

# Chapter 57 Research and Review Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 2, 2021

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Meeting start time: 1:33pm

## Roll Call

### Task Force Members

Angela McLean  
Dan Schmidt  
Dean Jardee  
Diane Fladmo  
Heather Jarrett  
John Melick  
Jule Walker  
McCall Flynn  
Mike Perry  
Nick Schumacher  
Christine Eggar  
Shaun Scott  
Valerie Fowler  
Jule Walker

### Facilitators

Crystal Andrews  
Jacob Williams  
Erich Stiefvater

### OPI Representation

Julie Murgel

### Executive Support

Tristen Belnap

Quorum is met <12+

## Welcome and Review Norms and Expectations

### Counselor to Administrator Pathway Review

1. [Document reviewed by OPI Legal and Communications shared with TF](#)
2. TF is supportive of presented language and recommends the language go to the Superintendent.

### ARM Subchapter Discussion and Feedback

1. [Document shared with ARM Subchapters OPI identified as potential areas for review.](#)
2. Discussion of Middle grades 4-8 endorsements in 10.57.102
  - a. How many cases fall under this?
    - i. Julie Murgel commits to coming next week with specific examples and more information
  - b. What does this mean in EPPs in Montana?
    - i. Angela McLean commits to speaking with EPPs to see what it would mean to prepare students for this endorsement.
  - c. Dan Schmidt makes comments that age level vs content level endorsements are separate
  - d. Julie and Crystal commit to finding information about the terminology restrictions for funding between PreK and EC
  - e. Shaun Scott suggests simplifying endorsement areas may create less barriers and more flexibilities for MT teachers.

- f. Discussion around having more or less endorsement areas could make it more flexible within the state but more difficult to move into the state from out of state.
  - g. Conversation will be continued next week.
3. Discussion of Emergency Authorization of Employment 10.57.107
    - a. Examples of “repeat offenders” and barriers with emergency authorizations given by Crystal Andrews and Christine Eggars.
    - b. Angela McLean suggests utilizing preservice teachers to help fill emergency authorization needs in districts.
    - c. John Melick suggests MT lacks online options for uncertified individuals to work towards becoming certified.
    - d. Diane Fladmo requests data around how many EAs have been done and the trend lines
      - i. Crystal Andrews commits to gathering this for the next meeting.
    - e. Angela McLean volunteers to start writing language
    - f. Erich Stiefvater suggests looking at an alternative approach to look at provisional licenses through Class 2 licenses to accommodate needed change in EAs
    - g. Jacob Williams reminds the group of last week’s conversation of possible pathways to licensure.
  4. Discussion of Unusual Cases 10.57.109 notice of hearing in 30-day window
    - a. Crystal Andrews suggests the language “Notice of Hearing” into 10.57.109 like it is seen in 10.57.602
    - b. McCall Flynn is supportive of this change
    - c. McCall Flynn suggests adding language to be able to waive the right
    - d. TF is supportive of the suggestion
      - i. Crystal Andrews will provide a red line document with the suggested change for final vote.
  5. Discussion of adding J1 visas to 10.57.112
    - a. Julie Murgel clarifies the definition and difference between exchange teacher and international teacher.
    - b. Is there some option to add a pathway to reduce the amount of time or be used until qualifications are met for international teachers?
    - c. Julie Murgel suggests there needs to be clarity in 10.57.112 or possibly repealing the section.
    - d. John Melick suggests speaking with SAMS about the language
  6. Discussion of social workers, nurses, and speech hearing therapists
    - a. Suggestion from Crystal Andrews to leave 10.57.501 as is.
    - b. Angela McLean suggests this topic needs go be looked at further in Chapter 55 and 58.
    - c. TF has no objections to leaving 10.57.501 as is.

#### **Praxis and Recruitment Data Presentation**

1. [Julie Murgel presents data report on components of licensure, denials, and PRAXIS Data.](#)

#### **Timeline and Next Steps**

1. TF to review subchapter 4 in google form.
2. Meeting time CHANGES to 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 3:06 pm