

**ILLINOIS STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION BOARD**

**Illinois State Board of Education  
State Board Room, Fourth Floor**

**Thursday, June 5, 2008**

**Institution Unit Accreditation and Program Approval**

**Meeting Summary**

**Call to Order / Roll Call:**

Dr. Linda Tomlinson, Chair Designee, called the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Patrick Murphy, Secretary, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board, was asked to call the roll. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Dr. Linda Tomlinson, Chair Designee (Representing Chairman Koch)  
Mr. Patrick Murphy, Secretary

Muhammad Abdullah	Deborah Curtis	Elliott Lessen
Denise Albrecht	Lawer Dixon, Jr.	Sr. Colleen McNicholas
Richard Ammentorp	Nina Dorsch	Janet Pierce-Ritter
Sheila Bowens	Allen Ellington	Tamara Smith
Stephen Breese	Lindy Greenlee	
Eric Brown	Ascencion Juarez	

**Members Absent:**

Carol Auer	Caryn Block	Linda Pellegrini
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**Others Present:**

Lydia Bullock	Diane Lacopo	Joy Taylor-Ankenbrandt
Paul Busceni	Susan Leahy	Dennis Williams
Mitch Hopper	Daryl Morrison	
Phylliss Jones	Barbara Swanson	

## **State Teacher Certification Board Audit Committee**

Phyliss Jones, Principal Consultant, Educator Preparation and Recertification Division, provided the State Teacher Certification Board members with a review of the decision-making process and overall procedural process for the accreditation and program approval of higher education institutions.

Elliott Lessen volunteered to serve as Facilitator of the Audit Committee. Deborah Curtis volunteered to serve as Recorder.

The Certification Board proceeded with the work before them. The institution unit accreditation and program approval recommendations of the following institutions were reviewed and discussed:

### **Continuing Institutional Accreditations and Program Approvals**

- Kendall College
- Rockford College

The Audit Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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**Business Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order / Roll Call:**

Dr. Linda Tomlinson, Chair Designee, called the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Mr. Patrick Murphy, Secretary, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board, was asked to call the roll. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Dr. Linda Tomlinson, Chair Designee (Representing Chairman Koch)  
Mr. Patrick Murphy, Secretary

Muhammad Abdullah  
Denise Albrecht  
Richard Ammentorp  
Sheila Bowens  
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Sr. Colleen McNicholas  
Janet Pierce-Ritter  
Tamara Smith

**Members Absent:**

Carol Auer  
Caryn Block  
Linda Pellegrini

**Others Present:**

Lydia Bullock  
Paul Busceni  
Laurel Gibler  
Colleen Herald  
Mitch Hopper

Linda Jamali  
Phyliss Jones  
Diane Lacopo  
Susan Leahy  
Daryl Morrison

Melissa Phillips  
Lynn Steffen  
Barbara Swanson  
Dennis Williams

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the April 4, 2008, Illinois State Teacher Certification Board meeting were presented for consideration. Richard Ammentorp moved the April 4, 2008 minutes be approved. Nina Dorsch seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Public Participation:**

None.

**Facilitation Committee's Report:**

Richard Ammentorp, Chair of the Facilitation Committee, reported the Facilitation Committee met immediately following the Audit Committee held on Thursday, June 5, 2008. The only change to the agenda is moving "Item 6 – Release of Closed Session Minutes" after the Secretary's Report.

**Item(s) for Immediate Action:**

Continuing Institutional Accreditation and Program Approval Recommendations –

Kendall College

Unit Accreditation

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education that Kendall College be assigned Continuing Accreditation based on the Board's review of the documentation provided in the ISBE team report and institutional response [Section 25.125 (j) (1)]. Elliott Lessen seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Program Approval

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education approval of the following programs at Kendall College [Section 25.127 (j) (1) (A)]:

- Early Childhood

Deborah Curtis seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## Rockford College

### Unit Accreditation

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education that Rockford College be assigned Continuing Accreditation based on the Board's review of the documentation provided in the ISBE team report and institutional response [Section 25.125 (j) (1)]. Sr. Colleen McNicholas seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### Rules Related to Certification

Patrick Murphy stated that State Teacher Certification Board members had been sent a set of amendments to Part 35 of the rules, Mentoring Program for New Principals. Mr. Murphy said that the most notable change is the addition of a definition of "first-year principal" that will allow mentoring to occur during the first full year of service if the first actual year begins late in a school year. Many of the other changes simply involve referring to "providers" rather than "mentoring entities".

