



# Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE)

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2023

**Meeting Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** Virtual: <https://educationne.zoom.us/j/91980955641>

**Committee Members Present:** Mark Lenihan, Sara Skretta, Susan Stake, Caroline Rice, Jenny Jansky, Kelly Heineke, B. Dirksen

**Guests:** Marlene Beiermann

**Committee Members Absent:**

**Call to Order at 1:06:** Lenihan

- Welcome – Lenihan
- Approval of December 9, 2022 Executive Committee Minutes – motion by Rice, seconded by Heineke; minutes approved
- Review of February 17, 2023 Full Council Meeting Minutes – Lenihan reviewed the minutes; discussed the need for precise clarification of a motion so all parties/committees know what the expectations are before moving forward with a vote.
- Review of February 17, 2023 Standing Committee Meetings Minutes –
  - Committee A Minutes Review - Stake
    - Support Rule 23 revision;
    - Content testing consistency needed – how is competency going to be determined?
    - Teacher Shortage was discussed;
    - Recommendations given concerning SPED endorsement revisions.
  - Committee B Minutes Review - Rice
    - Sent SPED endorsements back to the ad hoc committee for further review
    - Praxis content testing discussed
  - Committee C Minutes Review - Jansky
    - Repeal of Rule 23 supported.
    - Want to make sure the 2 years teaching requirement for out-of-state teachers to demonstrate content knowledge will be fair for in-state teachers as well.
    - Support the elimination of the 6 SPED endorsements listed for elimination, but work is needed on grade ban alignment for the rest of the SPED endorsements.

**Rule Reports:** Heineke

**Status of Rules in Approval Process:**

- Rule 20 - Passed by the Rules and Regulations committee and now being presented to State Board — if approved, then will have public hearing in May
- Rule 21 – Passed by the Rules and Regulations committee and now being presented to State Board — if approved, then will have public hearing in May
- Rules 23 – Has been voted for repeal
- Rule 24 - Passed by the Rules and Regulations committee and now being presented to State Board — if approved, then will have public hearing in May

**Status of Rule 24 Endorsements in Review Process:**

- Special Education Ad Hoc Group - will meet in May for endorsements review to be presented at the October 2023 NCTE meeting.



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## **Legislative Update:** No report at this time

Bills to watch: LB 603

## **Program Approval Schedule:** Heineke

- Wayne State College Offsite Visit April, 17-21 2023
- College of St. Mary Offsite Visit July, 17-21 2023
- Union College Offsite Visit September, 18-21 2023
- University of Nebraska-Kearney Offsite Visit January 2024
- York University Offsite Visit Fall 2023/Winter 2024

## **Unfinished Business:** Lenihan

- Discussion: Committee Reports
  - Board Priorities
  - Rule 23 repeal
  - Content tests
- Next steps for addressing educator shortage – State Educator Shortage Committee met; goal was to provide goals to present to State Board. Three actionable items to present to the Board:
  - Need to retain people longer – Possibly a survey used to know why educators stay in the profession
  - Mandates – Mandated trainings need to be done more efficiently, and look at instructional mandates, such as 1080-hour requirement
  - Mentorships – Could partner with personnel on educational mentorships; a positive spin on education as a profession is needed
- Next steps for new and current member development – how do we keep good teachers in the profession? Perhaps compare the number of active teachers versus inactive teachers with current teacher certificates in the state. There is a need to hold the NCTE pre-meeting with new members so they can learn more about NCTE, specifically at the October meeting.
- Commissioner search update – New Commissioner, Brian Maher, approved by state board.
- Special Education endorsement ad hoc committee meeting will take place in May. Any recommendations will be presented at the August 25 NCTE Executive Committee meeting. Perhaps devise a document explaining all the changes in SPED endorsements to help new NCTE members understand the SPED revisions.

## **New Business:**

- Meeting dates for Full Council and Executive Committee set for 2023-2024:  
Full Council Meetings – October 6, 2023; February 9, 2024; June 14, 2024  
Executive Committee Meetings (all zoom) – August 25, 2023; December 15, 2023; April 12, 2024
- Annual board presentation by NCTE – this will be discussed at the August NCTE Executive Committee meeting
- Nominations for the next term (2025-2027) for NCTE Executive Committee President will occur and be voted on at the June Full Council meeting. The Teachers Group will nominate the next President-Elect.
- Recognition of retiring members



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## **Development of Agenda for June 9, 2023 Full Council Meeting:**

- Guest speaker for First General Session – Will ask Commissioner Maher to be the guest speaker.
- Legislative update – Will contact Lane Carr to provide the legislature update.
- Informational items:
  - Report from the Teacher Shortage Steering Committee and the Teacher Shortage Summit.
  - Review accomplishments of the NCTE for the past 4-5 years
- Rule status reports:
  - Rule 20
  - Rule 21
  - Rule 23
  - Rule 24
- Program Approval Schedule:
  - Wayne State College Offsite Visit April 17-21, 2023
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  - University of Nebraska-Kearney Offsite Visit January 2024
  - York University Offsite visit Fall/Winter TBD
- NDE updates (endorsements, program approvals, etc.):
  - RESPECT Grant – Heineke
  - Enhancing Excellence in Teacher Preparation (EETP), and Attracting Excellence in Teacher Preparation (AETP), Teach for Tomorrow – Shirley Vargas
  - Teacher Education Forum – August 7, 2023 Cornhusker Marriott – Heineke
  - Call for folio reviewers for College of St. Mary, July 17-21, 2023- Heineke
- Topics for Standing Committee discussions
  - Complete a self-assessment of NCTE, via SWOT analysis.
  - Discuss and recommend goals moving forward. Goals will go to the Executive Council at their August meeting for review.
- NCTE President-Elect Nomination and Vote
  - Teachers group (NSEA) will bring nominations for President-Elect; NCTE will then vote for President-Elect for 2025-2027
- Recognition of retiring NCTE members

**Adjourn:** Lenihan adjourned meeting at 3:06 p.m.