

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Two Peachtree Street

Atlanta, Georgia

April 10, 2008

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 9 a.m.

Members Present

Maria Bradley
Sallie Bullock
Stephen Dartt

Emily Jennette
Dr. Louisa Moffitt
Dr. Mary Outlaw

Rose Powell
Dr. Craig Smith
Hester Vasconcelos
Dr. Debbie Wilkes

Members Absent

Gary Bechtel
Lee Muns
Jeannie Tucker
Al George

Maria Miller
Pamela Greenway
Dr. Wanda West

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilkes called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and a moment of silence.

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chair Wilkes recognized the visitors.

- Gayle Wooten, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- John Hooper, Georgia School Superintendents Association
- Shavondra Averett, Georgia Association of Educators
- Wanda Lynn, Georgia Association of Educators
- Jean Ebron, Former Commissioner
- David Ebron
- Bobby Griffin, Retired Superintendent
- Joseph Cadray, Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Wilkes called for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: (Bradley / Vasconcelos) To approve the agenda.

PSC ACTION: approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Wilkes called for approval of the minutes from the March 13, 2008, Commission meeting.

PSC ACTION: Approved

V. SERVICE AWARD

Chair Wilkes presented Jean Ebron with her own picture for serving on the commission from February 2004 through February 2008. She presented her with a picture of the capitol. Kelly Henson also thanked her for her valuable service on the commission.

VI. YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

Chair Wilkes presented the following with Service awards and Kelly Henson spoke briefly about each commissioner.

Penney McRoy – 5 Year Service Award

During the past five years, Penney McRoy has worked in the Educator Preparation Division providing technical assistance and support to universities, school districts and RESAs as they prepare for unit and program approval reviews. In addition, she has led task force and PSC committee work, coordinated all phases of approval reviews, developed and led educator preparation workshops, and coordinated the work of the Evaluation Review Panel and the Educator Preparation Standing Committee for the Commission. Recently, Penney was selected to be Director of Program Approval in the Educator Preparation Division. As Director she is leading a review of unit and program approval processes as the PSC works to better serve its customers. Penney is respected by co-workers and customers alike as someone who sets high standards, does excellent work, and values a team approach in serving our state. We appreciate the work Penney McRoy has done over the past five years and look forward to many more years of service to the Professional Standards Commission.

Orlando Phillips – 5 Year Service Award

Orlando Phillips provides exceptional support service for the Title II Part A program that the PSC administers in cooperation with the Department of Education as well as support for the Educator Preparation Division in general. His work involves website support, preparation of reports and handbooks, quality monitoring in support of school districts and their administration of the Title IIA program, presentations at Title IIA conferences, and preparation of materials for program approval activities. Coworkers as well as customers describe Orlando as one of the most helpful and patient people they have worked with. Recently, Orlando was recognized by the Governor as a recipient of the Governor's Exceptional Customer Service Award. We appreciate the work Orlando Phillips has done over the past five years and look forward to many more years of service to the Professional Standards Commission.

Jacqui Brey – 25 Year Service Award

Jacqui began as a certification evaluator in the Georgia Dept. of Education (DOE) in 1979. In 1989 she moved from this position in DOE to the Georgia Dept. of Adult Education (DTAE) for a 3 year period but returned to Certification in the PSC in 1992 where she has remained as a Teacher Certification Specialist.

Jacqui's knowledge of Certification is unsurpassed by any other PSC employee. Over the years she has served as Evaluator, Operations Analyst, Certification Supervisor, and Teacher Certification Specialist. Her analytical mind, certification knowledge, and training and understanding of early technology enabled her to provide a key role in moving the PSC from the old "paper" days to the current "electronic" system. She developed standard text materials, templates and electronic work sheets for the old Georgia Online system and much of the same for the current PSC database system.

Most of all, Jacqui is recognized as having served as a mentor and trainer for more Certification employees than one can imagine. She is not only one of the more experienced and highly respected PSC employees, but she is highly respected throughout the State of Georgia for her service to educators and to the field of education.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. Ethics and Professional Conduct --Recommendations and Actions on Cases**

Commissioner Stephen Dartt of the Educator Ethics Review Committee (EERC), gave a preliminary review of the Cases.