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board recommend to the State Board of Education for consideration the amendments to Part 35 rules (Mentoring Program for New Principals). Janet Pierce-Ritter seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### Proposals for Activities that Meet Requirements for Standard Certificate Eligibility

Allen Ellington moved that the list of "Proposals for Activities that Meet Requirements for Standard Certificate Eligibility" dated May 19, 2008, be approved. Richard Ammentorp seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (See Attachment)

### Illinois State Teacher Certification Board 2009 Meeting Schedule

Elliott Lessen moved to approve the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board 2009 meeting schedule. Nina Dorsch seconded the motion. Linda Tomlinson called for discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The approved 2009 meeting schedule follows:

January 9, 2009	July 10, 2009
February 6, 2009	August 6 and 7, 2009
March 6, 2009	September 11, 2009
April 3, 2009	October 2, 2009
May 1, 2009	November 6, 2009
June 4 and 5, 2009	December 3 and 4, 2009

### Renewal of Standard / Master Certificates (Group B List)

Linda Tomlinson reported there are no non-renewals on the Group B List at this time.

### **Item(s) for Discussion**

#### Actions on Higher Education Institution Reports (approval, denial, tabling of program proposals)

After much discussion it was requested that volunteers from the State Teacher Certification Board be part of a subcommittee to look at how the state currently reviews higher education programs. The charge of the subcommittee would be to determine the policy and procedures necessary to require institutions to come before the State Teacher Certification Board in the third or fourth year after receiving approval for their program(s).

Certification Board members made it clear that they would like an update from the institutions to see if the approved programs are being implemented as they were planned, and if not, an explanation of the circumstances.

The following Certification Board members who volunteered to serve on the subcommittee include: Denise Albrecht, Richard Ammentorp, Stephen Breese, Eric Brown, Deborah Curtis, Sr. Colleen McNicholas and Janet Pierce-Ritter.

#### Illinois Certification Testing System

Linda Jamali, Division Administrator; and Laurel Gibler, Principal Consultant, Educator Certification Division, were available for questions from Certification Board members.

Certification Board members indicated that they would like to have a voice in the development of the RFP content when it is time to have a new testing contract. It would be appropriate to have both Evaluation Systems of Pearson and Educational Testing Service provide presentations to the Certification Board.

Certification Board members asked if State Board of Education staff could bring the cut scores to the State Teacher Certification Board on a regular basis.

### Middle Level Education

Deborah Curtis brought the Certification Board members up to date on middle level education and work from the Middle Level Task Force. Dr. Curtis asked that this topic be brought back to the Board for review and discussion. It was agreed that Dr. Curtis will invite one or two of the Middle Level Task Force members to provide a presentation at the next meeting of the Certification Board.

### **Item(s) for Information:**

#### Renewal of Standard / Master Certificates (Report – Group A List)

Patrick Murphy reported that there were 404 recommendations for Standard / Master Certificates renewed in Group A for the period of April 1, 2008 through May 31, 2008.

#### Moving from Initial to Standard Certificate

Patrick Murphy reported that there were 1,445 recommendations for Initial Certificates moving to Standard Certificates for the period of April 1, 2008 through May 31, 2008.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Patrick Murphy reported the following:

#### Certification Status Report

Currently applications are processed within 30 days. Because of the tremendous increase in the number of applications received during the summer months, processing time runs 30-60 days.

We no longer require submission of a high school diploma for the paraprofessional approval as long as the applicant has an associate's degree or higher.

There was no comment on the rule increasing the validity period for certification tests from five to ten years. The rule in its final form will go before the State Board of Education in June and, if approved, will move on to JCAR.

Notice(s) From Higher Education

Southern Illinois University Carbondale–Illinois Alternative Certification Program:  
Removal of the following programs: Early Childhood Education; Elementary Education;  
English Language Arts; Foreign Language – French; Foreign Language – German;  
Foreign Language – Spanish; Health Education; Mathematics; Music; Science –  
Biology; Social Science – History; Visual Arts

Non-Registered Educator Report

Mr. Murphy explained that the Non-Registered Educator Report was prepared on June 2, 2008.

