



Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2021

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: NCSA Meeting Room – 455 So. 11th, Ste. A, Lincoln, NE

Committee Members Present: M. Lenihan, S. Skretta, L. Sankey, S. Smith, D. Moss, K. Heineke, B. Dirksen

Guests: M. Beiermann

Committee Members Absent: All members present

Call to Order:

- Welcome and Introductions – Lenihan called meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
- Approval of April 23, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes – Motion to approve minutes made by Sankey and seconded by Dirksen; Approved.
- Review of June 10, 2021 Full Council Meeting Minutes – No changes to the minutes, but these concerns were voiced:
 - Overview of NCTE needs to be done with entire membership at October 22 full council meeting. Membership needs to understand the importance and purpose of NCTE, as well as the processes involved in being a member.
 - Rule 20 revisions were emphasized. It is important to make sure the various entities understand Rule 20 and how the groups will be affected by changes made in Rule 20.
- Review of June 10, 2021 Minutes from Standing Committees – No changes to minutes.

Rule Reports:

Status of Rules in Approval Process:

- Rule 20 – Working group for EPP rules revision convened on August 20, 2021. Historical background was provided by D. Moss and C. Rice. Reviewed the NCTE feedback concerning Rule 20 changes and looked at other states for comparison. It was noted that there are no administrative endorsements in Rule 20 for updates or revisions; these should be included in Rule 20 revisions. Question: What are core components of an administrative certificate? Plan on changing the name of Rule 20 to include Educator Preparation and not just teacher preparation. EPPA rule revision working group will meet in October for more work on the revisions.
- Rule 21 – The NDE has requested members to participate on a Rule 21 workgroup to address legislation, local sub permit, convictions list, as well as to look at the student teacher to initial certification pathway. Email was sent requesting member participation.
- Rule 23 – No update; checking with Legal on some items. Question: Basic Skills - What are the equivalency measures regarding these?
- Rule 24 – Was presented to the State Board of Education for approval on August 5, 2021 with Rule 24 being approved. Therefore, these revised endorsements were all approved in Rule 24: Social Studies endorsements (History, Geography, Anthropology, Economics, Psychology, Political Science, Social Studies, and Sociology), Elementary Education, School Librarian, World Language, and Principal endorsements all approved. The World Language endorsement includes a third way to demonstrate mastery in addition to the Praxis/content test. Are now able to waive 30 hours for World Language teachers, which will open doors for international or bilingual teachers to be endorsed.



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Status of Rule 24 Endorsements in the Review Process: Possible endorsements up for review next: Superintendent, Science, Mathematics and English Language Arts.

- Endorsements at ad hoc committee level – none at this time
- Endorsements ready for first/second reading – none at this time
- Endorsements ready for final reading – none at this time

Legislative Update: (These will be addressed in R21 revisions as well)

- **LB389:** To require the issuance of certificates and permits to military spouses as prescribed; a certificate or permit will be issued provided minimum requirements are met such as residency and background checks, and fee payment. Good for 3 years. No Human Relations Training requirement will be needed. Approved 3/31/21
- **LB528:** Section 29-31: Adopt the Alternative Certification for Quality Teachers Act (formerly LB558) ; Section 32 “The Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program”, and section 33 “The Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program” both to address shortage areas. Approved 5/25/21

Program Approval Schedule:

- Peru State College Folio Review- August 9-13, 2021
- Midland University Folio Review- September 13-17, 2021
- University of Nebraska Omaha Folio Review – December 2, 2021; onsite visit with AQUPEP will be in 2022
- Nebraska Wesleyan University On-Site Visit – September, 2022
- University of Nebraska Omaha – On-site Visit October 2-4, 2022

Working Lunch – 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Discussion on COVID-19 and school year opening plans for acceleration and renewal; Oct. 22 NCTE meeting plans discussed.

Unfinished Business:

- Discussion related to the feedback from the committees regarding new member development
 - Training – Orientation meeting prior to the full council meeting should be done for new and current members. Can include knowing the role of the NCTE member; studying the Organizational Policies and Rules so members understand what they address.
 - New member development – assign Executive Committee members to tables to help new members feel comfortable and answer questions/explain policies and meeting procedures with them.
 - ZOOM meeting to ask for new members input concerning NCTE? Perhaps do a survey regarding views about NCTE?
 - Will work with new members between the October and March meetings
 - Next steps for member development - Orientation meeting at 9:00 before the October NCTE Full Council meeting.

New Business:

- NCTE membership roster
 - Board approval of NCTE membership roster – approved at August Board Meeting; are vacancies yet that need to be filled
- Review NCTE Standing Committee roster – will remain as is



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Development of Agenda for October 22, 2021 Full Council Meeting:

- Member Orientation Presentation (Introduction of members)
- NCTE meeting in June will be on June 8, rather than June 10
- Legislative update – What is Board watching legislatively—Brad/Kelly?
- Informational items – Cory Epler to present on how the NDE revises standards
- Public Comments – Need to be prepared for public comments: Speak for 5 minutes, then 3 minutes?
- Rule status reports
- NDE updates (endorsements, program approvals, etc.)
- Topics for Standing Committee discussions
 - Icebreaker for names (members)
 - Teacher shortage update
 - Protocols for Standing Committee procedures
 - Rule 21 update

Adjourn: Lenihan adjourned meeting at 1:20 p.m.