1. Mr. Dartt reported that the Committee reviewed 44 **Probable Cause** cases during its April 19 2008, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE #	Applicant	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	07-6-1639	Property Rights	Criminal Acts Other Good and Sufficient Cause	Revoke
2	07-8-145	Property Rights	Criminal Acts Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Reprimand
3	07-12-522	Applicant	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
4	07-12-525	Property Rights	O.C.G.A. §20-3-295	Suspension- 20 Days
5	07-12-526	Property Rights	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
6	07-12-527	Applicant	Action Taken In Another State	Deny
7	07-12-528	Applicant	O.C.G.A. §16-13-111 O.C.G.A. §20-3-295 Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Action Taken in Another State	Deny
8	07-12-535	Applicant	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
9	07-12-536	Applicant	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Action Taken in Another State	Reprimand

#	CASE #	Applicant	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
10	07-6-1373	Property Rights	Improper Remunerative Conduct Professional Conduct	Reprimand
11	07-6-1393	Property Rights	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand
12	07-8-108	Property Rights	Misrepresentation or Falsification Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
13	07-8-117	Property Rights	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand
14	07-8-122	Property Rights	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation
15	07-9-237	Property Rights	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Days
16	07-9-258	Property Rights	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Extend Pending Outcome of Criminal Case
17	07-9-259	Property Rights	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
18	07-9-272	Property Rights	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension – 2 Years
19	07-11-385	Property Rights	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation
20	07-11-386	Property Rights	Abuse of Students Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct OCGA 19-7-5	Suspension – 1 Year
21	07-11-390	Property Rights	Professional Conduct	Suspension – 10 Days
22	07-11-425	Property Rights	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
23	07-11-447	Property Rights	Professional Conduct	Reprimand
24	07-12-480	Property Rights	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand
25	07-12-566	Property Rights	Abuse of Students Misrepresentation or Falsification	No Probable Cause
26	07-12-593	Property Rights	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand
27	07-12-594	Property Rights	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 5 Days
28	08-1-638	Property Rights	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Revocation
29	08-1-654	Property Rights	Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Days
30	08-1-655	Property Rights	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
31	08-1-660	Property Rights	DOE Rule 160-3-1-.07 Misrepresentation or Falsification Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension – 5 Days

#	CASE #	Applicant	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
32	08-1-661	Property Rights	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Reprimand
33	08-1-662	Property Rights	DOE Rule 160-3-1-.07 Professional Conduct	Suspension – 5 Days
34	08-1-665	Property Rights	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
35	08-1-666	Property Rights	Failure to Make a Required Report	Suspension – 20 Days
36	08-1-669	Property Rights	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation
37	08-1-708	Property Rights	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Days
38	08-1-710	Property Rights	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
39	08-1-711	Property Rights	Misrepresentation or Falsification Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
40	08-1-716	Property Rights	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Days
41	08-1-718	Property Rights	Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Days
42	08-1-720	Property Rights	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
43	08-1-724	Property Rights	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
44	08-1-732	Property Rights	Professional Conduct	Reprimand

PSC ACTION: Approved

2. Mr. Dartt reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 3 *Initial Decisions* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
04-9-330	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	Accept
06-3-1072	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspend – 90 Contract Days	Suspend – 90 Contract Days	Accept
06-3-1113	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial	Denial	Accept

PSC ACTION: Approved

3. Mr. Dartt reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 2 *Petitions Issues* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

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CASE NUMBER	REQUEST	PREVIOUS SANCTION	PREVIOUS VIOLATION	RECOMMENDATION
03-1-1528	Early Reinstatement	Suspension 11/24/06 – 11/24/08	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	DENY
07-10-333	Right to Reapply	Revoked 10/9/03	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	DENY

PSC ACTION: Approved

4. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 9 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
1	07-5-1287	Suspension – 20 Contract Days Credit – 3 Days – System Suspension April 28, 2008 – May 20, 2008	Accept
2	07-6-1564	Reprimand	Accept
3	07-8-162	Suspension – 20 Contract Days April 28, 2008 – May 23, 2008	Accept
4	07-9-204	Reprimand	Accept
5	07-10-341	Reprimand	Accept
6	07-11-424	Suspension – 90 Contract Days April 28, 2008 – Nov. 4, 2008	Accept
7	07-12-514	Reprimand	Accept
8	07-12-516	Reprimand	Accept
9	07-12-576	Reprimand	Accept

PSC ACTION: Approved

5. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 23 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
1. 04-9-401	Professional Conduct	Suspension – 6 Months	Suspension – 3 Months	Accept
2. 04-11-632	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year	Suspension – 1 Year	Accept
3. 04-11-647	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 6 Months	Suspension – 6 Months <i>Retroactive – Unemployment</i> Jan. 3, 2006 – July 3, 2006	Accept
4. 05-1-1026	Professional Conduct	Suspension – 3 Months	Suspension – 2 Months	Accept
5. 05-3-1454	Professional Conduct	Reprimand	No Probable Cause	Reject
6. 05-4-1555	Professional Conduct	Suspension – 60 Contract Days	Reprimand	Reject
7. 05-6-1739	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Reprimand	Warning	Accept
8. 06-5-1239	Confidential Information	Suspension – 90 Contract Days	Suspension – 45 Contract Days	Reject
9. 06-11-491	Alcohol or Drugs Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Revocation	Suspension – 3 Years	Accept
10. 07-1-683	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days	Suspension – 5 Contract Days	Reject
11. 07-2-900	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days	Suspension – 20 Contract Days <i>Retroactive - Unemployment</i>	Accept
12. 07-2-971	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension 1 Year	Suspension – 90 Contract Days <i>Retroactive - Unemployment</i>	Reject
13. 07-3-1001	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days	Reprimand	Reject
14. 07-4-1130	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days	Suspension – 10 Contract Days With 3 Day Credit	Accept
15. 07-4-1169	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days	Suspension – 20 Contract Days <i>Retroactive - Unemployment</i>	Accept
16.	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year	Suspension – 3 Months <i>Retroactive –</i>	Reject

07-5-1347			<i>Unemployment</i> Dec. 14, 2007 – March 14, 2008	
17. 07-6-1413	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Action Taken in Another State	Reprimand	Warning	Accept
18. 07-6-1581	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand	Warning	Reject
19. 07-6-1605	Criminal Acts	Reprimand	No Probable Cause	Reject
20. 07-10-335	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days	No Probable Cause	Accept
21. 07-10-336	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days	No Probable Cause	Accept
22. 07-10-350	Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days	Suspension – 3 Contract Days <i>Retroactive – System Suspension</i> Dec. 6, 7 & 10, 2007	Accept
23. 07-11-394	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Suspension – 20 Contract Days	Suspension – 6 Contract Days <i>1 Day Credit–System Suspension</i> Sept. 7, 2007	Reject

PSC ACTION: Approved

7. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the ***Preliminary Investigative Determination Report*** consisting of 86 new complaints excluding case # 08-3-1049 received during the months of March and April 2008.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Maria Bradley – Case # 08-3-840 & 08-3-1031, Rose Powell – Case # 08-3-1052

CASE # 08-3-1049

MOTION: (Smith / Powell) To approve case #08-3-1048 and add Abuse of Students.

PSC ACTION: Approved

PSC ACTION: Approved

9. **EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting and ***Investigative Extension*** to the following 71 Written Complaints and 51 Application cases:

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS

08-1-727	07-12-612	07-8-110	07-12-479	07-11-407	08-1-719	07-9-210	07-11-400
08-1-728	07-12-615	07-8-118	07-12-586	07-12-575	08-1-726	07-10-325	
08-1-731	08-1-635	07-8-137	07-12-587	07-12-610	08-2-735	07-10-332	
08-1-734	08-1-656	07-8-147	07-12-620	07-12-623	07-5-1340	07-10-343	
07-7-37	08-1-663	07-10-298	08-1-664	08-1-634	07-6-1525	07-11-389	
07-8-103	08-1-717	07-10-349	08-1-709	08-1-653	07-6-1526	07-11-406	
07-8-120	08-1-725	07-11-383	08-1-733	08-1-658	07-6-1582	07-11-449	
07-9-229	07-6-1577	07-11-402	07-10-315	08-1-659	07-7-41	07-12-482	
07-9-239	07-6-1579	07-11-408	07-11-395	08-1-668	07-8-106	07-12-600	
07-12-607	07-7-40	07-11-423	07-11-404	08-1-714	07-9-205	07-12-618	

APPLICATION EXTENSIONS

1.	07-9-263	18.	07-12-554	35.	08-1-690
2.	07-12-517	19.	07-12-555	36.	08-1-692
3.	07-12-520	20.	07-12-556	37.	08-1-693
4.	07-12-533	21.	07-12-557	38.	08-1-694
5.	07-12-534	22.	07-12-558	39.	08-1-696
6.	07-12-537	23.	08-1-670	40.	08-1-697
7.	07-12-538	24.	08-1-672	41.	08-1-698
8.	07-12-540	25.	08-1-676	42.	08-1-699
9.	07-12-542	26.	08-1-677	43.	08-1-700
10.	07-12-543	27.	08-1-679	44.	08-1-701
11.	07-12-546	28.	08-1-680	45.	08-1-702
12.	07-12-547	29.	08-1-681	46.	08-1-703
13.	07-12-549	30.	08-1-682	47.	08-1-704
14.	07-12-550	31.	08-1-683	48.	08-1-706
15.	07-12-551	32.	08-1-684	49.	08-1-707
16.	07-12-552	33.	08-1-685	50.	08-2-742
17.	07-12-553	34.	08-1-687	51.	08-3-821

