

NEBRASKA COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION
Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education

NCTE GENERAL MEETING

Friday May 29, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Voting Members Present:

HED – P. Adams; P. Barnes; G. Bittner; T. Cook; E. DeHart; R. Ernst; T. Frey; D. Karr; D. King;
P. Peal; L. Sankey; S. Skretta; P. Spethman; S. Tiedeman
NASB – D. Blakely
NCAPE –
NCCA –
NCSA – M. Adler; C. Boyer; J. Harris; M. Lenihan; D. Lewis; J. McDowell; K. Saum-Mills; S. Smith
TSB – M. Helt; J. Koch
NSEA – S. Brown; D. Casey; T. Coe; M. Edquist; D. Garcia; R. Hanson; S. Loney; P. Ludeke; D. Moss; C.
Rice; M. Schlieder; S. Stake; M. Tebbe
NDE – B. Dirksen; K. Heineke

Alternates Present:

HED – A. Buschelman; S. Byers; A. Goodman; S. Holmes; J. Jansky; T. Martin; K. Rempp; G. Trainin;
S. Van Gomple; K. Wheeler
NCSA – K. Jessop; N. Regan
NSEA – D. Jankovich; F. Marymee; R. Palmer; S. Ptacek; P. Wenninghoff
NDE – D. Frison

Absent Without Alternate Replacement:

NASB – J. Vlach
NCAPE – M. Ashton
NCCA – P. Illich
NCSA – K. Lofquist

Guests:

HED – C. Diaz; D. Galusha; E. McKiver; G. Mims
NCAPE – J. Ekeler; V. Kauffold
NSEA – T. Tystad
NDE – M. Beiermann; H. Payne; C. Waddle
OTHER – J. Kupper; M. Raphael

<u>HED</u> - Higher Education	<u>NCSA</u> -NE Council of School Administrators
<u>NCCA</u> -NE Community College Association	<u>TSB</u> – Teachers State Board Appointed
<u>NASB</u> -NE Association of School Boards	<u>NSEA</u> - NE State Education Association
<u>NCAPE</u> -NE Council on American Private Education	<u>NDE</u> – NE Dept. of Education

FIRST GENERAL SESSION – President Casey presiding.

Declaration of Legal Meeting and Open Meetings Act: Stated by D. Casey at 9:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Protocols: – D. Casey; Procedures involved in participating in a virtual meeting were reviewed. K. Heineke (NDE) assigned the members to the three Standing Committees.

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Public Comments: None

Approval of March 6, 2020 General Session Meeting Minutes: Motion by R. Ernst to approve the minutes; seconded by S. Brown; Vote taken. Motion carried.

Report of April 17, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting: – D. Casey reviewed the minutes from the April 17, 2020 meeting. Subjects included mentoring for new NCTE members; CAEP/Folio Review training; and a possible NCTE member retreat, depending on COVID-19 implications.

Recognition of Retiring NCTE Members: D. Casey; These members who are retiring from NCTE were recognized for their work and contributions to NCTE: Phyllis Spethman – HED; Mary Schlieder – NSEA; Theresa Frields – NCSA; Michael Ashton – NCAPE; Susan Ptacek- NSEA; and Ed Truemper – State Board Appointed Teachers.

Informational Items: – D. Casey

- **Mentors for new NCTE members** – The NCTE would like to inform new members learn about the work of NCTE and how the NCTE meetings are run. Any members who would like to mentor new members should submit their names to members of the Executive Committee. We would like to assign mentors with new members prior to the October, 2020 NCTE meeting.

Rule Status Reports: – K. Heineke

- **Rule 21 and Rule 24** – Both approved in March by the State Board. They are now at the state attorney general's office for review/approval.
- **Rule 23** is still under review at NDE.

Program Approval Schedule: – K. Heineke

- Chadron State College On-Site Visit – Done virtually on April 19-21, 2020
- Nebraska Wesleyan University Off-Site Visit - Fall, 2020; Volunteers have been arranged
- Nebraska Wesleyan University On-Site Visit – Spring, 2021; May be done virtually

Social Studies Endorsement Revision: Dr. Harris Payne, NDE and K. Heineke

Dr. Payne delivered a PowerPoint presentation, which provided the rationale for changes in the Social Studies endorsement. The revised endorsement reflects the national standards. The Social Studies endorsement will allow educators to teach all areas of Social Science. The endorsement has 60 credit hours of instruction/course work, with emphasis on diversity and multiculturalism.

The Anthropology endorsement will be dropped due to data presented illustrating that teacher candidates are no longer pursuing certification in Anthropology.

There was discussion about section 006.55E. Replacing the phrase “*Nebraska teacher education institutions* offering this endorsement program” with “*Standard institutions of higher education* offering this endorsement program” caused concern. Would this change in phrasing allow those from out-of-state or from alternative teaching programs (such as on-line programs) to be able to teach in Nebraska? Would they be properly prepared? Teacher Certification checks all applicants to make sure that Nebraska state requirements are met. If a person can't get certified in another state, they can't get certified in Nebraska. The Nebraska Social Studies standards are very comparable with other states. If a candidate has deficiencies, they can take the necessary course work from Nebraska institutions to correct this.

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Standing Committee Agenda Review: – D. Casey

- **Committee A** – Review the Organizational Policies revisions. The committee can either accept or reject the changes. Must provide rationale for their decision.
- **Committee B** – Review the Organizational Policies revisions. The committee can either accept or reject the changes. Must provide rationale for their decision.

If either Committee A or Committee B rejects the Organizational Policies, the policies will go back to the Executive Committee for further review.

- **Committee C** will review the Social Science Endorsement revisions. The committee can recommend further changes to the endorsement and bring these changes forward to full council for approval, or it can accept the current revisions and move the endorsement forward for final full council approval.

Standing Committee Meetings: 10:40 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION: Full Council reconvened at 11: 30 a.m.

Standing Committee Presentations Reports:

- **Committee A** – L. Sankey;
Committee A reviewed the Organizational Policies revisions. The revisions were accepted except section 17.04 in the Ad Hoc Procedures section.
- **Committee B** – S. Smith;
Committee B reviewed the Organizational Policies revisions. The revisions were accepted, with some wordsmithing changes to be done in section 8.00, the NCTE Members section. There is also a need for NCTE representation at the State Board meetings to have a positive influence with the State Board, and present an annual report on the work done by the NCTE.
- **Committee C** – Lenihan;
Committee C discussed the Social Science endorsement revisions. They thanked Dr. Payne and the ad hoc committee for the work done on the endorsement. The endorsement now covers grades 6-12, which was positively received. The wording in section 006.56E concerning “Nebraska teacher education institutions” versus “Standard institutions of higher education” was discussed. Clayton Waddle, NDE Teacher Certification addressed concerns regarding how this verbiage would affect the certification of teachers. The committee accepted the Social Science endorsement revisions and moved the proposed endorsement forward for final reading.

Full Council Action and/or discussion related to Standing Committee Reports: – D. Casey

- **Standing Committee A** rejected some of the Organizational Policies revisions;
- **Standing Committee B** did accept the revisions, with some additional wordsmithing needing to be done. Therefore, since both Committee A and Committee B did not agree on the revisions, the Organizational Policies will go back to the Executive Committee for further work on the revisions.

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- **Standing Committee C** proposed final reading for approval of the Social Studies endorsement. Roll call vote was taken. The Social Studies endorsement was approved by the full council, and will now go to the State Board for approval.

New Business – D. Casey; No new business

Unfinished Business – D. Casey; No unfinished business

Adjournment: 11:50 a.m.