

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)  
Teacher Certification Appeals Council (TCAC)

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Minutes — Unofficial

The June 9, 2022 meeting of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council (TCAC) was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Dr. Christine Hypolite.

Members present were: Ms. Brenna Bethancourt, Ms. Christen DeRise, Mr. Scott Devillier, Dr. Christine Hypolite, Dr. Katrina Jordan, and Dr. Rhea Kiper.

Louis Voiron served as proxy for Dr. Arthur Joffrion, Gavin Vitter served as proxy for Mr. James Kennedy, and Jordan Ahrend served as proxy for Dr. Dustin Hebert.

Absences: none.

Appellants in attendance: Troy Bell, Jeremy Brown, Kenneth Ford, Tina Hurley, Sherice Hurst, Nikisha Kelly, Angela Robertson, and Antonia Royal.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) were Ms. Paula Bell, Ms. Christy Bellue, Dr. Jenna Chiasson, Ms. Rachel Normand, and Ms. Ashley Townsend.

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Dr. Hypolite requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022 TCAC meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

1. On motion of Dr. Jordan, seconded by Ms. DeRise, the Council approved the March 10, 2022 meeting minutes.
2. On motion of Mr. Devillier, seconded by Dr. Kiper, the Council went into executive session at 9:07a.m. to discuss appeals for the following individuals:

a. Janet Davis

- b. Dillion Jackson
- c. Antonia Royal
- d. Marthalee Marron
- e. Sheila Bell
- f. Angela Robertson
- g. Jeannine Dwyer
- h. Nikishia Kelly
- i. Kenneth Ford
- j. Stacey Favor
- k. Katherine Gilchrist
- l. Tina Hurley
- m. Jeremy Brown
- n. Sherice Hurst
- o. Troy Bell

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Brenna Bethancourt, Mr. Scott Devillier, Ms. Christen DeRise, Dr. Christine Hypolite, Dr. Katrina Jordan, and Dr. Rhea Kiper

Nays: none

Absences: none

The roll call vote to go into executive session was made and passed. It was noted that no votes would be taken in executive session; all votes would be made public.

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4. On motion of Mr. Devillier, seconded by Ms. Bethancourt, the Council reconvened into regular session at 12:21 p.m. and continued with the regular order of the agenda. A quorum was present.

5. On the motion of Dr. Jordan, seconded by Ms. DeRise, the Council granted **Janet Davis'** request to extend her Level 1 teaching certificate for two years in order to earn the necessary effective evaluation(s) so the certificate can be advanced.
6. On the motion of Dr. Jordan, seconded by Ms. DeRise, the Council granted **Dillion Jackson's** request to extend his Level 1 teaching certificate for two years in order to earn the necessary effective evaluation(s) so the certificate can be advanced.
7. On the motion of Dr. Jordan, seconded by Ms. DeRise, the Council granted **Antonia Royal's** request to extend her Level 3 teaching certificate for two years in order to earn the necessary effective evaluation(s) so the certificate can be renewed.
8. On the motion of Dr. Jordan, seconded by Ms. DeRise, with Dr. Kiper abstaining, the Council granted **Marthalee Marron's** request to extend her Ancillary Artist teaching certificate for three years in order to earn the necessary effective evaluation(s) so the certificate can be fully renewed.
9. On the motion of Mr. Devillier, seconded by Ms. Bethancourt, the Council granted **Sheila Bell's** request to extend her Temporary Authority to Teach (TAT) teaching certificate for one year. The Council noted this will be the final extension of the TAT, and no additional extensions of the TAT may be considered via appeal.
10. On the motion of Dr. Jordan, seconded by Ms. DeRise, with Dr. Kiper abstaining, the Council **Angela Robertson's** request to extend her Out-of-State Principal 1 (OSP1) certificate for one year in order to earn the effective evaluation required for Praxis exclusion so the certificate may be advanced to the renewable higher level certificate.
11. On the motion of Mr. Devillier, seconded by Ms. Bethancourt, the Council granted **Jeannine Dwyer's** request to extend her Educational Leader Level 2 certificate for three years in order to earn the necessary effective evaluation(s) so the certificate can be fully renewed.
12. On the motion of Mr. Devillier, seconded by Ms. Bethancourt, the Council granted **Nikisha Kelly's** request to extend her Educational Leader Level 2 certificate for one year in order to earn the necessary effective evaluation(s) so the certificate can be fully renewed.
13. On the motion of Dr. Jordan, seconded by Ms. DeRise, the Council granted **Kenneth Ford's** request to add the adapted physical education endorsement to his teaching certificate. Mr. Ford took the coursework when one of the courses was a two-hour course instead of a three-hour course. He is short 1 credit hour. It was noted by the university that the coursework completed by Mr. Ford was equivalent to the work now completed in the three-hour course.
14. On the motion of Ms. Bethancourt, seconded by Dr. Jordan, the Council denied **Stacey Favor's** request to add on the academically gifted endorsement due to lacking the Social

and Emotional Needs of the Gifted coursework required per policy. The Council advised the educator to enroll in and complete the necessary course.

15. On the motion of Mr. Devillier, seconded by Dr. Kiper, the Council granted **Katherine Gilchrist's** request to issue the Ancillary School Counselor certification. The Council substituted her years of experience in the school setting in conjunction with her Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) credential for the deficient school internship hours as she fulfilled all other certification requirements.
16. On the motion of Ms. DeRise seconded by Mr. Devillier, the Council granted **Tina Hurley's** request to issue the Ancillary School Nurse Type C certificate based upon her extensive verified experience and valid Registered Nurse (RN) license.
17. On the motion of Dr. Jordan, seconded by Dr. Kiper, the Council granted **Jeremy Brown's** request to add Provisional Secondary Principal/Provisional Principal to his Out-of-State (OS) teaching certificate, as well as to substitute the Elementary School Principalship course in lieu of the Secondary School Principalship course.
18. On the motion of Dr. Kiper, seconded by Dr. Jordan, the Council granted **Sherice Hurst's** request for the Educational Leader 1 (EDL1) certificate, contingent upon her providing documentation of her enrollment in NISL August 2022. Confirmed enrollment in NISL, along with other documented experience will fulfill the deficiencies originally noted.
19. On the motion of Mr. Devillier, seconded by Ms. DeRise, the Council granted **Troy Bell's** request for Educational Leader 3 (EDL3) eligibility using the 2017-2018 school year towards the five years of successful administrative experience, since additional documented evidence of leadership duties was provided, despite the school system identifying him as a teacher leader.

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With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

The next meeting of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council is scheduled to convene on September 1, 2022.