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TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Scott Summers, Legal Counsel III – Commissioner’s Appointed Staff Person to Conduct a Rule Hearing on revisions to Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 24, Regulations for Certificate Endorsements *SS*

DATE: January 5, 2016

RE: Summary of rulemaking hearing on proposed revisions to 92 NAC 24

On November 20, 2015, the Commissioner approved a hearing draft and set a hearing date and location to conduct a hearing on the adoption of proposed revisions to Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 24. By a memorandum dated December 4, 2015, the Commissioner appointed me to conduct a hearing on this Rule on January 5, 2016, commencing at 10:30 a.m. After the proper legal notice was published, this hearing was held at the Nebraska State Office Building, Nebraska Department of Education, State Board Meeting Room, 301 Centennial Mall South, Sixth Floor, Lincoln, Nebraska. Pursuant to State Board of Education Policy B9, what follows is a written summary of the hearing testimony.

An audio recording of the hearing is available if any members of the Board wish to hear it.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY ON THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 92 NAC 24 Regulations for Certificate Endorsements

Scott Summers, staff attorney and the hearing official, called this hearing to order, read into the record the name of the newspaper in which a legal notice of the hearing was published and the date the notice appeared, outlined the procedures for the hearing and introduced **Pat Madsen, Education Specialist, Adult Program Services, Nebraska Department of Education**.

Ms. Madsen testified that the proposed revisions reflect the recommendations of the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE), with the input of ad hoc committees. If approved, the revisions will become effective August 1, 2016 along with their associated Guidelines. A copy of **Ms. Madsen’s** testimony is attached to this memo.

Sharon Katt, Senior Administrator, Adult Program Services, Nebraska Department of Education testified that she approved the proposed revisions to Rule 24. **Ms. Katt’s** written testimony is attached.

No other oral or written testimony was received.



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My name is Pat Madsen, and I serve the Nebraska Department of Education as an Education Specialist on the Adult Program Services team. In this role I have responsibility for managing the processes related to Rule 24 endorsement revisions.

The proposed revisions to Rule 24 (92 NAC 24) “Regulations for Certificate Endorsements” reflect the recommendations of the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education with input of *ad hoc* committees. I am submitting this written testimony which provides more detail of the proposed revisions. The guidelines are not subject to Attorney General or Governor approval; but rather are subject to State Board of Education approval and are intended to provide direction to the teacher preparation programs as they implement/revise their programs. They are not enforceable except as guidelines. These revisions, if approved, will become effective on August 1, 2016.

Art (006.06) – Grade level change from K-12 to PK-12; guidelines updated.

Health Sciences Education (006.29) – Name change from Health Occupations to Health Sciences Education. Grade level change from 7-12 to 6-12; now becomes a supplemental endorsement to Science, Biology, Health Education, Agriculture, or Family and Consumer Sciences. Those who complete this endorsement will be eligible for the Cooperative Education/Diversified Occupations endorsement. This endorsement requires a minimum of 15 semester hours of Health Science subject matter. Guidelines were updated.

Middle Level Education (006.38) – Name change from Middle Grades Education to Middle Level Education. Grade level change from 4-9 to 5-9; endorsement no longer a field endorsement with required areas of specialization. Now results in a Middle Level subject endorsement in at least one core academic area (English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, or Social Science); also provides for additional middle level subject endorsements. Now requires a minimum of 36 semester hours of which 12 semester hours shall be in professional education courses (not including clinical experience) and a minimum of 24 semester hours in one core academic area (increase from 18 semester hours.) Guidelines updated.

Music (006.39) – Grade level change from K-12 to PK-12; guidelines updated.

Vocal Music (006.68) – Grade level change from K-8; 7-12 to PK-12. Vocal Music Education course requirements were increased from 30 semester hours to 45 semester hours; guidelines updated.

Physical Education (006.40) – A PK-12 grade level option was added to this endorsement.

Special Education Generalist (006.57) – Name change from Special Education to Special Education Generalist.

General Art (006.26) – This endorsement is being eliminated.

Instrumental Music (006.37) – This endorsement is being eliminated.

Other proposed changes in Rule 24 which have been made:

- Definition of Supplemental endorsement was updated.
- Incorporated an update to the name of the Praxis assessments currently being used.
- Revisions were made to enhance consistency and to address numeric/alphabetical placement.

Both Rule 24 and the associated guidelines are used to examine endorsement programs when a teacher preparation institution is visited by a state review team. These visits occur once every seven years. In the interim, all institutions are required to submit for NDE annual review/approval, a copy of the course requirements for each endorsement program. This information is kept on file in the NDE Adult Program Services section.

I will be happy to answer any questions.



Pat Madsen, Education Specialist
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Written Testimony for Rule 24 Public Hearing, January 5, 2016
NDE State Board Room – 10:30 A.M.



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My name is Sharon Katt and I serve the Nebraska Department of Education as the Senior Administrator for the Adult Program Services team. In this role I have specific responsibility for all Educator (Teacher) Preparation processes and program approval, as well as oversight for Educator Certification.

As Senior Administrator for Adult Program Services, I have reviewed the Rule 24 being presented today for Public Hearing. It certainly has my approval and further details about the revision will be presented by a member of my staff, Pat Madsen. After her presentation we will be available to answer any questions or address any concerns.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Katt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Sharon Katt, Senior Administrator
Adult Program Services