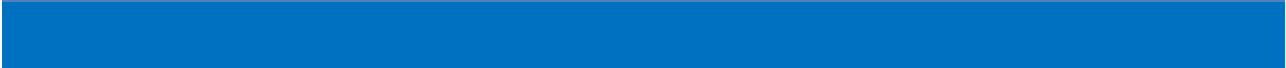


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# MINUTES OF THE BC TEACHERS' COUNCIL



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**June 10, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE**

- BCTC:** Rebecca Blair, Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Alice Kedves, Jo-Anne Chrona, Tom Longridge, Ralf St. Clair, Peter Van Huizen, John Hall, Carolyn Broady, Marjorie Dumont, Shelaina Postings, Terry Berting, Jay Dixon, Janine Fraser, Joseph Colistro, Adrienne Demers
- Regrets:** N/A
- Staff:** Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Dijana Gres, Vicki Wayne, Eric Tso, Sameena Sheriff
- Guests:**

Howard Kushner	Commissioner for Teacher Regulation
Keith Godin	Assistant Deputy Minister, Governance and Analytics Division
- Public:**

Tricia Stobbe	Christian Educators of British Columbia
Tracy Ryder Glass	University of the Fraser Valley
Janice St. Helene	Simon Fraser University
Janet McCarron	Simon Fraser University
Wendy Klassen	University of British Columbia
Jenn Skelding	Trinity Western University
Allyson Jule	Trinity Western University
Jackie Buitelaar	Trinity Western University
Cynthia Clerc	Simon Fraser University
Chris Stewart	BC Teachers Federation

*The Chair, Jim Iker, called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.*

**INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed members of the public.

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**1. OPENING OF THE MEETING.**

- **Acknowledgement with gratitude of the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.**

The Chair acknowledged with gratitude the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.

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The Chair commented on the current situation regarding racial injustice/Black Lives Matter. Moment of silence was observed to honour the recent victims of racial injustice.

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- **Approval of Agenda**

The Chair reminded members that the agenda was developed from the motions passed at the February 2020 BCTC meeting and from the BCTC's 2019-2020 workplan.

The Chair informed members that the draft agenda was circulated last week and posted on the Ministry website/BCTC webpage.

**ST. CLAIR/BROADY**

**Motion:** That the agenda for June 10, 2020 be approved.

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**2. BUSINESS AND REPORTING OUT**

- **Welcome to new BCTC members**

The Chair introduced newly appointed BCTC members Adrienne Demers (BCTF), and Joseph Colistro (FISA BC). Jo-Anne Chrona (FNESC) was reappointed to the BCTC.

The Chair informed the BCTC about new appointments for the Disciplinary and Professional Conduct Board. Jo-Anne Chrona (FNESC) was reappointed for three years, while Jay Dixon (BCPVPA) and Jim Iker (BCTF) were appointed for two years.

- **Correspondence**

The Chair informed the BCTC that there was a lot of correspondence sent/received since the February meeting. Correspondence to be discussed under specific agenda items later in the agenda.

- **Chair's Report Out**

a) **Cancellation and postponements of BCTC related business:**

The Chair informed the BCTC that, due to the COVID crisis this spring, there have been some cancellations and postponements related to the BCTC business:

- TEP Roundtable 2020 by UVic
- Standard 9 – Resource Development, in organization of the Commissioner for Teacher Regulation and Ministry of Education
- BCTC Letter to Education Partners regarding the Professional Standards Awareness placed on hold, pending normalization of the school system.

b) **Virtual meetings:**

The Chair informed the BCTC that, due to the COVID-related restrictions, the BCTC committees have been meeting virtually via Zoom video conference since March 2020. The BCTC will continue to monitor the COVID situation and address future meeting mode accordingly.

The Chair informed the BCTC that, at this point, it is uncertain whether the BCTC will meet in person or virtually for the fall meeting. With the first wave of COVID-19 slowly receding, but a possible second wave arriving in the fall, this decision will be made closer to the meeting date. The safety of BCTC members and EDUC staff are paramount.

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c) **Fall BCTC meeting dates:**

The Chair informed the BCTC members that they need to provide their preference regarding the Fall BCTC meeting dates. The Fall meeting dates will be voted on and determined via Zoom poll option at the end of today's meeting. Several date options were proposed for consideration.

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**3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The Chair invited the public to speak to the BCTC. The Chair reminded attendees of their opportunity to review the agenda and provide comment on anything pertinent/of interest to them. Issues raised during this period may be referred to the Chair and Ministry staff for consideration.

