**Teacher Certification Appeals Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 24, 2016**

1. **Call to order**

Dr. Voiron called to order the regular meeting of the TCAC at 9:20 am on March 24, 2016 in 1-155 North Dakota Room.

1. **Roll Call**

The following members were present: Dr. Sheila Jackson, Dr. Louis Voiron, Mr. Rick Wentzel, and Dr. Kimberly McAlister. Representing the Department of Education were, Hannah Dietsch, Sara Strickland, Regina Poole, Rachel Normand, and Cindy Millard

1. **Appellants in attendance**

Marilyn Parker, Connie Cassels, Bridget Ramsey, Harold Hill, Jr.,

1. **Actions**

Council deferred electing a new Chair until next meeting July 28, 2016.

Council asked for a new method for sending packets to members.

Department will look into a new method.

Representative Frank Hoffmann asked to sit in on the meeting.

He asked to address the Council and spoke about a Legislative Bill he drafted

which addresses Educational Leadership eligibility for educators who don’t meet

the requirement of holding a teaching certificate.

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1. On the motion of Dr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wentzel, the Council granted Marilyn Parker Out-of-State Superintendent letter of eligibility by using one-year as Special Education Specialist in TX, Doctorate degree program in superintendence with internship, superintendent certification in TX, and experience supervising principals.
2. On the motion of Mr. Wentzel, seconded by Dr. McAlister, the Council denied Connie Cassels eligibility for Educational Leader Level 1 since she does not hold a Type B or Level 2 teaching certificate. Council did not accept the Ancillary Type B School Psychologist certification as an equivalent to the required teaching certificate for Educational Leader Level 1 eligibility.
3. On motion of Mr. Wentzel, seconded by Dr. Jackson, the Council deferred Bridget Ramsey’s appeal for Academically Gifted add-on certification to the July 28, 2016 TCAC meeting. Council asked for a copy of a Virginia teaching credential or letter of verification from the State Department of Education in VA showing eligibility in gifted certification, or a chart listing the courses and training she has completed in gifted and their alignment with the 15 specific graduate hours of course work in gifted required for academically gifted add-on certification in Louisiana.
4. On the motion of Dr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wentzel, the Council granted Harold Hill, Jr., a Practitioner License 2 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year and it will be renewed for the 2016-2017 school year upon verification of employment. Mr. Hill held a Practitioner License 1 for the maximum three years.
5. On the motion of Dr. McAlister, seconded by Mr. Wentzel, the Council granted Lauren Jacob Mild/Moderate 1-5 add-on certification by using Intel training and ELRC 2507 for three hours of Fundamentals of Instructional Technology and three years of teaching experience in special education for the three hours of Collaborative Teaming.
6. On the motion of Mr. Wentzel, seconded by Dr. McAlister, the Council granted Katherine Taylor Ancillary Counselor K-12 certification. Council substituted four years of experience as a school counselor for the required counseling practicum in a school setting.
7. On the motion of Dr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. McAlister, the Council granted Najah Shakir renewal of her Out-of-State (OS) teaching certificate for 8/26/2015-8/26/2016 school year. Once she has completed the required PRAXIS exams for the program area of certification to advance to the standard professional Level certification.
8. On motion of Dr. McAlister, seconded by Mr. Wentzel, the Council granted Bridget Nall middle school mathematics add-on certification. Council used the successful passing of the PRAXIS PLT K-6 and PLT 7-12 in lieu of the PLT 5-9 required for middle school certification since the two PLTs previously passed covered pedagogy content at the middle school level.
9. On motion of Mr. Wentzel, seconded by Dr. Jackson, the Council deferred Robin Nichols’ appeal for Online Instructor certification to the July 28, 2016 TCAC meeting. Council is asking for additional information about the types of trainings and activities she has acquired that align with the required course work and modules for Online Instructor certification.
10. The next Teacher Certification Appeals Council meeting will be held July 28, 2016.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm.