

Chapter 57 Research and Review Task Force Meeting Summary
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Facilitator began the meeting by reviewing the CSPAC meeting feedback and questions with the Task Force (TF). TF members did not have any specific items to address that were not included in the TF agenda, therefore, facilitators moved on.

Crystal Andrews explained the discussion in the CSPAC meeting around ARM 10.57.109. TF discusses the proposal to remove the section as the language referring to hearing all together.

Crystal Andrews explains the proposal brought forward in a discussion with school psychologists from the University of Montana to include “or” at the end of ARM 10.57.434 (a). The TF discusses this proposal and takes a vote to include “or” at the end of ARM 10.57.434(a). The motion passes.

TF asks clarifying questions about voting in the group and what is considered a quorum and consensus. After discussion, it is clarified that there are 18 TF members in total and 11 TF members must be present at minimum to vote. TF members discuss utilizing surveys or email to enable all TF members the chance to vote.

Julie Murgel explains discussion around “and/or” in ARM 10.57.102. TF discusses the language and Julie Murgel explains why many states use the language “approved” in rule. Jule Walker brings forward items in which she felt should be discussed before this topic is finalized as the decisions may impact what happens here.

Jule Walker brings forward the motion to remove the mentorship and induction portions in chapter 57 with an emphasis in chapter 55 to address these programs in the state to better support recruitment and retention. After discussion, the TF votes and passes the motion unanimously.

Jule Walker brings forward the language “a current standard, unrestricted out of state educator license and at least one year of experience in an accredited k-12 school district” to be included in ARM 10.57.410. Discussion and clarification about where this language would live in the ARM is done between facilitators and the TF. No decision is made during this meeting.

TF discusses and suggests an additional meeting is needed to finish the items on the agenda. TF and facilitators discuss the items which should be prioritized and adjourns.