



**Enclosure 2b**  
**November 27, 2018**

**MINUTES OF THE  
NOVEMBER 14, 2018  
SPECIAL WORK SESSION**

**COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Chair McConaghy welcomed everyone to the Special Work Session of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education for the purpose of discussion the proposed changes to the Regulations Governing the Certification of Educators in Rhode Island. He noted for the record that Council Members Beretta, Field and Martinez would not be joining the meeting, declared a quorum present, and called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

**Present:** \*Christopher Bove, Barbara Cottam, Colleen Callahan, Karen Davis, Jo Eva Gaines, Daniel McConaghy, and Lawrence Purtill

**Absent:** Amy Beretta, Gara Field, and Marta Martinez

[\*Ex-officio, non-voting member]

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

On a motion duly made by Lawrence Purtill and seconded by Jo Eva Gaines, it was

**VOTED:** That the Rhode Island Council on Elementary and Secondary Education accepts the agenda for the November 14, 2018, Special Work Session

Vote: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Barbara Cottam, Colleen Callahan, Karen Davis, Jo Eva Gaines, Daniel McConaghy, and Lawrence Purtill

NAYS: 0

**2. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**2a. Regulations Governing the Certification of Educators in Rhode Island - Summary of Public Feedback**

Commissioner Wagner began by stating that today is the twelfth discussion that the Council has had on the proposed changes. The purpose of this special work session is to give Council

members another opportunity to have a less formal discussion, hit some of the highlights from the public feedback, and answer any remaining questions.

Commissioner Wagner shared that in addition to all of the public discussions, he has also had a conference call with each Council member as well as conversations with key stakeholders.

He then answered Council member questions on concerns with the student teaching residency recommendation, school-nurse teachers, flexibility around shortage areas, how to measure cultural competency, and ongoing professional learning.

At the November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council will receive a tracked version of the proposed regulation that shows the changes proposed since the public comment period; an updated table with additional column that shows RIDE's response to each of the categories of comments; and a plain English FAQ document that addresses the topics that have received the most attention.

The goal is to have the regulations approved at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, with December 18<sup>th</sup> as a back-up date.

### **3. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.**

On a motion dully made by Colleen Callahan and seconded by Jo Eva Gaines, it was

**VOTED:** That the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education adjourns.

Vote: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Barbara Cottam, Colleen Callahan, Karen Davis, Jo Eva Gaines, Daniel McConaghy, and Lawrence Purtill

NAYS: 0