Chris Stewart asked if there would be an online voting process in the next BCTC elections. Shawn McMullin from the Ministry spoke about an online and phone option being set up for that purpose.

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**4. ELECTION OF BCTC CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

- **Administered by the Commissioner for Teacher Regulation**

The Chair informed the BCTC that the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair must take place as per meeting rules. The election was facilitated by the Commissioner for Teacher Regulation following the procedures established by BCTC.

The election was completed via Zoom poll option administered by the Ministry staff.

Jim Iker was acclaimed as Chair.

Jatinder Bir and Jo-Anne Chrona were nominated for Vice Chair. Jo-Anne Chrona declined nomination. Jatinder Bir was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

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**5. COMMITTEE AND EXTERNAL PARTNER GROUP ELECTIONS**

- **Professional & Certification Standards Steering Committee (PCSSC)**

The Chair reminded the BCTC that, due to a departure, a position on the PCSSC was currently vacant. Ministry staff facilitated and oversaw the election which was completed via Zoom poll.

Adrienne Demers and Jay Dixon were nominated.

Adrienne Demers was elected.

- **Teacher Education Program Approval Standards Committee (TEPASC)**

The Chair reminded the BCTC that, due to a departure, a position on the TEPARC was currently vacant. Ministry staff facilitated and oversaw the election.

Jay Dixon was acclaimed.

• **Teacher Education Program Approval and Review Committee (TEPARC)**

The Chair reminded the BCTC that, due to a departure, a position on the TEPASC was currently vacant. Ministry staff facilitated and oversaw the election.

Joe Colistro and Janine Fraser were nominated.

Janine Fraser was elected.

**HALL/CHRONA**

**Motion:** To reappoint Ralf St. Clair as the ABCDE representative to TEPARC.

CARRIED

• **New Teacher Survey Working Group (NTSWG)**

The Chair reminded the BCTC that, due to a departure, a position on the NTSWG was currently vacant. Ministry staff facilitated and oversaw the election.

Jo-Anne Chrona was acclaimed.

• **French Education Stakeholders Advisory Committee**

The Chair reminded the BCTC that a representative must be elected annually. The Chair informed the BCTC that, as advised by the French Education Branch, the French Education Stakeholders Advisory Committee is no longer meeting. The BCTC decided to proceed with the election. Ministry staff facilitated and oversaw the election.

Terry Berting was acclaimed.

• **K-12 Aboriginal Education Partners Table**

The Chair reminded BCTC that a representative must be elected annually. Ministry staff facilitated and oversaw the election.

Marjorie Dumont was acclaimed.

Jatinder Bir and Terry Berting were nominated as alternates.

Jatinder Bir was elected as alternate.

**6. REVIEW OF BCTC WORKPLAN FOR 2018/2019 AND SETTING BCTC WORKPLAN FOR 2020-2021**

The Chair reminded the BCTC that the 2019/20 Workplan was developed at the BCTC June 2019 meeting as follows:

2019-2020 goals	Status
Goal 1: Communication and Implementation of the Professional Standards	In progress
Goal 2: A review and revision of the Certification Standards	In progress
Goal 3: A review and revision of the Teacher Education Program Approval Standards	In progress
Goal 4: Review and develop a New Teacher Survey.	In progress

The Chair reminded the BCTC that a new workplan must be established for 2020/2021. The following workplan was proposed:

2020-2021 goals	Status
<b>Goal 1:</b> Communication, amplification and promotion of the Professional Standards with particular attention to Standard 9.	
<b>Goal 2:</b>	
<b>Goal 3:</b>	
<b>Goal 4:</b>	

\*Further discussion of workplan was deferred to June 12.

**7. MINISTRY UPDATE: K-12 SYSTEM IN THE TIME OF COVID-19**

The Chair welcomed Assistant Deputy Minister, Keith Godin, to dialogue with the BCTC regarding the K-12 school system in the time of COVID-19.

The ADM gave an update about the Phase 3 of *BC K-12 Education Re-start Plan* and the Ministry priorities in the light of COVID-19. The ADM and BCTC members engaged in a dialogue regarding the following:

- o Ministry communication with teachers and practicum students
- o Ministry approach to addressing the learning gap for vulnerable students, systemic racism, and outcomes for BIPOC students
- o Ministry approach to data collection and analysis regarding the vulnerable students' issues.

The ADM responded that the Ministry is carefully considering the data before responding with policy measures, as well as that the plan is underway for anti-racism training.

**CHRONA/ST.CLAIR**

**Motion:** That the meeting be extended to 12:50 PM.

CARRIED

**8. FAREWELL TO OUTGOING BCTC MEMBERS**

The Chair announced that Rebecca Blair and Peter Van Huizen have completed their appointment terms. The Chair thanked Rebecca and Peter for their commitment and service.

**9. FALL MEETING DATES DECISION**

\*Item deferred to June 11, 2020.

**10. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Chair reminded the BCTC to ensure accuracy of the minutes.

**BIR/COOKE**

**Motion:** That the meeting minutes be adopted.

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**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**FRASER/BIR**

**Motion:** That the meeting of June 10, 2020 be adjourned.

..... CARRIED

*Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM*



**June 11, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE**

- BCTC:** Rebecca Blair, Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Alice Kedves, Jo-Anne Chrona, Tom Longridge, Ralf St. Clair, Peter Van Huizen, John Hall, Carolyn Broady, Marjorie Dumont, Shelaina Postings, Terry Berting, Jay Dixon, Janine Fraser, Joseph Colistro, Adrienne Demers
- Regrets:** N/A
- Staff:** Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Dijana Gres, Vicki Wayne, Eric Tso, Sameena Sheriff
- Guests:** N/A
- Public:**

Tricia Stobbe	Christian Educators of British Columbia
Howard Kushner	Commissioner for Teacher Regulation
Janice St. Helene	Simon Fraser University
Janet McCarron	Simon Fraser University
Wendy Klassen	University of British Columbia
Marianne McTavish	University of British Columbia
Jenn Skelding	Trinity Western University
Tracy Ryder Glass	University of the Fraser Valley
Jackie Buitelaar	Trinity Western University
Cynthia Clerc	Simon Fraser University
Komal Khattra	None
Aliki Marinakis	University of Victoria

*The Chair, Jim Iker, called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.*

**1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

- **Acknowledgement with gratitude of the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.**

The Chair acknowledged with gratitude the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.

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- **Approval of Agenda**

The Chair welcomed attendees and requested approval of the amended agenda.

**DIXON/LONGRIDGE**

**Motion:** That the agenda for June 11, 2020 be approved as amended.

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- **Fall meeting dates decision**

\*Decision deferred to June 12, 2020.

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The Chair informed the public that the BCTC would likely move into private at approximately 10:15 – 10:45 am for a decision on agenda item #3, Teacher Education Program Approval & Review Committee (TEPARC) Recommendation Reports to BCTC on TEPs wishing to make changes to existing programs (Process B).

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- **BCTC Event Calendar 2020-2021**

The BCTC reviewed the BCTC Event Calendar for 2020-2021.

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## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Chair invited the public to speak to BCTC. The Chair reminded attendees of their opportunity to review the agenda and provide comment on anything pertinent or of interest to them. Issues raised by the public may be referred to the Chair and Ministry staff for consideration.

Marianne McTavish (UBC) wondered about in-class schooling and communication with practicum students. The Chair responded that the BCTC would discuss this issue going forward and may convene another Council meeting in this regard. Marianne McTavish pointed out the urgent nature of the issue.

### ST. CLAIR/BERTING

**Motion:** That the TEP fall plans for practicum issue be put on the agenda for Friday June 12, 2020.

CARRIED

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## 3. TEP APPROVAL AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (TEPARC)

TEPARC members Ralf St. Clair and John Hall provided an overview of the TEPARC work since the February 2020 meeting.

- Report Out and Recommendations
  - Blended Programs
  - UBC
  - UNBC
  - UVIC BEDILR
  - TEPAR Handbook

\*TEPARC recommendations were deferred to June 12 meeting.

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## 4. DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR TEACHER REGULATION

The Chair welcomed the Commissioner for Teacher Regulation, Howard Kushner.

The Commissioner informed the BCTC about the following:

- In the Preliminary Review stage, an opportunity for Certificate Holders to provide comments on their files has been added allowing files to be closed quicker.
- New quarterly magazine will be released by the Commissioners office. The magazine will contain a short summary of each Consent Resolution Agreement or citation issued, which will illustrate how Professional Standards are being applied.

The Commissioner and the BCTC engaged in dialogue and questions relating to regulatory standards and the discipline/conflict resolution processes. The BCTC members wondered whether there is a need for the BCTC to re-examine the Professional Standards to strengthen the language condemning racial discrimination. The Commissioner advised the BCTC against re-examination.

