

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Teacher Certification Appeals Council (TCAC)

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Minutes — Unofficial

The November 10, 2022 meeting of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council (TCAC) was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Dr. Christine Hypolite.

Members present were: Ms. Brenna Bethancourt, Ms. Christen DeRise, Mr. Scott Devillier, Dr. Christine Hypolite, Dr. Arthur Joffrion, Mr. Jimmy Kennedy and Dr. Rhea Kiper.

Dr Letitia Walters served as proxy for Dr. Jordan Ahrend.

Absences: Dr. Katrina Jordan

Appellants in attendance: Helena Badeaux and Jason Lemoine

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) were Ms. Paula Bell, Ms. Christy Bellue, and Ms. Rachel Normand.

Public comments were received from Mike Hill.

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Dr. Hypolite requested a motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2022 TCAC meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

1. On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Devillier, the Council approved the September 1, 2022 meeting minutes.

2. On motion of Dr. Joffrion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the Council went into executive session at 9:25 a.m. to discuss appeals for the following individuals:
 - a. Helena Badeaux
 - b. Tasha Robichaux
 - c. Christine Cruse Davis

- d. Angelle Fontenot
- e. Richard Long
- f. Mina Posey
- g. Kimble Cox
- h. Shenia Simon
- i. Amy Bordelon
- j. Katharine Cannata
- k. Elizabeth Powell
- l. Antonette Cannon
- m. Jason Lemoine
- n. Jennifer Edwards

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Brenna Bethancourt, Ms. Christen DeRise, Mr. Scott Devillier, Dr. Christine Hypolite, Dr. Arthur Joffrion, Mr. Jimmy Kennedy, and Dr. Rhea Kiper

Nays: none

Absences: Dr. Katrina Jordan

The roll call vote to go into executive session was made and passed. It was noted that no votes would be taken in executive session; all votes would be made public.

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- 3. On motion of Dr. Joffrion, seconded by Bethancourt, the Council reconvened into regular session at 11:09 am. and continued with the regular order of the agenda. A quorum was present.
- 4. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Devillier, the Council granted **Helana Badeaux's** request to extend her Level 1 teaching certificate for one year in order to earn the necessary effective evaluation(s) so the certificate can be advanced.
- 5. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Devillier, the Council granted **Tasha Robichaux's** request to extend her Level 1 teaching certificate for two years in order to earn the necessary effective evaluation(s) so the certificate can be advanced.
- 6. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Bethancourt, the Council denied **Christine Cruse Davis'** request to extend her Type C teaching certificate for one year since she now is eligible to advance to the Level 2 in accordance with policy.
- 7. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Bethancourt, with Dr. Kiper abstaining, the Council granted with contingency **Angelle Fontenot's** request to extend her Level 2 teaching certificate for two years in order to earn the necessary effective evaluation(s) so the certificate can be advanced/renewed for five years. The renewal is contingent on

appellant providing proof of employment as a teacher of record, with verification she will be evaluated via Compass.

8. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. DeRise, the Council granted **Richard Long's** request to extend his Level 2 teaching certificate for three years in order to earn the necessary effective evaluation(s) so the certificate can be advanced/renewed for five years.
9. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Bethancourt, with Dr. Kiper abstaining, the Council granted with contingency **Mina Posey's** request to extend her Level 3 teaching certificate for three years in order to earn the necessary effective evaluation(s) so the certificate can be advanced/renewed for five years. The renewal is contingent on appellant providing proof of employment as a teacher of record, with verification she will be evaluated via Compass.
10. On the motion of Dr. Joffrion, seconded by Mr. Devillier, the Council granted **Kimble Cox's** request to extend her Out-of-State (OS) certificate for one year in order to fulfill the Praxis content exam in Social Studies needed for issuance of the Level certificate.
11. On the motion of Mr. Devillier, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the Council granted **Shenia Simon's** request to advance her one-year Out-of-State (OS) certificate to the three-year OS using her six semester hours of education/content related coursework taken outside the validity towards issuance.
12. On the motion of Dr. Joffrion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the Council granted **Amy Bordelon's** appeal to extend the Out-of-Field Authority to Teach (OFAT) for one-year in the area of Academically Gifted. The extension would permit more time to finish the remainder of the courses needed towards conferral of her master's degree, a qualifying requirement for the addition of an endorsement in Academically Gifted.
13. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Devillier, the Council granted **Katharine Cannata's** request to extend her Ancillary-School Librarian certificate for one year in order to earn the necessary effective evaluation(s) so the certificate can be advanced/renewed for five years.
14. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Devillier, the Council granted **Elizabeth Powell's** request to extend her Ancillary-School Counselor certificate for three years in order to earn the necessary effective evaluation(s) so the certificate can be advanced/renewed for five years.
15. On the motion of Ms. Bethancourt, seconded by Dr. Kiper, the Council denied **Antonette Cannon's** request to add Educational Diagnostician to her certificate. The Council indicated the two, three-semester hour courses she is lacking for the addition of the mild/moderate endorsement, Fundamentals of Instructional Technology and Instructional Practices in Special Education, are essential to the position of serving as an Educational Diagnostician.

16. On the motion of Ms. Derise, seconded by Dr. Kiper, the Council denied **Jason Lemoine's** request to add the Educational Leader Level 3 eligibility statement to his certificate as he was deficient three years of educational administrative/management experience at the level principal or above.

17. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Joffrion, the Council granted **Jennifer Edward's** request to add the Adapted Physical Education endorsement to her certificate based upon the documentation provided by the university where two semester hour courses were redesigned to three semester hour courses.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next meeting of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council is scheduled to convene on February 16, 2023.