

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

Thursday, February 25, 2021
Minutes – Unofficial

The February 25, 2021 meeting of the Teacher Certification Appeals Council was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Christine Hypolite. Members present were:

Mr. Scott Devillier, Dr. Dustin Hebert, Dr. Christine Hypolite, Dr. Arthur Joffrion, Mr. James Kennedy, Dr. Rhea Kiper, Dr. Verjanis Peoples, and Ms. Billie Smith.

Ms. Lauren Nero served as a proxy for Ms. Karen Parrino.

Appellants in attendance: Anika Beasley, Latricia Blain, Sarah Dulaney, and Maurie Fruge

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Ms. Paula Bell, Ms. Christy Bellue, Mr. Ryan Gremillion, Dr. Keith Leger and Ms. Rachel Normand.

Dr. Hypolite requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 TCAC meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Dr. Hebert, seconded by Dr. Joffrion, the Council approved the November 12th meeting minutes with Ms. Smith abstaining

- 2 On motion of Mr. James Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Scott Devillier, the Council went into executive session at 9:05 a.m. to discuss appeals for the following individuals:

- a. Maurie Fruge
- b. Kedric Smith
- c. Anika Beasley
- d. Zelatra Williams
- e. Latricia Blain
- f. Veronica Antoine
- g. Victoria Fabrycki

- h. Kayla Rogers
- i. Sarah Dulaney

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

- 3 On motion of Dr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Devillier, the Council reconvened into regular session at 10:06 a.m. and continued with the regular order of the agenda. A quorum was present.
- 4 On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Devillier, the Council granted **Maurie Fruge's** request to extend her Level 2 teaching certificate for three years in order to earn effective evaluations so the certificate can be fully renewed.
- 5 On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Devillier, the Council granted **Kedric Smith's** request to extend his Level 2 teaching certificate for two years in order to earn effective evaluations so the certificate can be fully renewed.
- 6 On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Devillier, the Council granted **Anika Beasley's** request to extend her Level 3 teaching certificate for two years in order to earn effective evaluations so the certificate can be fully renewed.
- 7 On the motion of Dr. Hebert, seconded by Ms. Smith, the Council granted **Zelatra Williams's** request to extend her Out-of-State (OS) certificate for one year in order to fulfill Praxis exam requirements to advance to the Level certificate.
- 8 On the motion of Dr. Joffrion, seconded by Dr. Kiper, the Council granted **Latricia Blain's** request to extend her Ancillary School Counselor certificate for three years in order to earn effective ratings to fully renew the ancillary certificate. The original validity of Ms. Blain's certificate predates the law requiring effectiveness for renewal.
- 9 On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Peoples, the Council granted **Veronica Antoine's** request to renew her Temporary Authority to Teach (TAT) certificate for one year, allowing time to successfully complete all exams required to enroll in an alternative teacher preparation program.

- 10 On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Peoples, the Council granted **Victoria Fabrycki's** request to renew her Temporary Authority to Teach (TAT) certificate for one year, allowing time to successfully complete all exams required to enroll in an alternative teacher preparation program.
- 11 On the motion of Dr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the Council granted **Kayla Roger's** request to allow the medical exception allowed in policy to apply to her Resident (R) certificate.
- 12 On the motion of Dr. Joffrion, seconded by Mr. Devillier, with Dr. Hebert abstaining, the Council granted **Sarah Dulaney's** request to extend her Practitioner License (PL) contingent upon full enrollment into the University of Louisiana at Monroe's alternative certification program.

At the November 2020 meeting, the Council deferred consideration of the appeal submitted by Nicole Clark.

- 13 On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Peoples, the Council voted to remove Ms. Clark's appeal from consideration as she is no longer employed in the requesting school system.

With no further business, on the motion of Dr. Joffrion, seconded by Dr. Hebert, the February 25, 2021 TCAC meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.