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**5. PROFESSIONAL AND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS STEERING COMMITTEE (PCSSC)**

PCSSC members Rebecca Blair and Marjorie Dumont provided an overview of the PCSSC work since the February 2020 meeting.

- **Certification Standards Review Process**
- **Professional Standards Implementation**

\*The following items were deferred to June 12, 2020 meeting:

- Update on PCU Project: Standard 9 - Resource Development
- PCSSC Motions

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**CHRONA/COOKE**

**Motion:** That the meeting be extended to 1:00 PM.

DEFEATED

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\*Amending the above motion to extend the BCTC meeting.

**HALL/LONGRIDGE**

**Motion:** That, if the meeting is extended, there will be no voting on motions.

CARRIED

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**DUMONT/HALL**

**Motion:** That the meeting of June 12, 2020 start at 9:00 AM.

CARRIED

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**COOKE/DEMERS**

**Motion:** That the meeting of June 12, 2020 be extended to 1:00 PM.

DEFEATED

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**6. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

\*Review of minutes for June 11, 2020 meeting deferred to June 12, 2020 meeting.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**CHRONA/HALL**

**Motion:** That the meeting of June 11, 2020 be adjourned.

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*Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM*

**June 12, 2020**

**ATTENDENCE**

- BCTC:** Rebecca Blair, Jim Iker, Jatinder Kaur Bir, Matthew Cooke, Alice Kedves, Jo-Anne Chrona, Tom Longridge, Ralf St. Clair, Peter Van Huizen, John Hall, Carolyn Broady, Marjorie Dumont, Shelaina Postings, Terry Berting, Jay Dixon, Janine Fraser, Joseph Colistro, Adrienne Demers
- Regrets:** N/A
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- Guests:** N/A
- Public:**
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| Tricia Stobbe     | Christian Educators of British Columbia                     |
| Kevin Reimer      | British Columbia Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association |
| Janice St. Helene | Simon Fraser University                                     |
| Howard Kushner    | Commissioner for Teacher Regulation                         |
| Janet McCarron    | Simon Fraser University                                     |
| Wendy Klassen     | University of British Columbia                              |
| Marianne McTavish | University of British Columbia                              |
| Jenn Skelding     | Trinity Western University                                  |
| Tracy Ryder Glass | University of the Fraser Valley                             |
| Jackie Buitelaar  | Trinity Western University                                  |
| Cynthia Clerc     | Simon Fraser University                                     |

*The Chair, Jim Iker, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.*

**1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

- **Acknowledgement with gratitude of the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.**

The Chair acknowledged with gratitude the Territories of the Indigenous Peoples within our province.

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- **Approval of Agenda**

The Chair welcomed attendees and requested approval of the amended agenda.

**ST.CLAIR/FRASER**

**Motion:** That the agenda for June 12, 2020 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

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- **Fall Meeting Dates Decision**

Decision deferred from June 10, 2020.

The Chair informed the BCTC members that the options for BCTC fall meeting dates were revised to include 4 half-days of virtual meetings in lieu of 2 full days of regular meetings.

Voted via Zoom poll the dates of October 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were chosen as the BCTC fall meeting dates.

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**2. PROFESSIONAL AND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS STEERING COMMITTEE (PCSSC) - Cont'd**

- **Update on PCU Project: Standard 9 - Resource Development**

Sarvi Brent, Director of Operations, Professional Conduct Unit, provided an overview of the project her team is working on related to the *Professional Standards for BC Educators*.

The Ministry of Education and the Commissioner for Teacher Regulation are working together to develop an online training resource for all educators on the significance and application of Standard 9 to an educator's practice, self-development and learning environment. This proactive project is meant to go beyond classroom resources by recognizing voice of Indigenous Peoples and celebrating Standard 9.

- **PCSSC Motions**

**DUMONT/CHRONA**

**Motion:** That the draft revised Certification Standards related to Familiarization be approved in principle.

CARRIED

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**DUMONT/HALL**

**Motion:** That the BCTC engage the ABCDE (and other education partners) in dialogue on the development of a new online introductory course related to the BC K-12 school system.

CARRIED

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**DUMONT/HALL**

**Motion:** That the BCTC external legal counsel be approved to review the draft proposed Certification Standards relating to Familiarization.

CARRIED

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- **Letter to Education Partners ON HOLD**

Correspondence from the Chair to education partners requesting continued support on awareness of new Professional Standards has been put on HOLD as a result of COVID-19.

