



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Teacher Certification Appeals Council (TCAC)

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2020

1. Call to order

Dr. Christine Hypolite called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council at 9:01 a.m. on September 10, 2020, held virtually via Zoom and streamed to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) [YouTube Channel](#). Public comments provided to Paula.Bell@la.gov and via the zoom chat feature.

2. Roll call

The following members were present: Mr. Scott Devillier, Dr. Christine Hypolite, Dr. Arthur Joffrion, Mr. James Kennedy, Dr. Verjanis Peoples, and Ms. Billie Smith. Representing the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) were Ms. Paula Bell, Ms. Christy Bellue, Dr. Keith Leger, and Ms. Rachel Normand.

3. Appellants and their representatives attended the meeting via Zoom and watched the livestream from the Department YouTube channel.

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On motion of Dr. Arthur Joffrion, seconded by Mr. Scott Devillier, the Council went into executive session at 9:03 a.m. to discuss appeals for the following individuals:

- a. Nicole Maloz
- b. Ferrante Dominique
- c. Crystal Durbin
- d. Mallory Feraci
- e. Rosetta Harrell
- f. Nathalie Nelson-Jones
- g. Kenita Nicoulin
- h. Ashleigh Gonzales
- i. Ryan Burleigh
- j. Lindsey Chauvin
- k. Erin Couch
- l. Cynthia Johnson
- m. Kimberly Lenhart
- n. Andrew Louque
- o. Teresa Taylor
- p. Salwa Rayyan
- q. Anne-Marie Templet
- r. Secole Moscoso
- s. David Matlosz



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- t. Shakondia Thomas
- u. Natalia Wilson
- v. Monica Guillory
- w. Brandi Williams
- x. Carrie Bordelon
- y. Brooke Meaux
- z. Rebecca Harvey
- aa. Gwendolyn Kuchler
- bb. Angele Landry
- cc. Stacy Rougeau
- dd. David Galvan
- ee. Jolie Gonsoulin
- ff. Myriana Bierria

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Scott Devillier, Dr. Christine Hypolite, Dr. Arthur Joffrion, Mr. James Kennedy, Dr. Verjanis Peoples, and Ms. Billie Smith

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: Dr. Dustin Hebert, Dr. Rhea Kiper, and Ms. Karen Parrino

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

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On motion of Mr. James Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Arthur Joffrion, the Council reconvened into regular session at 11:39 a.m. and continued with the regular order of the agenda. A quorum was present.

4. Actions taken

A. On the motion of Mr. James Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Scott Devillier, the Council granted **Nicole Maloz** a one-year extension of the Temporary Authority to Teach (TAT) certificate, permitting time for successfully completing the required Praxis for admission into an alternative teacher preparation program.

B. On the motion of Mr. James Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Verjani Peoples, the Council granted **Ferrante Dominique, Crystal Durbin, Mallory Feraci, Rosetta Harrell, Nathalie Nelson-Jones, and Kenita Nicoulin** non-practicing status of



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their certificates retroactive to the time they ceased employment in a Louisiana school system in the role for which they are certified.

C. On the motion of Mr. James Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Arthur Joffrion, the Council granted extensions of professional level certificates as follows:

Level 1 extension was granted to **Ashleigh Gonzales** (one year); and

Level 2 extensions were granted to **Andrew Louque, Ryan Burleigh, Lindsey Chauvin** (one year), **Erin Couch, Kimberly Lenhart, Teresa Taylor** (two years), **Cynthia Johnson, Salwa Rayyan, and Anne-Marie Templet** (three years).

The extensions will permit time to be evaluated for effectiveness in order to advance to a higher certificate or to fully renew the certificates.

D. On the motion of Dr. Arthur Joffrion, seconded by Mr. Scott Devillier, amended by Mr. James Kennedy, the Council granted a three-year extension of the Level 3 professional certificate to **Secole Moscoso** contingent upon documentation verifying current employment to ensure the educator is evaluated for effectiveness, as required for full renewal.

Ms. Billie Smith recused herself from voting on this item.

