

**Education Standards and Practices Board
Program Approval Advisory Committee
Video Conference Meeting Minutes**

April 13, 2023

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) Program Approval Advisory Committee (PAAC) video conference meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by PAAC Chair Brenda Tufte. Introductions were held.

PAAC members present were Brenda Tufte, Chris Ray, Katherine Terras, and Siri Coleman.

Also present by video conference were ESPB Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin, Mari Riehl, and Amy Bigelow from ESPB.

PAAC members Ben Johnson, Joshua Standing Elk, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Joan Aus, and Patti Stedman were absent.

Approval of December 2022 Minutes – Chris Ray made a motion to approve the December 2022 PAAC minutes. Seconded by Katherine Terras. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

NDSU Approval of CAEP Accreditation Report – Addressed at the last meeting.

University of Jamestown Music Program Changes – University of Jamestown is changing student teaching for music teachers and it will now fall under the music department instead of teacher education department. This will not affect the number of credits or their program. Provided for information only.

UND Resident Teacher Program Information – In the past, UND resident teachers for special education have been issued an alternative access license, but not that isn't appropriate as they aren't the teacher of record and don't have 30SH of coursework in special education. After conversations and visiting with Amy Jacobson, RT Program Coordinator at UND, they will now be issued an interim substitute license for their first year in the program moving forward.

Update on Apprenticeship Models, Path Forward Reading, Legislative Session –

- **Apprenticeship Model** – Lynn Hammond has been hired to work on apprenticeships in ND. Laurie Matzke from DPI has reached out to EPPs in ND to find out who would like to be eligible for federal funding that may be available. Still a lot of growing pains, but a lot of learning happening along the way.
- **The Path Forward Reading** – Many other states have implemented reading legislation and ND is on board with this. A team has been meeting with a consultant every month and coming up with a plan. Allen Burgad will be sharing that plan with NDACTE at their meeting this evening. ESPB has been working to have the higher education reading requirement apply only to K-3 and not K-12, so requirements align between higher ed and districts.
- **Legislative Session** – Becky congratulated Katherine Terras and Holly Peterson on their flipped model of special education that has been signed by the Governor. This is

being referred to as the Special Education Authorization. Continuation of permit bill passed. Student loan forgiveness failed.

American Board Special Education Standards – It was required as part of a bill that American Board go through program approval. They have completed this and it was found that the content area standards were met but some pedagogy standards were not met. Now that this has been completed, it would take another bill to remove American Board as an option for licensure in ND even though all standards are not met.

Brenda expressed concern that it doesn't seem right that here in ND we have EPPs on probation because standards are not met that they continue to work toward improving, yet American Board has standards that aren't met and nothing can be done to encourage them to work toward meeting the requirements. It seems to be caught in between, since American Board as a preparation program is in law. Because of this, she feels it's important that the clinical experience and mentoring continue to be required for American Board prepared individuals.

Update on Site Visits –

- Sitting Bull College April 16-18
- Dickinson State and Minot State are completing program reports due April 2023 and fall 2023
- Trinity Bible College had a site visit and has addressed all of their AFIs and stipulations

Katherine Terras made a motion to allow Trinity Bible College to continue on probationary status while they build their program (removal of stipulations). Seconded by Chris Ray. Katherine stated that based on the information that they've continued to be responsive and show growth, this is reason to let them continue. Chris said we're educators and support improvement and the fact that TBC is doing this should be commended and supported. All voted in favor, none opposed. None opposed. Motion carried.

Becky thanked Brenda Tufte and Ben Johnson for their terms on PAAC that will be ending soon.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.

Brenda Tufte, Chair

Rebecca Pitkin, Secretary/Executive Director