Motion tabled.

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**3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The Chair invited the public to speak to BCTC. The Chair reminded attendees of their opportunity to review the agenda and provide comment on anything pertinent or of interest to them. Issues raised by the public may be referred to the Chair and Ministry staff for consideration.

Marianne McTavish thanked the BCTC for the work they are doing for practicum students.

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**4. TEP APPROVAL AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (TEPARC) - Cont'd**

The Chair invited the BCTC to continue with their review of the TEPARC report out from June 11, 2020 and vote on the TEPARC recommendations to BCTC.

- **Recommendations to BCTC**
  - PAT Pools
  - UVIC BEDILR
  - UBC

**HALL/COOKE**

**Motion:** That TEPARC will have the discretion to develop this pool in an alternate way should the impact of COVID-19 make it difficult for education partners to meet the BCTC request for PAT pool nominees in a timely manner.

CARRIED

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**MOVING INTO PRIVATE**

**LONGRIDGE/DIXON**

**Motion:** To move into private.

CARRIED

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**MOVING OUT OF PRIVATE**

**HALL**

**Motion:** To move out of private.

CARRIED

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**HALL/CHRONA**

**Motion:** That the proposal for the UVic BEDILR Program be approved as a Major Program Change.

CARRIED

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**HALL/LONGRIDGE**

**Motion:** That the proposal for the UBC Professional Certification Program – Blended Delivery Mode be approved as a Minor Program Change.

CARRIED

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**5. TEP WORKING GROUP (TEPWG)**

BCTC members continued their discussion on BC TEP post-secondary plans for the fall 2020 in the light of COVID-19. BCTC member and ABCDE Chair, St. Clair, requested clarification from the BCTC on behalf of the BC TEPs regarding the online delivery of teacher education courses, as well as in-school face-to-face field experiences, given the circumstances of COVID-19.

**FRASER/HALL**

**Motion:** That the matter of BC TEP post-secondary plans for the fall 2020 be referred to the TEP Working Group for discussion within the next week.

CARRIED

**6. SETTING BCTC WORKPLAN 2020-2021 - Cont'd**

Deferred from June 10, 2020.

The Chair reminded the BCTC that a new workplan must be established for 2020/2021. The following workplan was proposed:

2020-2021 goals	Status
<b>Goal 1:</b> Communication, amplification and promotion of the Professional Standards with particular attention to Standard 9 and concerns of racism in society.	
<b>Goal 2:</b> A review and revision of the Certification Standards	
<b>Goal 3:</b> A review and revision of the Teacher Education Program Approval Standards	
<b>Goal 4:</b> Review and develop a New Teacher Survey.	
<b>Goal 5:</b> Explore Blended Learning programs to deepen understanding of modes and purposes.	

**HALL/BROADY**

**Motion:** That the BCTC Workplan 2020-2021 be adopted, with amendment of Goal 1, continuation of Goals 2, 3 and 4, and addition of Goal 5.

CARRIED

**7. TEP APPROVAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE (TEPASC)**

\*Deferred to the next BCTC meeting.

**8. MINISTRY UPDATE ON TEACHER CERTIFICATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

\*Deferred to the next BCTC meeting.



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**BIR/FRASER**

**Motion:** That the following items be deferred to the next BCTC meeting: TEPASC report out, TEPWG report out on the TEP post-secondary plans for fall 2020, and the Ministry update on Teacher Certification Enhancement Project.

CARRIED

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**9. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS:**

The Chair informed the BCTC members that the external committees have not held any meetings since the BCTC February meeting.

- **K-12 Aboriginal Education Partners Table**  
No updates.
  - **French Education Stakeholders Advisory Committee**  
No updates.
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**10. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

**HALL/ST.CLAIR**

**Motion:** That the draft meeting minutes be circulated post-meeting to the BCTC members for review and then be sent to the Chair and Vice-Chair for approval.

CARRIED

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**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**DIXON/FRASER**

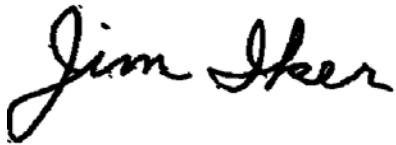
**Motion:** That the meeting of June 12, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED

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*Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM*

*It was noted that the meeting is open to the public.*



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Jim Iker, Chair



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Shawn McMullin, Director of Professional Excellence and Outreach



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Sameena Sheriff, Recording Secretary