

**Education Standards and Practices Board  
Program Approval Advisory Committee  
Minutes**

August 10, 2017

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) Program Approval Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting was called to order by ESPB Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin at 8:05am. Introductions were held. At this time, PAAC does not have a chair, as we have many new ESPB board members.

PAAC members present were Karen Christensen, Kim Belgarde, Penny Veit-Hetletved and Rod Jonas. Kim Knodle, Ben Schafer, and Brenda Seehafer joined by conference call.

Also present were Rebecca Pitkin and Amy Folkestad from ESPB.

**Additions to Agenda** – NDUS report and program complete information. Both items are presented for information only.

**Approval of December 2016 Minutes** – Karen Christensen made a motion to approve the minutes from December 2016. Brenda Seehafer seconded. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**NDACTE Qualtrics Tool** – North Dakota and Dr. Stacy Duffield were featured nationally regarding the Qualtrics tool that is being used to collect data on first year teachers.

**Updated Standards on Website** – All standards for higher education have been updated on the ESPB website.

**House Bill 1098 Updates** – A public hearing was held on ESPB's Administrative Rules changes. Two people attended.

**Fall 2018 CAEP/State Visits** – Many program reviews coming in the next year. Due to this, we will not have a lot of program changes in the near future.

**Discussion of Recommendations to PAAC from the State Standards Teams** – A group met in June on math, English, and social studies standards. The group looked to see what needs to be updated in the standards since middle school is now included with all elementary licenses and at the content specific level for secondary teachers.

Minimal changes to actual content were recommended. If PAAC agrees, this would go back to higher ed and they would have two years to include the changes in their programs. Consensus of the committee was that the language used is broad enough to cover the multiple strategies used for the content areas – not elementary or secondary specific.

Social Studies – No specific standards revisions were made.

Math – The committee recommended minor wording changes.

English Language Arts – Wording was added to address pre-adolescence, middle level, language development and analyzing writing. Standard 05020.6 was deleted because it is duplicated in the INTASC standards.

Karen Christensen made a motion to accept the committee’s work. Motion seconded by Penny Veit-Hetletved. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**PAAC membership/term limits** – A few PAAC members have served more than two 3-year terms. Becky will be in contact with PAAC members and work to make sure policy and term limits are being followed. Kim Knodle also let PAAC know that he is reducing his workload, so would like his position on PAAC to be reappointed.

Rod Jonas made a motion to ask for recommendations for PAAC members from appropriate organizations. Motion seconded by Karen Christensen. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

A DPI subcommittee of the ESSA group will be looking at administrative credentials. Rod Jonas is on that committee and will be looking for representation.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27am.

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Rebecca Pitkin, Secretary/Executive Director