

# Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

Nebraska State Board of Education Educator Preparation Advisory Committee

## NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE 'A' MINUTES

February 17, 2023

Officers: Chair – Susan Stake  
Vice Chair – Vickie Kauffold  
Secretary – Kris Swain

### BUSINESS CONDUCTED:

Meeting was called to order at 12:23 pm by Susan Stake

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Standing Committee A Minutes from October 14, 2022 meeting  
Motion/Saum-Mills, Second/Sankey; motion passed

3. TOPICS:

- Special Education Endorsements Revision

- Discussion:

Discussed the purpose of endorsements is to qualify for a different teaching position. Universities can continue to offer programs in these areas.

DHH- implication of changing to a supplemental endorsement and then expanding grade levels. Vision Impairment and DHH moving to supplemental at 36 hours which is much higher than the other current supplemental endorsements. The recommendation is to keep D/HH and Vision endorsements as subject endorsement. The credit hours required for D/HH and Vision do not align with the other supplemental endorsements.

Recommendation: Recommendation is to support the deletion of the endorsements listed.

Recommendation to support the changes to the Early Intervention Specialist.

Early Intervention Specialist recommendation is to approve changes.

Special Education Generalist- Recommendation to go back to the ad hoc committee to discuss the grade levels listed- Could this be changed to K-

8, 6-12 and K-12? Would want to have the ad hoc review this change from K-6 to K-8.

Recommendation: Support the change to special education supervisor.

Motion to take the recommendations back to the floor was approved.

Motion/ Garcia 2<sup>nd</sup>/Saum-Mills; motion passed

- State Board of Education Legislative and Regulatory Priorities (primarily #6)- Content knowledge equivalency discussion
  - How to prove successful teaching experience; is this a recommendation from the superintendent
  - Discussion about removing the Praxis Content exam
  - We collect a lot of data – what is the purpose of the exam?
  - Diversity, equitability and inclusion- needs to be considered

The committee discussed eliminating the content exam from Rule 24, and the candidate needs to meet the university endorsement requirement.

#### 4. Returned to Full Council First General Session for Standing Committee Chair report

- Chair Susan Stake reported the initial findings/recommendation on the Special Education endorsement revisions and the State Board of Education Legislative, Regulatory and Agency Priorities (primarily #6)

#### 6. Committees reconvened

- Discussion regarding special education endorsements based on Standing Committee reports

##### **Motions to the Full Committee**

1. Motion to support the deletion of the five endorsements listed.  
Motion/Sankey, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Saum-Mills; motion passed (one opposed)
2. Motion to keep the D/HH and Vision endorsements as subject endorsement and return to the Ad Hoc committee for consideration of the appropriate endorsement types.  
Motion/Sankey, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Garcia; motion passed
3. Motion to send the special education generalist back to the ad hoc committee to discuss the grade levels and consider K-8 (instead of K-6).  
Motion/ Saum-Mills, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Sankey; motion passed
4. Motion to support the grade level changes to audiologist, orientation and mobility specialist, school psychologist, speech-language pathologist, and speech-language technician.

Motion/Saum-Mills, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Sankey; motion passed

- Discussion on State Board Legislative, Regulatory and Agency Priority 6
  - Recommend ways for NCTE to support the board in addressing the priority
- 5. Motion is to eliminate the Praxis content exams.  
Motion/Alford; 2<sup>nd</sup>/Mace; motion passed
- Discussion on Rule 23
  - 6. Motion to accept the recommended wording to the NCTE Statement on repealing Rule 23.  
Motion/Casey; 2<sup>nd</sup>/Saum-Mills; motion passed.

7. Adjourn at 2:33pm

Minutes submitted by: Kristine Swain

**Attendance:** Adams, Alford, Blakely, Casey, Dirksen, (Mace) Fouts, Garcia, Ritzdorf, Sankey, Saum-Mills, Shudak, Stake, Swain, Wagner, Zigler (Kauffold)

**Alternates in attendance:**

McDonnell-Jones

**Guests**

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