

Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

Nebraska State Board of Education Educator Preparation Advisory Committee

NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE 'C' MINUTES February 17, 2023

Officers: Chair – Jenny Jansky

Vice Chair – Tanishia Jacobs

Secretary – Dawn Lewis – Darci Karr acting secretary for today

BUSINESS CONDUCTED:

Meeting was called to order at _12:28_ by _Jenny Jansky__

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Standing Committee C Minutes from October 14, 2022 meeting

3. TOPIC:

- Special Education Endorsements Revision. Continue discussion of the endorsements during the 1st general session of the NCTE meeting.
 - Noticed the formatting in the gray box is not consistent, The SPED Generalist seems different from the others.
 - Discussion about the move of the Vision and Deaf & Hard of Hearing moving from subject to supplemental
 - They have a lot more hours than most supplementals, often twice the required hours
 - 36 credits aligns more with a subject endorsement
 - Kris Elmshaeuser from NDE came by and explained the reasoning for moving the two from subject to supplemental was because they require another subject or field
 - Committee still had concerns and reviewed the definition of “subject” and “supplemental” in Rule and this could fit either of those
 - Out of state may not be able to get a certificate if this is a supplemental
 - Concern that UNO may not be able to continue the Deaf & Hard of Hearing for the undergraduate program if it is a supplemental
 - A supplemental does not require student teaching and these should have student teaching as part of the requirements similar to subject endorsements
 - SPED Generalist
 - Age bands are not consistent across all of the SPED endorsements
 - Some concern with the age bands
 - Should align these with what is occurring in the school districts so they can best be served
- Brief conversation about the Praxis Content
 - Institutions prepare candidates well in content

- Want information on why it is required or is it really required for any reason – federal funding, accreditation, etc
- 1:15 - Returned to general session for discussion

4. Returned to committee to continue discussion – Topics:

- Darci Karr motioned to strongly approve the statement as printed to repeal Rule 23. Donna Moss seconded.
 - NCTE Statement on Rule 23: Regulations for the basic skills competency testing of teachers and administrators: “The Nebraska Council on Teacher Education recommends the repeal of Rule 23: Regulations for the basic skills competency testing of teachers and administrators”
 - Motion passed unanimously
- Special Education Endorsement Revisions
 - April Buschelman motioned to support the elimination of the proposed 6 endorsements to sunset in 2027. Donna Moss seconded.
 - Special Education Functional Academic Skills and Independent Living Specialist
 - Special Education Inclusion and Collaboration Specialist
 - Secondary Transition Specialist
 - Vocational Special Needs
 - Adapted Physical Education
 - Special Education Early Childhood Special Education
 - Motion passed unanimously
- Jenny Jansky motioned to approve the revisions to the following endorsements with aligning the grade bands. Tanisha Jacobs seconded.
 - Special Education Supervisor
 - Special Education Generalist
 - Special Education Early Intervention Specialist
 - Special Education Behavior Intervention Specialist
 - Audiologist
 - Orientation and Mobility Specialist
 - Speech – Language Pathologist
 - Speech Language Technician
 - School Psychologist
 - Motion passed unanimously
- Donna Moss motioned to send the Special Education Visual Impairment and Special Education Deaf or Hard of Hearing Education endorsements back to the Ad Hoc committee for review and include all institutions who offer the endorsements to change back to subject. Dwayne Chism seconded.
 - Motion passed unanimously
- The committee recommends the language for both out-of-state applicants and in-state applicants aligns regarding having two or more years of teaching experience in the endorsement area to demonstrate content knowledge in the endorsed area in place of the content test.
- Returned to general session