



# Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE)

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2021

**Meeting Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** Virtual Meeting Held Due to Bad Weather Conditions

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

**Guests:** M. Beiermann

**Committee Members Absent:** None – All Present

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Lenihan at 9:33 a.m.

- Welcome and Introductions – M. Lenihan greeted committee members
- Approval of August 26, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes – M. Lenihan reviewed the minutes. Motion for approval of minutes by D. Moss; seconded by S. Smith. Minutes approved.
- Review of October 22, 2021 Full Council Meeting Minutes – M. Lenihan reviewed the minutes. The Executive Committee members did a very good job on the new member orientation. In general, the teachers were impressed with the meeting and the Full Council in general. It was one of the better Full Council meetings we have held.
- Review of October 22, 2021 Standing Committee Meetings Minutes – Each Committee chair reviewed their particular committee minutes.

### **Rule Reports:**

**Status of Rules in Approval Process:** B. Dirksen and K. Heineke

- Rule 20 – K. Heineke;
  - The committee working on the revision of Rule 20 have met three times: August 20, 2021, October 20, 2021 and December 7, 2021. Are currently working on a redline version that will include the changes made by the committee to Rule 20. Feedback from the NCTE has been incorporated in the rule revisions.
  - INTASC standards are followed by Rule 20. The Nebraska Teacher and Principal Performance Standards (NTPPS) are strongly aligned with INTASC. Are now going to use the NTPPS as the main standards for Rule 20 to follow.
  - The SPED endorsements will be cross-referenced so there is a cross-walk between Rule 20 and Rule 23. Want to avoid having too much language difference between the two rules.
  - Human Relations requirement must stay in Rule 20 as it is a state statute.
  - Will be adding an Advanced Programs category in Rule 20 that will consist of the Superintendent, Principal and Administrator endorsements.
- Rule 21 – B. Dirksen;

The NDE has convened several meetings of the Rule 21 workgroup. Changes to Rule 21 have already been discussed at previous NCTE meetings. There will be minimal changes to the initial certification process. The draft of Rule 21 has been sent to NDE legal. The inter-state reciprocity issue and alternative pathways for license renewals are issues for future discussion.



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- Rule 23 – B. Dirksen;  
No revisions on Rule 23 are being done at this time. Legislative action, particularly in regard to the Basic Skills requirement, may affect changes in the future.
- Rule 24 – B. Dirksen;  
Currently waiting for the Governor to sign off on it.

## **Status of Rule 24 Endorsements in Review Process** – K. Heineke;

- Endorsements at Ad Hoc committee level: None at this time;
  - English Language Arts endorsement ad hoc committee will meet on January 27, 2022 to start the endorsement review process. The Special Education endorsements will be next in line for review.
- Endorsements ready for first/second reading: None
- Endorsements ready for final reading: None

## **Legislative Update** – B. Dirksen;

- The Basic Skills Exam requirement has legislative interest, though no specific work is being done on it at this time.
- The revision of the Health and PE standards are being watched very closely by schools and public.

## **Program Approval Schedule** – K. Heineke

- University of Nebraska Omaha Folio Review – December, 2021
- Midland University On-Site Visit – May 2-3, 2022
- Peru State College On-Site Visit September 18-20, 2022
- University of Nebraska Omaha – On-Site Visit October 2-4, 2022
- Nebraska Wesleyan University – On-Site Visit November 15-16, 2022

## **Unfinished Business** – M. Lenihan

### Membership Development:

- The first NCTE meeting in October is a good place to do new membership activities.
- Anything that is done by the NCTE to show how the rules, statutes, and political process in Nebraska is intertwined with education helps the NCTE membership in knowing what and how the NCTE works.
- In preparation of the NCTE meetings could possibly do a 'pre-meeting' video of the topics for discussion at the upcoming NCTE meetings. This could help the membership understand the topics prior to the meeting.
- Is a need to promote background knowledge on the various topics/issues for discussion at NCTE meetings.
- How does the system work in moving action by the NCTE forward for implementation?

Discussion was held relating to the teacher shortage summit and teacher shortage in general.

**Break:** 11:10 a.m. – 11:25 p.m.

**Second Session** - M. Lenihan opened second session at 11:25 a.m.



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## **New Business:**

Teacher Shortage Discussion – S. Skretta;

A review was given on the Teacher Shortage Summit which took place on October 27, 2021. A number of high priorities were designated, including:

- Teacher Certification issues
- Praxis Test issues
- Marketing the teaching profession; develop a plan moving forward
- Need to elevate teaching as a good profession in the eyes of students and general public
- Retention of teachers
- Would like to hold a session on teacher shortage at Administration Days
- Possibly hold a teacher shortage discussion at the First General Session of the NCTE meetings and show how this issue ties in with the focus of NCTE.

NCTE Vacancies Update – M. Lenihan

- Motion made by S. Smith and seconded by S. Skretta to move John Schwartz from an NCSA alternate member to a voting member (replacing Mark Adler's vacancy). Motion was approved.
- Motion by M. Lenihan and seconded by D. Moss to add NSEA member Megan Simsic as a voting member to replace Jordan Burns who resigned from NCTE. Motion was approved.
- Other NSEA nominations are on hold pending further discussion at this time.

Early Childhood Education Alternate Pathways Grant Proposal – K. Heineke

- Will address shortage issue with the PK-20 age groups.
- Is a definite need for more Early Childhood educators. Additional pathways for these educators is part of the conversation. Is also a need for more Early Childhood paraprofessionals..

Rule 21 and Rule 24 Workgroups

- Rule 21 focus will be on reciprocity issues and career education permits
- Rule 24 focus will be on Praxis test issues and endorsement revisions.

## **Agenda Development for February 25, 2022 NCTE Meeting**

- Teacher Shortage Summit Presentation/Summary (to be given in lieu of a guest speaker)
- Responsibilities and Processes of NCTE Presentation – What are the responsibilities of the NCTE and how are processes being used impacting the work of the NCTE?
- Legislative Update
- Rule Status Reports
  - English Language Arts (ELA) endorsement revisions update
  - Working group updates for Rules 20, 21, and 23
  - Special Education endorsements update
- NDE updates – (CAEP training, endorsement work, program approvals, etc.)
- Topics for Standing Committee discussions
  - English Language Arts endorsement revisions
  - Rule 21 workgroup
  - Teacher Shortage

\*Will be a special NCTE Executive Committee meeting to discuss the ELA endorsement work and Standing Committee topics for the February 25 NCTE Full Council meeting. (Date and time for this meeting to be determined.)

**Adjournment** – M. Lenihan adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.