

## **VSBPE**

**Date: May 14, 2024**

**Item: TAP Request for Approval of Additional Endorsement Program**

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBPE give full approval to TAP's Add-Endorsement Program, which they have been piloting since the fall of 2021?

### **AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the VSBPE direct the ROPA Coordinator and Preservice Coordinator to do a thorough review of the evidence for the Add-Endorsement Program and present a recommendation to the Board at their next meeting. TAP would keep their conditional approval of this program until the August meeting when the Office makes their recommendation and the Board votes on it.**

### **BACKGROUND:**

In March of 2021, TAP submitted a proposal to the VSBPE to support already-licensed candidates who were seeking an additional endorsement but didn't have the coursework to obtain it through Transcript Review. The Board approved that pilot program, and TAP has been working with those candidates since the fall of 2021. They did include some information about that in their Institutional Portfolio, and back in 2021 we had discussed having that program reviewed as part of their ROPA review in 2024. Unfortunately, the ROPA Coordinator and team missed that part of the evidence and did not discuss approval for that program. TAP is now requesting that the Board grant approval for the program until their next ROPA review in 2031.

### **RATIONALE:**

Although the ROPA team found that TAP has shown satisfactory evidence for their initial licensure program and recommends full approval for that program, they did not do a thorough job reviewing the evidence for the Add-Endorsement Program. The Office believes that TAP does a good job of ensuring that competencies are met in general but would like the opportunity to review the evidence before making a recommendation.

# SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

VSBPE TAP Letter