**Teacher Certification Appeals Council (TCAC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 6, 2017**

1. **Call to order**

Dr. Voiron called to order the regular meeting of the TCAC at 9:15am on April 6, 2017 in 1-155 North Dakota Room.

1. **Roll Call**

The following members were present: Dr. Sheila Jackson, Dr. Louis Voiron, Mr. Rick Wentzel, Dr. Shirley Jacob, Karen Richardson, Dr. Kimberly McAlister, Karen Parrino, and Angela Reams-Brown. Representing the Department of Education were, Paula Tonguis, Rachel Normand, and Cindy Millard

1. **Appellants in attendance**

Van Decoteau, Dennise Cameron-Tullos, Jose Becerra, and Aryannie Deaton

1. **Actions**
2. On the motion of Dr. Shirley Jacob, seconded by Karen Richardson, the Council granted Dennise Cameron-Tullos the Mild/Moderate 4-8 add-on endorsement based on her successfully passing the Praxis PLT 7-12 and a secondary content exam in lieu of PLT 5-9 and a middle school content exam, and by substituting SPD 540 Learning Environments for Students with Mild to Moderate Disabilities, taken at Grand Canyon University, for the behavioral support and intervention course.
3. On the motion of Rick Wentzel, seconded by Dr. Sheila Jackson, the Council granted Angel Melancon a one-time one-year renewal of her Out-of-State teaching certificate for 2017-2018 based on her attempt to pass the exams lacking to advance to the professional Level 1 certificate and effective final Compass evaluations.
4. On the motion of Dr. Kimberly McAlister, seconded by Karen Richardson, the Council granted James Reiss issuance of the Level 1 certificate based on his meeting the Praxis exclusion requirements when using his teaching experience out-of-state in the post-secondary setting and minimum of one- year teaching on the Out-of-State certificate.
5. On the motion of Dr. Shirley Jacob, seconded by Karen Parrino, the Council granted Aryannie Deaton the Ancillary Non-Public Montessori Teacher certificate based on her training completed through the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education’s (MACTE) approved program, The International Montessori Council.
6. On the motion of Dr. Sheila Jackson, seconded by Rick Wentzel, the Council granted Van Decoteau the Educational Leader 1 certificate based on his fulfilling requirements via the alternate pathway 2, accepting his graduate degrees in English and business administration in lieu of the graduate degree in education.
7. On the motion of Dr. Kimberly McAlister, seconded by Dr. Sheila Jackson, the Council denied Jose Becerra’s appeal to waive the requirements for the issuance of an Educational Leader 1 certificate, since he has not completed a teacher preparation program or an educational leadership program.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.