by **Ms Richardson, Melanie McCain** was denied add-on certification as an educational diagnostician due to lack of experience to substitute for the one year of teaching generic special education students.

5. Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. Next meeting is July 30, 2015.