

Minutes
Professional Education Council
3:30pm- Wednesday, September 10, 2025
Room 3073
(Zoom option available in calendar invite)

Attendance: Janet Tassell Stacy Leggett, Catherine Wilson, Brian Myers, Trini Sickle, Hope Marchionda, Nick Fortune, Angela Nagel, Nancy Hulan, Jennifer Klemm, Erin Warfel, Kandy Smith, Pam Jukes, Merrall Price, Thomas Kingery, Marguerita DeSander, Mindy Waldrop, Jeremy Logsdon, Sarah Bonis, Ellen Casale, Nick Brake, Jennifer Hammonds, Sue Keesey, Erin Margarella, Chris Stunson, Melissa Stewart, Christina Arnold, Kerri McDaniel, Danita Kelly, Carnetta Skipworth, Cynthia Mason

- I. Welcome
 - a. Introductions- introduction to the new PEC/CEBS website.
 - b. PEC purpose and bylaws- we review anything that is common throughout our programs, accreditation, curriculum, student teaching, etc.
We keep you updated on things with the EPSB
Students can make appeals if they are denied admission
Election of a vice chair- faculty member will serve 1 term and assist Dr. Klemm with reviewing curriculum
Addition of the Registrar's office will also assist with the curriculum decisions and moving things forward.
 - c. [Educator Preparation Programs Website-](#)
- II. Approval of Minutes & Agenda
 - a. Approval of the [minutes from the April 9, 2025, meeting](#)
Motion: Sarah Bonis Second: Janet Tassell Approved
 - b. Approval of agenda for **September 11, 2024**, meeting
Motion: Logsdon Second: Catherine Wilson Approved
- III. EPSB updates from Professional Education Unit Head- Dean Murphy or Associate Dean Klemm
 - a. SB 181 (Stunson)
SB181- requires all school districts identify 2-way traceable communication systems for staff and volunteers to communicate with students—can impact our students when they go out into the field
Intent- to protect educators and students
Defines family and who are exceptions- the biggest group not included is cousins; communicate between cousins is not allowed
At WCPS any communication that isn't in the 5 approved is prohibited
This applies only to the school district where you are employed through a volunteer. Ex. If a student is placed in Bowling Green, it will apply to only Bowling Green students.

Parents can provide a waiver to allow communications—must be signed and filled out for each individual student/staff member/volunteer that want to communicate outside the 5 approved systems.

Law doesn't distinguish between school activities and outside activities

It will impact our students with outside employment—Ex our student is working at Chick-Fil-A with one of their students in the schools they cannot communicate to each other, even through a Chick-Fil-A app. They can only communicate through one of the 5 approved systems.

If you are placing students at a school, please be aware of their district policy.

b. Update on certification structure (Keesey)

Friday 9/10 morning STE faculty and PEC will meet together. It will be in GRH 2064 at 10:00

From 11-11:30 we will do some data collection with lunch to follow

We are going to look at the different platforms we are switching to

Dr. Keesey would like at least one representative from each program.

Grade band proposal- sync things together to make fewer bands so teachers will be able to cover more area: Pre K can go with a 1st through 3rd grade endorsement; a 4-9 category, and grade 7-12 option is also available.

Year 2 focuses more on permissions and looking at math and science and how we have such a shortage of biology, chemistry teachers, etc. Wanting to look at a generalist option where they can expand their areas of certification in teaching.

c. Newly approved programs: School Social Work, TESOL Option 6, FACS Option 6

Updates from Dean Murphy

EPSB update we are helping districts discern what is reportable and what is not with the SB 181; the law is well intentioned, and we will see some coalescing around new practices as schools learn and implement two systems.

Still meeting every 3 weeks- please thank teachers that are involved in the meetings.

OELE- we are at a point where we can call and get an answer for students and faculty if we have questions.

HB 4- still affords us the ability of we can do what we are accredited to do. If you are in a program where you have something that could be controversial → your responsibility is provide both/all sides of the article.

You need to share the available data on all sides of the argument

The Dean said we could have a shared conversations about presenting material

If anyone wants to come chat with the Dean, please let her know.

CITL will also offer support opportunities for faculty around this and AI

Nancy Hulan will be on KET for serving on a panel about the science of reading and will air at 8:00 CST.

IV. Accreditation & Continuous Improvement (Klemm)

a. Waiting for CAEP final board decision expected early November 2025

The recommendation from the Site committee was no areas of improvement and no stipulations.

- b. Anthology Portfolio
 - i. Faculty meeting on Friday, September 12 to review transition plan for education programs

We are phasing out Anthology and we are going to discuss the transition into the new system and we will talk about it at the meeting on 9/12.
- V. Office of Professional Educator Services (Chris Stunson, Director)- we will now review the lists during the meetings. The list is still being updated and we will discuss more at the next meeting.
 - a. Candidates completing Requirements for [Admission to the PEU](#)
 Admission is ongoing; we do have deadlines and we will come up with a systematic way to review.
 WCPS has now decided they will not give a student a placement if the student hasn't met those requirements by September 30. → Please reemphasize in advising how very important these deadlines are.
 - b. Candidates for [Student Teaching](#)
 After discussing we will review the spring list prior to the November meeting and then we will pick the month to review the fall.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Elect Vice-Chair for 2025-2026
 This person takes care of agenda and assist with curriculum pieces as they come through. We pull the curriculum up, do the edits, and then do the approvals.
 Dr. Janet Tassell nominate Dr. Stacey Leggett and she accepted the nomination.
 Motion moved to approve- Nick Fortune Second: Sarah Bonis Motion Passed
 Dr. Stacey Leggett is the new Elect Vice-Chair
- VII. PEC Curriculum Review (Klemm or Vice-Chair)
 - a. School of Teacher Education
 - i. Course Change Request: [EDU 503: Professional Development Experience](#)
 - Janet Tassell
 Motion: Nick Fortune Second: Jeremy Logsdon Approved with edits
 - ii. Course Change Request: [LITE 537: Educational Technology Management](#)
 – Jeremy Logsdon
 Motion: Sarah Bonis Second: Keri McDaniel Approved
- VIII. Other Business
 None
- IX. Adjournment
 Motion: Nick Fortune Second: Nancy Hulan Approved