



Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2019**

Meeting Time: 10:01 A.M – 2:31 P.M.

**Meeting Location: Nebraska Department of Education, Conference Room B
Nebraska State Office Building—6th Floor
301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509**

Committee Members Present: Phyllis Spethman – President
Diana Casey – President-Elect, Committee ‘A’ Chair
Sharra Smith – Committee ‘B’ Chair
Mark Lenihan – Committee ‘C’ Chair
Dr. Deborah Frison – NDE
Pat Madsen, NDE alternate for Brad Dirksen

Guests: Marlene Beiermann - NDE

Call to Order: Spethman – called meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) Approval of January 25, 2019 Executive Committee Minute – Motion to approve by Dr. Frison; seconded by Smith; motion approved
- 3) Review of March 8, 2019 Full Council Meeting Minutes -
 - a. The recommendation from Committee ‘C’ regarding organization of a task force to study dyslexia screening/intervention in K-12 and teacher education programs needs clarification. This issue will be moved to New Business for the next steps to be taken.
 - b. Was interesting to see what each Standing Committee determined to be the 5 major topics concerning the future of education in NE.
- 4) Review of March 8, 2019 Standing Committee Meetings Minutes - With various committee members announcing their retirements, it is important to get continuing NCTE members to become Standing Committee Officers. It is also a priority that new council members understand the role/work of the Council, and how the Council and Standing Committees function. An orientation for new members is needed.

Reports

Status of Rules in Approval Process – Madsen for Dirksen

- 5) Rules 20 and 23 – Tentative date for public hearing is May 29.
- 6) Rules 21 and 24 – Tentative date for public hearing will be in August at the earliest.

Status of Rule 24 Endorsements in Review Process - Madsen

- 7) Endorsements at Ad Hoc committee level -
 - Science – Ad Hoc Committee meeting was held on February 27, 2019;
The Science field endorsement will also include an integrated science requirement. Subject endorsements could become supplemental endorsements, though there is opposition to this. More discussion concerning this endorsement will take place at the August Executive Committee meeting.

- Elementary Education – Ad Hoc Committee meeting will tentatively take place in the summer of 2019; there are new CAEP standards for Elementary Education to be implemented; sign-up sheets to serve on the Ad Hoc committee will be available at the Full Council meeting in May.
- 8) Endorsements ready for first/second reading -
- Special Education: Orientation and Mobility Special Services endorsement and Rationale - Teresa Coontz, Director of Autism and Low Incidence Disabilities, NDE Office of Special Education;
 - This endorsement would be a Special Services endorsement;
 - Regulations in Rule 51, federal regulations, and personnel retirements provide the need for the Orientation and Mobility endorsement;
 - The Ad Hoc Committee meeting was held via Zoom on March 4, 2019, with these recommendations:
 - This needs to be a Special Services endorsement. Is not a ‘grading’ endorsement—more an endorsement to help students navigate through the schools.
 - This endorsement requires a bachelor’s degree, so a special education endorsed teacher could add this endorsement if desired. There are no CEC Standards available yet, but the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals Body of Knowledge and Competencies (6.1.18) are used in other states for certification.
 - Instructors would utilize para-professionals, with the desire to eventually get para-professionals endorsed in this area.
- 9) Endorsements ready for final reading - none

Program Approval Schedule: Madsen

- Bellevue University Annual Approval On-Site Visit – March 28, 2019; Bellevue has done much work over the last year. Currently have 11 candidates in the teacher education program; need to work on their assessment system and recruiting more students.
- Wayne State College Probationary CAEP On-Site Visit – April 7-8, 2019; dates changed to May 19-20, 2019
- Doane University On-Site Visit – Held April 14-16, 2019
- Concordia University On-Site Visit – April 28-30, 2019
- Chadron State College Folio Review – July 11, 2019 ;
The folio review is to be done electronically; are planning to give stipends of \$125; Folio review members can include NCTE members, NDE staff in content areas, and personnel nominations from NCTE members.
- Union College On-Site Visit – October 20-22, 2019
- Nebraska Wesleyan Folio Review – Fall, 2019
- Chadron State On-Site Visit – Spring, 2020 (Most likely April)

Working Lunch – 11:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Working lunch discussion topics included:

- 10) Teacher Shortages; Teacher Shortage survey is done every year by NDE; it is still difficult to get students interested in becoming teachers in endorsement shortage areas, and to also work in rural areas;
- 11) Alternative Certification – Need to proceed cautiously when dealing with alternative certification—need to know where/how the certificate was earned. Is a dilemma between higher education institutions that require education prep classes, and people with alternative certificates that haven’t taken educator prep classes. This also applies to online courses—do the classes contain the necessary protocol/work/rigor to be a good teacher?

- 12) Council Membership development –
 - It was determined that training should be done to enlighten the membership about the history of NCTE, the work being done by NCTE, and decorum at meetings.
 - An orientation should be given for new members approximately 1-2 weeks prior to the first meeting of the school year via Zoom.
 - Clarification/legal interpretation concerning section 4.00 of the Organizational Policies is needed to determine who qualifies as a member for NCTE. Specifically, this involves retired/resigned educators. What does ‘retired/resigned’ actually mean, and how does it apply when appointing new NCTE members?
- 13) Role of NCTE in Nebraska Education – how can we strengthen the relationship of NCTE to the State Board, the Legislative Education Committee, and to the Commissioner? The NCTE should be an advisory group to the Commissioner and then the Commissioner could be a liason between the NCTE and the State Board.
- 14) Folio Review Training and CAEP trainings are needed for NCTE members.
- 15) Stakeholder updates – Updates are done to improve communications between the stakeholders groups and demonstrate how their work coincides with the work done through NCTE.

Unfinished Business

- 16) None

New Business

- 17) How best to recognize individuals for their service to Nebraska education and the Council? Will give certificates to those who are leaving the Council.
- 18) Dyslexia Task Force – The Executive Committee will gather/disseminate dyslexia information by contacting the higher education institutions, with the information being presented at the October full council meeting.
- 19) Selection/approval of meetings dates for 2019-20:

<u>Full Council Meetings:</u>	<u>Executive Committee Meetings:</u>
October 11, 2019	August 23, 2019
March 6, 2020 (same date as State Board)	January 24, 2020
May 29, 2020	April 24, 2020
- 20) NCTE Strategic Plan – Review Organizational Policies (to be done by the Executive Committee at August meeting).
- 21) NCTE Standing Committees ‘Top 5’ Concerns – Can use these concerns as a guide for program planning for 2019-2020; this list can be presented to the Commissioner to find out what his top priorities are.

Development of Agenda for May 31, 2019 Full Council Meeting

- 22) Guest speaker for First General Session (NCSA Ambassadors? Professional Practices Commission? Nebraska Teacher of the Year? Commissioner?)
- 23) Legislative update - will ask Cindy Copich to do this
- 24) Stakeholder reports – Chadron State College will be asked to discuss their year-long student teaching pilot
- 25) Election of President Elect for 2019-20 –Mark Lenihan has volunteered as President-Elect; will need to nominate and vote at May meeting
- 26) Impact of LB 1052 on schools and institutions – to be discussed at October meeting
- 27) Rule status reports – To be done at the October meeting
- 28) NDE updates (endorsements, program approvals, etc.) Committee B is assigned to make the recommendation for the Orientation and Mobility endorsement
- 29) Topics for Standing Committee discussions? NCTE orientation issues? Restructuring of NCTE Agenda will be done.

Adjourn – 2:31pm