

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

September 14, 2023

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) Program Approval Advisory Committee (PAAC) video conference meeting was called to order at 11:00am by PAAC Chair Jenny Bladow. Introductions were held.

PAAC members present were Jenny Bladow, Chris Ray, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Katherine Terras, and Siri Coleman. PAAC members absent were Joan Aus and Patti Stedman.

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

Approval of April 2023 Minutes – Chris Ray made a motion to approve the April 2023 PAAC minutes. Seconded by Katherine Terras. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Update on Site Visits –

- NHSC Interim Visit March 2024, report due December 2023
- Dickinson State University has completed the content review
- Minot State University program reports due September 2024
- Becky's national visits – November 2023, March 2024, CAEP State Training September 2023

Certification Central Update – Katherine Terras shared that Certification Central is now offering a special education practicum (SPED 525) for 1 to 5 credit equivalents and two independent study courses for SPED 575 and ED 575 that are available for 1-3 credit equivalents. All are repeatable. Becky thanked Katherine for the update.

Teacher Authorization Update – As of today there have been 16 Teaching Authorizations issued to pre-service teachers. So far feedback has been positive. A hearing has been scheduled for October on the emergency rules.

HB1231 Reading Competencies – House Bill 1231 was an update that changed the reading competency requirement to apply to early childhood education, elementary education, and special education licensure. Today stakeholders are being brought together at University of Mary to develop reading competencies for North Dakota. Outcomes and milestones will be shared going forward.

Minot State University Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education – Minot State currently has a Master of Education in Special Education. They are looking to add a Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education.

Katherine Terras made a motion to approve Minot State's proposal to offer a Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education. Seconded by Chris Ray. PAAC members who voted in favor were Jenny Bladow, Chris Ray, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Katherine Terras, and Siri Coleman. None opposed. Motion carried.

Sitting Bull College Site Team Recommendations – Virtual site team visit in April. A number of areas need to be addressed. Team recommendation is the EPP provide a written report and respond to all areas for improvement and stipulations by December 30, 2024. The EPP must also schedule stakeholder interviews related to the areas of improvement and stipulations for the site team to attend at a time to be determined in Spring 2024.

Katherine Terras and Chris Ray both commented on how thorough the evaluations were. Chris asked if the same team would visit in Spring 2024. Becky will ask the team members if they would be willing to do the follow-up visit and if not will find team members who have been CAEP trained.

Chris Ray made a motion to approve the recommendations by the site team as written. Motion seconded by Mary Eldredge-Sandbo. PAAC members who voted yes were Jenny Bladow, Chris Ray, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Katherine Terras, and Siri Coleman. None opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:24am.

Jenny Bladow, Chair

Rebecca Pitkin, Secretary/Executive Director