E. On the motion of Mr. Scott Devillier, seconded by Dr. Arthur Joffrion, the Council granted an extension of Career and Technical Trade and Industrial Education (CTTIE) 2 to **David Matlosz** (three years) so that he can be evaluated for effectiveness for full renewal of the certificate.

F. On the motion of Dr. Arthur Joffrion, seconded by Mr. James Kennedy, the Council granted extensions of the Out-of-State (OS) certificate as follows:

OS extension was granted to **Shakondia Thomas** (one year), for time to fulfill Praxis exam requirements; and

OS extension was granted to **Natalia Wilson** (one year), for time to teach in her area of certification in order to be considered for Praxis exclusion when advancing to the professional level certificate.

G. On the motion of Mr. James Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Scott Devillier, the Council granted **Monica Guillory** a one-year extension of the Out-of-State Principal 1 (OSP1) certificate, permitting time to successfully serve as a principal in Louisiana in order to be considered for Praxis exclusion when advancing to the renewable Out-of-State Principal 2 (OSP2) certificate.

H. On the motion of Mr. James Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Billie Smith, the Council granted extension of **Brandi Williams'** Practitioner's License (PL) for one year to



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permit time to complete the master's alternate certification program. The Council considered Ms. Williams's change in programs and extenuating circumstances when reviewing her appeal.

I. On the motion of Dr. Arthur Joffrion, seconded by Mr. James Kennedy, the Council granted extension of **Carrie Bordelon's** Ancillary School Counselor certificate (three years). She has served in the private school setting and lacks necessary evaluations to renew. Ms. Bordelon is now in the public school system. The extension will permit time to be evaluated for effectiveness in order to fully renew the certificate.

J. On the motion of Dr. Verjanis Peoples, seconded by Dr. Arthur Joffrion, the Council granted **Brooke Meaux's** request to add the School Counselor endorsement to her professional level teaching certificate, accepting her practicum/internship in mental health counseling, working with children/adolescents, and teaching experience for the practicum/internship in a school setting.

K. On the motion of Dr. Arthur Joffrion, seconded by Mr. Scott Devillier, the Council granted a one year Out-of-Field Authority to Teach (OFAT) extension to **Rebecca Harvey** contingent upon her providing updated transcripts with coursework already completed so that her evaluation for the add-on endorsement Mild/Moderate 4-8 is also updated and accurate.

L. On the motion of Dr. Verjanis Peoples, seconded by Dr. Arthur Joffrion, the Council granted one year Out-of-Field Authority to Teach (OFAT) extensions to **Gwendolyn Kuchler, Angele Landry, and Stacy Rougeau** contingent upon verification of employment in the OFAT certification area. The extension would permit more time to meet the add-on requirements which include coursework and Praxis exams.

M. On the motion of Ms. Billie Smith, seconded by Dr. Arthur Joffrion, the Council granted **David Galvan's** request add-on the Adaptive Physical Education (APE) endorsement substituting experience and other coursework for the deficient three semester hour course in 'Tests and Measurements' needed to fulfill the add-on requirements.

N. On the motion of Mr. James Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Scott Devillier, the Council granted **Jolie Gonsoulin's** request to add-on the English as a Second Language (ESL) endorsement accepting work experience and university staff recommendation/support to fulfill the deficient three semester hours. All other requirements have been fulfilled. Dr. Arthur Joffrion also affirmed his vote to grant the appeal based upon the appellant's exceptional score earned on the Praxis World Languages Pedagogy exam.



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Ms. Billie Smith recused herself from voting citing her professional relationship with the appellant.

O. On the motion of Mr. Scott Devillier, seconded by Mr. James Kennedy, the Council deferred consideration of **Myriana Bierria**'s appeal requesting the issuance of the Ancillary Provisional Mentor Teacher certificate. The appellant does not have the required two years of effectiveness when serving uncertified in the charter school system. The Council referred the appellant to her mentor teacher preparation program provider for possible waiver application.

Dr. Arthur Joffrion and Ms. Billie Smith were opposed to the motion.

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The next meeting of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council is scheduled to convene on November 12, 2020.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.