Notification: Suspension of Certificates by State Superintendent

**Steve B. Phillips** – Administrative Certificate #1626459

Notification: Revocation of Certificates by State Superintendent

**Jodi E. Church** – Initial Elementary Certificate #2067158; Initial Secondary Certificate #2067159

**Daniel J. Marks** – Standard Secondary Certificate #1723066; Administrative Certificate #1449818

**Anastasia Pappas** – Standard Elementary Certificate #2046739; Teacher's Aide Approval

**Jonathan A. White** – Standard Early Childhood Certificate #2233524

**Andre Williams** – Standard Secondary Certificate #1699765

Expiration of STCB Member Terms – June 30, 2008

At the June 19, 2008 Illinois State Board of Education meeting, the State Board will act upon the following recommendations for appointment to the STCB:

**Doug Bower**, IACTE (Appoint to 1<sup>st</sup> Term – Replace Nina Dorsch)

**Allen Ellington**, IPA (Reappoint to 2<sup>nd</sup> Term)

**Vickie Mahrt**, IEA (Appoint to 1<sup>st</sup> Term – Replace Lindy Greenlee)

**Ascencion Juarez**, CPS (Appoint to 1<sup>st</sup> Term)

**Cynthia Shanahan**, IACTE (Appoint to 1<sup>st</sup> Term – Replace Elliott Lessen)

**Sr. Colleen McNicholas**, IACTE (Reappoint to 2<sup>nd</sup> Term)

**Linda Pellegrini**, IFT (Appoint to 1<sup>st</sup> Term)

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to: Nina Dorsch, Lindy Greenlee and Elliott Lessen for their years of service as members of the State Teacher Certification Board.

Enter Into Closed Session:

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Illinois Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:

Section 2(c)(21) for the purpose of discussing minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act.

Richard Ammentorp also moved that the Board request that Patrick Murphy, Secretary; Dennis Williams, Recorder; and Mitch Hopper, Multi-Media Specialist, be present at the closed session. Allen Ellington seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Enter Into Open Session:**

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board adjourn from Closed Session and enter into Open Session. Elliott Lessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Approval and Release of Closed Session Minutes**

Richard Ammentorp moved that the State Teacher Certification Board approve the December 7, 2007 Closed Session Minutes; and that the State Teacher Certification Board also, according to Section 2.06(d) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, has reviewed the minutes of its closed sessions, September 9, 2005; October 7, 2005; December 2, 2005; March 3, 2006; May 5, 2006; June 2, 2006; December 1, 2006; June 1, 2007; and December 7, 2007 hereby certifies that the need for confidentiality still exists for the closed session minutes. Elliott Lessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business, Elliott Lessen moved that the State Teacher Certification Board meeting adjourn. Nina Dorsch seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The State Teacher Certification Board meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

APPROVED

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Chairman

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Secretary

**ATTACHMENT**

**Proposals for “Induction and Mentoring Programs”  
to Meet Requirements for the Standard Certificate**

**Recommended for Approval by  
State Board of Education Staff**

**June 2008**

**School / County**

Aptakisic-Tripp School District 102, Lake County  
Ashton-Franklin Center Community Unit School District 275, Lee County  
Chadwick Milledgeville Community Unit School District 399, Carroll County  
Community Unit District 205, Knox and Warren Counties  
Dakota Community Unit School District 201, Stephenson County  
Eastland Community Schools, Carroll County  
Iroquois County Community Unit School District 9, Iroquois County  
Kankakee School District 111, Kankakee County  
Lena-Winslow School District 202, Stephenson County  
Orangeville Community Unit School District 203, Stephenson County  
Pearl City Community Unit School District 200, Stephenson County  
Riverdale Community Unit School District 100, Henry County  
Scales Mount Community Unit District 211, Jo Daviess County  
West Carroll 314, Carroll County  
Wood River Hartford School District 15, Madison County

**Proposals for “Self-Assessment Coursework”  
to Meet Requirements for the Standard Certificate**

**Recommended for Approval by  
State Board of Education Staff**

**June 2008**

**Provider**

Regional Office of Education 3 (Bond, Effingham and Fayette Counties)