**Teacher Certification Appeals Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 17, 2016**

1. **Call to order**

Dr. Voiron called to order the regular meeting of the TCAC at 9:10 am on November 17, 2016 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. Representing the Department of Education were, Regina Poole, Rachel Normand, and Cindy Millard.

1. **Appellants in attendance**

Stacey Baker, Tye Perez, Troy Blanchard, Deborah Lobell Major, Rhea Kiper, and Jammieca Godfrey.

1. **Actions**
2. On the motion of Mr. Wentzel, seconded by Dr. Jackson, the Council granted Stacey Baker a one-time one-year renewal of her Out-of-state (OS) teaching certificate for the 2016-2017 school year based on her attempt to pass the exams lacking to advance to the professional Level certificate and effective final Compass evaluations.
3. On the motion of Dr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Jacob, the Council granted Donna Franks a one-time one-year renewal of her Out-of-State teaching certificate for the 2016-2017 school year based on her attempt to pass the exams lacking to advance to the professional Level certificate and effective final Compass evaluations.
4. On the motion of Dr. Jacob, seconded by Mr. Wentzel, the Council denied Ms. Linnear-Smith a one-time one-year renewal of her Out-of-State certificate for the 2016-2017 school year based on the lack of verification/documentation of preparation resources and copies of PRAXIS score reports verifying attempting to pass the PRAXIS exams lacking to advance to the standard professional Level certificate requested from the July 28, 2016 meeting.
5. On the motion of Mr. Wentzel, seconded by Dr. Jackson, the Council granted Evelin Perez a one-time one-year renewal of her Out-of-State certificate for the 2016-2017 school year based on her attempt to pass the exams lacking to advance to the professional Level certificate and effective final Compass evaluations.
6. On the motion of Ms. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Jackson, the Council granted Type Haymon a one-year renewal of his Practitioner License (PL2) based on his continued enrollment in the McNeese State University alternate program and effective final Compass evaluations.
7. On the motion of Mr. Wentzel, seconded by Dr. Jacob, the Council granted Lalisa Edwards a one-year renewal of her Practitioner License (PL2) based on the previous nine hours of course work completed and her effective final Compass evaluations.
8. On the motion of Dr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Jacob, the Council granted Troy Blanchard a one-year renewal of his Career and Technical Trade & Industrial Education (CTTIE1) teaching certificate since he will be completing his New Instructor Workshop (NIW) at Northwestern State University (NSU) in December 2016.
9. On the motion of Dr. Jacob, seconded by Ms. Richardson, the Council granted with contingencies Deborah Major Mild/Moderate 1-5 add-on certification by waiving Fundamentals of Instructional Technology, three semester hours, based on her 12 years of teaching experience. Ms. Richardson must complete the four remaining courses listed: Assessment and Evaluation of Students with Disabilities, Behavioral Support and Intervention, and Collaborative Teaming, Instructional Practices in Special Education.
10. On the motion of Mr. Wentzel, seconded by Dr. Jacob, the Council granted Rhea Kiper an Out-of-State Principal (OSP1) letter of eligibility based on her participation in the leadership development program for aspiring school administrators with the East Baton Rouge Parish School System (Instructional Leaders for Tomorrow Leadership Development Program) and other leadership experiences.
11. On the motion of Dr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wentzel, the Council denied Jammieca Godfrey’s appeal to waive the requirement to hold a Louisiana Level 2 teaching certificate or comparable out-of-state certificate required for the Educational Leader Level 1 eligibility, since the Level 2 requirements involve meeting State statute as per Revised Statute 17:3881-3886, three effective years of final Compass evaluations. The TCAC does not have the authority to waive State statute.
12. On the motion of Ms. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Jacob, the Council granted the following Ascension teachers: Rebecca Graugnard, Melissa McCormick, Amanda Melancon, Steven Crowder, Farrah Piazza, and Sherry Leblanc an Extended Endorsement License (EEL) since they hold successful PRAXIS content exams which were previously adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and valid at the time they were taken in lieu of the current PRAXIS content exam requirement.
13. The Teacher Certification Appeals Council meetings for the 2017 year will be scheduled and Council will be notified.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.