

**NEBRASKA COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION**  
**Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education**

**NCTE GENERAL MEETING**

Friday March 10, 2017  
The Country Inn and Suites – Lincoln, NE

**Present:**        HED – D. Acklie, T. Anderson, P. Barnes, P. Blundell, T Cook. E. DeHart, S. Evanich, S. Feinstein, E. Kunkel, L. Sankey, P. Spethman, T. Wandzilak, D. White  
                  NASB – D. Blakely  
                  NCAPE – M. Heibel  
                  NCSA – C. Dumas, K. Mathews, S. Smith, D. Wiseman  
                  TSB – D. Freese, E. Truemper  
                  NSEA – S. Brown, D. Casey, T. Coe, D. Jankovich, P. Ludeke, F. Marymee, L. Mihm, D. Moss, S. Ptacek, C. Rice, J. Sears M. Schlieder, S. Stake, M. Tebbe  
                  NDE – S. Katt, K. Peters

**Guests:**  
                  HED – D. Galusha, J. Jansky, S. Rollins, S. Skretta, C. Wickham, K. Williams, L. Zeller  
                  NSEA – C. Copich  
                  NDE – M. Beiermann, J. Garrison, T. Glenn, R. Katt, K. Knabe, A. Kreifels, M. Kreifels, P. Madsen, C. Packard B. Sibert, J. Theiler  
                  OTHER –

**Absent Without Alternate Replacement:**  
                  HED – S. Alford, L. Forester, K. Rempp  
                  NASB – J. Vlach  
                  NCCA – P. Illich  
                  NCSA – M. Adler, D. Bird, B. Habrock, M. Lenihan, D. Ludwig, B. McCann

<u>HED</u> - Higher Education	<u>NCSA</u> -NE Council of School Administrators
<u>NCCA</u> -NE Community College Association	<u>TSB</u> – Teachers State Board Appointed
<u>NASB</u> -NE Association of School Boards	<u>NSEA</u> - NE State Education Association
<u>NCAPE</u> -NE Council on American Private Education	<u>NDE</u> – NE Dept. of Education

**FIRST GENERAL SESSION** – P. Spethman presiding for M. Adler.

**Declaration of Legal Meeting and Open Meetings Act:** Stated by P. Spethman at 9:35 a.m.

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of October 14, 2016 General Session Meeting Minutes:** Motion by D. Jankovich; seconded by F. Marymee to approve. Roll call vote. Motion approved.

**Report of January 27, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting:** P. Spethman reviewed the minutes from the January 27, 2017 meeting.

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**State Legislative Update** – J. Sears, NSEA; Sears described various legislation under discussion with the state legislature, including: LB22 (Master Teacher), LB68 (Substitute Teacher) LB662 (Accountability for Schools); LB595 (School Violence Intervention), and LB645 (Dyslexia).

**Nebraska ESSA Plan Update** – J. Theiler, NDE; Provided an overview of the Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA). Members were asked to discuss what information/evidence is necessary to differentiate between more and less effective educators; what are areas of specific need to assure Nebraska students are taught by effective educators; how might funds be leveraged to increase effectiveness of all educators; and how can Nebraska be deliberate about eliminating the gaps in access to effective educators? Information gathered from stakeholder conversations will inform Nebraska's ESSA plan which is to be submitted to USDE in September.

#### **Rule Status Reports:** NDE

- Rule 24 – Madsen, NDE Rule 24 was approved by State Board on February 3, 2017 and has been forwarded to the Attorney General's office for approval. Primary revisions in this version include: School Counselor, Work-Based Learning, Religious Education, and Superintendent (to align with Rule 21).
- Rule 21 – Peters, NDE Rule 21 was approved by the State Board on March 3, 2017 and has been forwarded to the Attorney General's office for approval. Rule 21 revisions were necessary due to increased fingerprinting fees as authorized by the Governor. Additional changes to the Rule: increased the number of allowable days for the State Substitute Permit and the Local Substitute Permit, and alignment of administrative certificate language with Rule 24.

Peters briefly discussed possible strategies to address issues related to candidates who have significant difficulty passing the CORE tests. One solution being considered is to use a different composite score requirement. He identified that NDE is considering a change in practice which will allow individuals with School Library and School Counselor endorsements to move to a professional certificate on the basis of the Master's obtained for these endorsements.

#### **NDE Updates:** Katt, NDE

- New Higher Education Act (HEA) regulations – The new HEA regulations, which became final in October, 2016, were rescinded by Congress. This allows Nebraska to maintain current practice; however, there is an ongoing need to consider if existing processes provide adequate and appropriate accountability for the preparation of effective educators.
- A First Year Teacher Completer Survey is being implemented this spring for Nebraska program graduates in their first year of teaching in the state. The annual 1<sup>st</sup> Year Teacher Employer survey sent to principals will continue. Surveys will be e-mailed to school principals and first-year teachers on March 13. Institutions are expected to use the survey results to inform continuous improvement.
- NDE has implemented a pre-approval process for all endorsement programs institutions are planning to add in 2017-18 academic year. Deadline is June 15, 2017 for any new programs being offered in 2017-2018.

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- A statewide Early Childhood Commission has been established. One of the goals of the Commission is to address the supply of Early Childhood teachers. The Commission includes NDE and educator preparation representation, in addition to other representation.
- Nebraska Clinical Practice Rubric – The Statewide Clinical Practice Evaluation has been revised to include a rubric format, based on the InTASC standards. K. Rempp chaired the work on this rubric. Expected implementation is Fall, 2017.

