

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Waiver:**

16 KAR 6:010. Request to Waive Five Year Test Recency Requirement for Samantha Monin

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the applicant's request to allow the expired passing assessment scores to qualify for issuance of a certificate?

#### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 6:010

#### **History/Background:**

**Existing Policy:** 16 KAR 6:010, Section 4 states "A passing score on an assessment established at the time of administration shall be valid for the purpose of applying for certification for five (5) years from the assessment administration date." The regulation further provides that an educator who fails to complete the EPSB application for certification within the applicable recency period of the assessment shall retake the assessment.

**Summary:** Samantha Monin completed her teacher preparation program for Elementary and Learning and Behavior Disorders (LBD) in 2017 at the University of Louisville. Being enrolled in a dual certification program, she was required to pass all Praxis assessments before being recommended for certification. She passed all the required assessments except for the Elementary Social Studies test. With the EPSB's adoption of the -1 SEM for certification tests at the December 2022 meeting, her 2017 score on the Elementary Social Studies test now meets the passing requirements. When inquiring about the new -1 SEM change, Ms. Monin discovered that all but one of her scores expired in 2022. She is requesting that the EPSB allow her previous test scores to qualify for issuance of the certificates though they are more than five years old.

**Budget Impact:** There is no budgetary impact.

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