

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

May 12, 2022

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) Program Approval Advisory Committee (PAAC) video conference meeting was called to order at 12:01pm.

PAAC members present were Chair Brenda Tufte, Katherin Terras, Siri Coleman, Patti Stedman and Josh Standing Elk. Joan Aus joined at 12:20pm. Members absent were Ben Johnson, Chris Ray, and Mary Eldredge-Sando.

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

Introductions were held.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda – No additions to the agenda.

Approval of December 2021 Minutes – Patti Stedman made a motion to approve the December 2021 PAAC minutes. Motion seconded by Katherine Terras. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Update on Site Visits –

- Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College and United Tribes Technical College are working on rejoinders following their site visits.
- Valley City State University visit will be October 16-18, 2022. Dr. Brenda Tufte will be the state team member on the visit.
- University of North Dakota visit is scheduled for November 6-8, 2022. Dr. Chris Ray will be the state site visitor.
- Becky will be attending a national site visit on December 4, 2022.
- Six individuals from ND will attend CAEP visitor training this summer.

UND Master of Science in Teaching and Learning – Dr. Laura Link, a new faculty member, has been making some updates to UND's online programs. This is being provided for informational purposes. One change to note is the new track they will be providing in instructional coaching.

Update: University of Mary Undergraduate Special Education Degree – University of Mary's undergraduate special education program has been revised to better reflect the areas of licensure that graduates are obtaining. Previously, the bachelor's level special education program was designed to meet intellectual disabilities requirements.

American Board Program Approval Update – American Board program areas were reviewed against ND standards by content experts. It was determined that the content is there, but the pedagogy was weak. Becky has relayed this information back to American Board and asked them to provide additional information on assessments and pedagogy. She has learned ND is not the only state that has requested this information.

Special Education Educational Diagnostician Specialist Endorsement – UND has submitted a proposal for a Special Education Educational Diagnostician Specialist Endorsement. The proposal requests the endorsement require a completed doctoral degree in education, in alignment with the evaluator qualifications. The endorsement is also aligned to the Council for Exceptional Children’s Advanced Standards. Patti Stedman made a motion to approve UND’s proposal for a Special Education Educational Diagnostician Specialist Endorsement. Motion seconded by Katherine Terras. PAAC members who voted in favor were Brenda Tufte, Josh Standing Elk, Katherine Terras, Siri Coleman, and Patti Stedman. None opposed. Motion carried.

Turtle Mountain Secondary Math Education – Turtle Mountain Community College has submitted a request for approval to offer a secondary math education program. The site visit at TMCC will not take place until 2025. They have incorporated a lot of Ojibwe math into the standards, while still meeting all mathematics education standards. It was noted that the program is rich in cultural competencies. TMCC would need to include this with their site visit in 2025. If PAAC approves today, they could begin offering this program in Fall 2022.

Siri Coleman made a motion to approve the Turtle Mountain Community College secondary math education program. Motion seconded by Katherine Terras. PAAC members who voted in favor were Brenda Tufte, Josh Standing Elk, Joan Aus, Katherine Terras, Siri Coleman, and Patti Stedman. None opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:22pm.

Brenda Tufte, Chair

Rebecca Pitkin, Secretary/Executive Director