#### Old and New Business –

- Nominating Committee Report – election of President-Elect to be held at the June meeting. Diana Casey has accepted the nomination for President-Elect.

#### Rule 24 Endorsements / Ad Hoc Updates – P. Madsen, NDE

##### First Hearings: Career Education Area Endorsements

**Overview:** Rich Katt, NDE State Director of Career Education; Primary changes across all Career Education endorsements: Infusion of work-based criteria, more definition in the pedagogy of career education endorsements, and efforts to add consistency across all endorsements where appropriate.

- Family and Consumer Sciences-Occupational – Allison Kreifels, NDE Human Services and Education Career Field Specialist; Endorsement is now more specific in food science (culinary) area. In addition, a design course is now required. Methods and pedagogy specific to Family and Consumer Sciences is now required upon the recommendation of the ad hoc committee. Updated language to align with national standards.
- Agricultural Education – Matt Kreifels, NDE Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Career Field Specialist; Program management aspects added to Guidelines. Identified pathways within the 36 hours requirements - including 9 hours of technology. Also included language updates to align with national standards.
- Skilled and Technical Sciences Education (formerly Industrial Technology Education) and Skilled and Technical Sciences—Skilled Specific supplemental endorsement – Tony Glenn, NDE Skilled and Technical Sciences Career Field Specialist; Change in names of endorsements; added a Guidelines requirement for graduates to hold the OSHA 10-hour card (safety issues).
- Health Sciences – Carol Packard, NDE Health Sciences Career Field Specialist; Primary changes related to adding consistency with the other Career Education endorsements. She pointed out a correction that needs to be made in Standard 5 and 9 to reflect the Health Occupations Student Association.
- Information Technology – Jacqui Garrison, NDE Communication and Information Systems Career Field Specialist; Standards aligned with national Communication and Information Standards.
- Business, Marketing, and Information Technology (BMIT) – Bonnie Sibert, NDE Business, Marketing, and Management Career Field Specialist; Proposal to eliminate the Basic Business Endorsement, as it doesn't prepare teachers for what administrators now require. The BMIT endorsement now requires 51, rather than 48 hours. Pedagogy is now a separate requirement. Technology hours were revised to comply with

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Communication and Information Standards alignment. BMIT will not allow teaching high-end programming and networking, but can teach lower level programming.

- Other Ad Hoc recommendations – P. Madsen; Proposal to remove Vocational Special Needs from Rule 24. Do not currently have any vocational special needs programs at this time, and D. Moss voiced approval to remove the vocational special needs endorsement, since all CTE endorsements require Work-Based Learning.
- Ad Hoc Committee Updates –
  - The proposed Curriculum Supervisor/Leadership for Teaching and Learning met in September 2016; will be presented to the NCTE Executive Committee in April.
  - It is anticipated that Social Sciences, Principal, and Superintendent endorsements will be the next endorsements to be reviewed, once their national standards are finalized.

#### Program Approval – Madsen, NDE

- College of Saint Mary Onsite State Approval Visit conducted November 14-15, 2016; presented rejoinder on March 10, 2017.
- Wayne State College State Approval and National Accreditation Visit scheduled for March 12-14, 2017.
- UNK State Approval and National Accreditation visit scheduled for November 12-14, 2017.
- York College State Approval and National Accreditation Visit scheduled for December 3-5, 2017.
- UNL Offsite Folio Review – June 20, 2017 (Sign-up sheets at tables and Standing Committee meetings.)
- Creighton University and Hastings College Offsite Folio Review – July 12, 2017; to be done electronically (Sign-up sheets at tables and Standing Committee meetings.)

Announcements and Standing Committee Agenda Review – P. Spethman reviewed the agendas of each Standing Committee for discussion at their meetings.

**11:50 P.M.**     Working Lunch – Discussion regarding proposed state level legislation impacting educator preparation and certification.

**12:30 P.M.**     Standing Committees Session – (Second Hearings)

SECOND GENERAL SESSION – P. Spethman reconvened the second general session at 2:04 p.m.

#### Standing Committee Reports:

**Committee ‘A’** – D. Casey; Overall support for changes to the Career Ed endorsements. Discussed ESSA—need more data to be well-informed. Discussed proposed legislative issues. Recommend moving BMIT and Information Technology endorsements forward for full council approval. Recommend removing Basic Business.

**Committee ‘B’** – S. Smith; ESSA was discussed. Recommend moving forward the Agricultural Education, Skilled and Technical Sciences, and Skilled and Technical Sciences Education-Skilled Specific endorsements for full council approval.

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**Committee 'C'** – D. Moss; Recommend moving the Health Sciences and Family and Consumer Sciences-Occupational endorsements forward for full council approval. Legislative proposals discussed. Folio reviews were discussed.

**Full Council Action:** J. Sears motioned to suspend rules in order to vote on all Career Ed endorsements at one time; seconded by T. Wandzilak. Roll call vote. Motion approved.

Motion by K. Mathews and seconded by M. Heibel to approve Career Education endorsements as a group. Roll call vote. Motion approved.

Motion by K. Mathews and seconded by T. Coe to remove the Basic Business endorsement from Rule 24. Roll call vote. Motion approved.

Motion by D. Moss and seconded by D. Acklie to remove the Vocational Special Needs Endorsement from Rule 24. Roll call vote. Motion approved.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.