

Teacher Certification Appeals Council

Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2016

1. Call to order

Dr. Voiron called to order the regular meeting of the TCAC at 9:20 am on March 24, 2016 in 1-155 North Dakota Room.

2. Roll Call

The following members were present:

Dr. Sheila Jackson
Dr. Louis Voiron
Mr. Rick Wentzel
Dr. Kimberly McAlister

Representing the Department of Education were:

Hannah Dietsch
Sara Strickland
Regina Poole
Rachel Normand
Cindy Millard

3. Appellants in attendance

Marilyn Parker, Connie Cassels, Bridget Ramsey, Harold Hill, Jr.,

4. Introductory notes

- Council deferred electing a new Chair until next meeting July 28, 2016
- Council asked for a new method for sending packets to members
- Representative Frank Hoffmann joined the meeting and spoke to the Council regarding a bill which addresses Educational Leadership eligibility for educators who do not hold teaching certificates

5. Actions

- A. On the motion of Dr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wentzel, the Council granted Marilyn Parker an out-of-state superintendent letter of eligibility on the basis of one year of experience as Special Education Specialist in Texas, a Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership, a superintendent certification in Texas, and experience supervising principals.

- B. On the motion of Mr. Wentzel, seconded by Dr. McAlister, the Council denied Connie Cassels eligibility for Educational Leader Level 1 as she does not hold a Type B or Level 2 teaching certificate. Council did not accept the Ancillary Type B School Psychologist certification as an equivalent to the required teaching certificate for Educational Leader Level 1 eligibility.

- C. On motion of Mr. Wentzel, seconded by Dr. Jackson, the Council deferred Bridget Ramsey's appeal for Academically Gifted add-on certification to the July 28, 2016 TCAC meeting. Council asked Ms. Ramsey to provide evidence of training and course work that aligns with the 15 graduate hour requirement of gifted course work for the Academically Gifted add-on certification.

- D. On the motion of Dr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wentzel, the Council granted Harold Hill, Jr., a Practitioner License 2 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year, as well as a renewal for the 2016-2017 school year, upon verification of employment. Mr. Hill held a Practitioner License 1 for the maximum three years.

- E. On the motion of Dr. McAlister, seconded by Mr. Wentzel, the Council granted Lauren Jacob Mild/Moderate 1-5 add-on certification by using Intel training and ELRC 2507 for three hours of Fundamentals of Instructional Technology and three years of teaching experience in special education for the three hours of Collaborative Teaming.

- F. On the motion of Mr. Wentzel, seconded by Dr. McAlister, the Council granted Katherine Taylor Ancillary Counselor K-12 certification. Council substituted

four years of experience as a school counselor for the required counseling practicum in a school setting.

- G. On the motion of Dr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. McAlister, the Council granted Najah Shakir renewal of her Out-of-State (OS) teaching certificate for 8/26/2015-8/26/2016 school year.
 - H. On motion of Dr. McAlister, seconded by Mr. Wentzel, the Council granted Bridget Nall Middle School Mathematics add-on certification. Council used the successful passing of the PRAXIS Principals of Learning and Teaching K-6 and Principals of Learning and Teaching 7-12 in lieu of the PLT 5-9 required for middle school certification.
 - I. On motion of Mr. Wentzel, seconded by Dr. Jackson, the Council deferred Robin Nichols' appeal for Online Instructor certification to the July 28, 2016 TCAC meeting. Council asked for additional information about the types of trainings and activities she has acquired that align with the required course work and modules for Online Instructor certification.
6. The next Teacher Certification Appeals Council meeting will be held July 28, 2016.
7. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.