

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND CERTIFICATION BOARD
AD HOC 13A COMMITTEE

Monday, May 5, 2025 7:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

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DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:55 a.m.

Attendance (all virtual):

Attendees: Kristen Basiaga, Jennifer Rodriguez, Dr. Katherine Roe, Rebecca Good, Cynthia Ritchie

Absentees: Shannon Marimon, Anne Dichele, Sarah Lahr-Fitzsimons

Review and Approval of Minutes (April 8, 2025): Unable to vote on minutes until we have a quorum.

The Ad Hoc committee continued their discussion from the previous meeting with a key focus on proposals.

- **SDE Test Waiver Proposal from Kristen Basiaga**

This pathway will be available for prospective educators who:

- Have met all other requirements for initial certification except passing the content knowledge assessment,
- Achieve a score within three standard error measurements (SEM) of the cut score

These prospective educators may apply for a waiver through the State Department of Education. The prospective teacher will submit evidence showing:

- having met all other requirements for initial certification,
- an attempt at passing the standardized, minimum content area assessment, achieving a score equal to or within three standard error measurements SEM of the cut score,
- 20 full months (2 years) of successful, appropriate, full-time teaching experience completed at a Connecticut public school while holding a temporary teaching certificate, and
- attestation from district superintendent or designee

Upon review of evidence, the SDE will consider the minimum content knowledge fulfilled and further testing will be waived.

- **Two Waiver Option Proposal from Rebecca Good**

All candidates will take the current state approved content knowledge exams (ie. Praxis II, Foundations of Reading, Praxis Early Childhood Education test)

Group 1: Candidates who pass the exams on the first time have fulfilled the minimum content knowledge expectation

Group 2: Candidates who do not pass 1 or more exams but come within range to be eligible for the Praxis II bridge will complete the bridge which fulfills the minimum content knowledge expectation

Group 3: Candidates who do not pass 1 or more and do not come within range to be eligible for the Praxis II and have completed all EPP requirements can select between the following two waiver options:

Waiver Option 1: EPP Approved Waiver - Candidate completes extra course/support determined by EPP and EPP submits waiver as part of the recommendation for certification to the state.

Waiver Option 2: District Approved Waiver - Candidate works as the teacher of record under temporary license for a minimum of 10 months and participates in district approved observations, the district superintendent or designee submits waiver.

Waivers are submitted to SDE and no further review is needed; the waiver meets the fulfillment of minimum content knowledge.

Additional topics discussed:

- Data from Ajit Gopalakrishnan
- Apprenticeship
- Residency
- Internship
- EPP approved waiver
- District approved waiver
- Challenges of obtaining a DSAP
- Scores close to cut scores

Rebecca Good requested to bring this to the larger group for discussion to get more voices. Katherine Roe agrees we need more flexibility.

Kristen Basiaga does not plan on bringing any proposals because they were not voted to move to the larger committee.

Action Items:

- Natasha Dunaway will email schedule poll to the committee to determine the best day/time for meetings going forward.
- Kristen Basiaga will speak with Jennifer Rodriguez about the agenda for the Board meeting.

Adjournment: 8:48 a.m.