

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

December 8, 2022

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, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Katherine Terras, and Siri Coleman. Patti Stedman was also present at joined the meeting at 12:21pm.

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, Joan Aus, and Patti Stedman were absent.

Additions to Agenda – Chris Ray made a motion to add edits to the program approval manual to the agenda. Motion seconded by Siri Coleman. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of September 2022 Minutes – Katherine Terras made a motion to approve the September 2022 PAAC minutes. Motion seconded by Siri Coleman. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Update on Site Visits –

- VCSU October 16-18, 2022 (state team member: Dr. Brenda Tufte)
- UND November 6-8, 2022 (state site visitor: Dr. Chris Ray)
- UND Update on Resident Teacher Program
- Becky national visit-December 4, 2022; February 19, 2023

American Board Program Approval Updates – Third-party content experts have reviewed American Board's programs and that information has been provided to PAAC for review. At this time, there are a number of unmet areas. Becky is unsure what happens from here. It was mandated with the legislative bill in 2021 that American Board go through state program approval.

Update on Apprenticeship Model – The US Department of Labor is offering apprenticeship dollars to states. This is primarily DPI driven, but ESPB is working with DPI to develop the apprenticeship model in North Dakota. ESPB was given a grant from DPI to hire a consultant to work with educator preparation programs. The application has been submitted to the Department of Labor by DPI and they're hoping for approval before session starts in January 2023.

The reading bill in 2021 required that all teacher education programs cover reading diagnosis and correction, including at the secondary level. Many states have made the

science of reading mandatory. ND has been in discussion with The Hunt Institute about the science of reading, but nothing has been put into place.

Accreditation Manual – In North Dakota, educator preparation programs have the option of pursuing state or CAEP accreditation. North Dakota uses CAEP standards for our educator preparation programs. A handful of years ago, there was in educator preparation program (EPP) in North Dakota that would have lost their accreditation, but the state was able to add an additional outcome so the EPP could move toward continuous improvement. This allowed them to continue to be approved while improving their program.

Becky is asking to put in the program approval manual that after a site team visit is completed and the rejoinder is received, ESPB may send the information to outside, neutral third-party, team for review. This would be helpful to state approved programs.

Katherine Terras made motion that ESPB may send the outcome and rejoinder of a program review to a third-party neutral reviewer for further review. Seconded by Mary Eldredge-Sandbo. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

CAEP Accreditation Council Recommendations (NDSU) – NDSU received notification that they have received CAEP accreditation at the advanced level. It was noted in the Accreditation Action Report that all standards were met. All voted in favor of approving the Accreditation Action Report and NDSU’s accreditation. None opposed. Motion carried.

State Team Recommendations to NHSC – The state team’s final recommendation is that an interim visit must be held in Spring 2024. A written report on all areas for improvement (AFI) must be provided by March 30, 2024. Stakeholder interviews related to the AFIs must be scheduled for the site visit team to attend at the time of their Spring 2024 visit. Extensions will not be granted and all requirements must be met to maintain accreditation.

Katherine Terras made motion to accept the state team recommendation to NHSC as written. Motion seconded by Mary Eldredge-Sandbo. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Chris Ray asked if it had been addressed with NHSC that they would have data if they had more students. NHSC has a recruitment plan, but no actual recruitment goal.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:51pm.

Brenda Tufte, Chair

Rebecca Pitkin, Secretary/Executive Director