

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Teacher Certification Appeals Council (TCAC)
Thursday, November 4, 2021
Minutes — Unofficial

The November 4, 2021 meeting of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council (TCAC) was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Dr. Christine Hypolite. Members present were:

Dr. Dustin Hebert, Dr. Christine Hypolite, Mr. James Kennedy, Dr. Rhea Kiper and Dr. Verjanis Peoples

Absences were: Mr. Devillier, Dr. Joffrion and Ms. Karen Parrino.

Appellants in attendance: Kenneth Courville, Rachel Doucet, Cynthia Foster, Cassandra Kaiser, Shelia Lockett and Nancia Sterling

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

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Dr. Hypolite requested a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2021 TCAC meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

1. On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Hebert, the Council approved the August 26th, 2021 meeting minutes.

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2. On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Peoples, the Council went into executive session at 9:16 a.m. to discuss appeals for the following individuals:

- a. Tristan Cunningham
- b. Sarah Gauthreaux
- c. Sara Habetz
- d. Cassandra Kaiser
- e. Rachel Doucet
- f. Rusty Richard
- g. Katherine Pleasant
- h. Cynthia Foster
- i. Nancia Sterling
- j. David Chandler
- k. James Boykins
- l. Linda Terrell
- m. Kenneth Courville
- n. Shelia Lockett

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Dr. Hebert, Dr. Hypolite, Mr. Kennedy, Dr. Kiper and Dr. Peoples

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

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 Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Hebert, the Council reconvened into regular session at 10:49 a.m. and continued with the regular order of the agenda. A quorum was present.
4. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy seconded by Dr. Hebert, with Dr. Kiper abstaining, the Council granted **Tristan Cunningham's** request to extend the Level 1 teaching certificate for one year in order to earn a third effective evaluation so the certificate can be advanced to the renewable higher level certificate.
5. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Peoples, the Council granted **Sarah Gauthreaux's** request to extend her Level 1 teaching certificate for one year in order to earn a third effective evaluation so the certificate can be advanced to the renewable higher level certificate.
6. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Peoples, the Council granted **Sara Habetz's** request to extend her Level 1 teaching certificate for one year in order to earn a third effective evaluation so the certificate can be advanced to the renewable higher level certificate.
7. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Peoples, the Council granted **Kassandra Kaiser's** request to extend her Type C certificate for one year in order to earn a third effective evaluation so the certificate can be advanced to the renewable higher level certificate.
8. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Peoples, the Council granted **Rachel Doucet's** request to extend her Level 2 teaching certificate for two years in order to earn effective evaluations so the certificate can be advanced to the renewable higher level certificate.
9. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Peoples, the Council granted **Rusty Richard's** request to extend his Level 2 teaching certificate for three years in order to earn effective evaluations so the certificate can be renewed.

10. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Peoples, the Council granted **Katherine Pleasant's** request to extend her Level 2* teaching certificate for one year in order to earn effective evaluations so the certificate can be transitioned to the Level 2 certificate.
11. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Peoples, the Council granted **Cynthia Foster's** request for a one-year extension of the Out-of-State (OS) certificate in order to fulfill Praxis exam requirements to advance to the Level certificate.
12. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Peoples, the Council granted **Nancia Sterling's** request to place her Educational Leader Level 2 (EDL2) into non-practicing status due to not serving on the certificate. Her former employing school system no longer exists.
13. On the motion of Dr. Peoples, seconded by Dr. Hebert, the Council granted **David Chandler's** request to issue the Practitioner's License 2 (PL2) for one year in order to fulfill certification requirements via a certification-only program after previously holding the PL3 while in a master's degree program for three school sessions.
14. On the motion of Dr. Peoples, seconded by Dr. Kiper, the Council granted **James Boykins'** request for a one-year extension of the PL2 certificate, permitting time for him to fulfill program and certification requirements in order to advance to the Level teaching certificate.
15. On the motion of Dr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the Council granted **Linda Terrell's** request to add-on Supervisor of School Libraries, substituting graduate credit for the undergraduate library science credit required for the add-on endorsement. All other requirements have been met.
16. On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Hebert, the Council granted **Kenneth Courville's** request to issue EDL 3 eligibility, substituting his three years working in a school leader position of Administrative Assistant, although evaluated as a teacher, for the deficient years of successful administrative/leadership experience required for certification eligibility.
17. On the motion of Dr. Peoples, seconded by Dr. Kiper, the Council granted **Shelia Lockett's** request to add the School Superintendent endorsement based upon policy preceding the current Educational Leader structure. She is requesting that ARC 8914 "Psychoeducational Assessment' doctoral course be substituted for the deficient three semester hours needed for the endorsement. All other requirements have been met.

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With no further business, on the motion of Dr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56a.m.

The next meeting of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council is scheduled to convene on March 10, 2022.

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