PSC ACTION: Approved

8. **EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations consisting of the following:

#	CASE #	Complaint Received	#	CASE #	Complaint Received
1.	08-3-836	FEBRUARY 25, 2008	18.	08-3-854	MARCH 6, 2008
2.	08-3-837	MARCH 3, 2008	19.	08-3-855	MARCH 6, 2008
3.	08-3-838	MARCH 3, 2008	20.	08-3-856	MARCH 6, 2008
4.	08-3-839	MARCH 3, 2008	21.	08-3-857	MARCH 6, 2008
5.	08-3-840	MARCH 3, 2008	22.	08-3-858	MARCH 6, 2008
6.	08-3-841	MARCH 3, 2008	23.	08-3-859	MARCH 6, 2008
7.	08-3-842	MARCH 3, 2008	24.	08-3-860	MARCH 6, 2008
8.	08-3-843	MARCH 3, 2008	25.	08-3-861	MARCH 6, 2008
9.	08-3-844	MARCH 4, 2008	26.	08-3-862	MARCH 6, 2008
10.	08-3-845	MARCH 4, 2008	27.	08-3-863	MARCH 6, 2008
11.	08-3-846	MARCH 4, 2008	28.	08-3-864	MARCH 6, 2008
12.	08-3-847	MARCH 4, 2008	29.	08-3-865	MARCH 6, 2008
13.	08-3-848	MARCH 5, 2008	30.	08-3-1003	MARCH 7, 2008
14.	08-3-850	MARCH 5, 2008	31.	08-3-1004	MARCH 7, 2008
15.	08-3-851	MARCH 6, 2008	32.	08-3-1005	MARCH 10, 2008
16.	08-3-852	MARCH 6, 2008	33.	08-3-1006	MARCH 10, 2008
17.	08-3-853	MARCH 6, 2008			

PSC ACTION: Approved

10. **APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 55 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

PSC ACTION: Approved

11. **REVIEW HEARING EXTENSIONS**

The Commission reviewed the *Review Hearing Extensions Report* concerning 6 hearing cases. An Administrative Law Judge rendered Initial Decisions on each case referenced in the report. The report indicates Orders were issued.

PSC ACTION: Approved

12. **STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSION / REINSTATEMENTS**

The Commission reviewed the report, which indicated that there were 7 certificates suspended from March 13, 2008 through April 10, 2008. There were 8 certificates that had been *reinstated* because restitution is now being made on those student loans. The Commission was also advised that there were 3 issues where notification had been received to suspend but releases were received prior to the actual suspension being implemented. Restitution is now being made on those student loans.

13. FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF LAW

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 10 cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The report also advised that there were 3 cases closed without an appeal for a review hearing before the Commission.

B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee

Committee Chair, Dr. Craig Smith, presented the report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee. Four members of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee met on April 9, 2008 to consider approval requests of the 11 institutions and 3 RESAs listed below. These approval requests are described in greater detail on the following pages. A quorum was not present for the meeting; therefore, the recommendations listed below are presented to all Commissioners for a vote.

Institution/Agency	Recommendation
<p>Columbus State University: P-5 Science Endorsement & School Library Media Program</p>	<p>For the preparation programs the following recommendations are made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The areas for improvement cited on Standard 2 remain for both programs. • The areas for improvement cited on Standard 5 for the School Library Media Specialist program remain. • Developmental Approval is recommended for both programs.
<p>Georgia State University</p>	<p>A Progress Report addressing areas for improvement cited during the spring 2006 PSC/NCATE Continuing Review was submitted in January 2008. Since the PSC no longer approves advanced preparation programs, the progress reports submitted for the advanced programs were not considered.</p> <p>For the initial preparation programs the following recommendations are made:</p> <p><u>Art</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area for improvement cited on Standard 1 shall remain. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 7 may be removed. <p><u>Broad Field Science</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area for improvement cited on Standard 3 shall remain. <p><u>Early Childhood Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area for improvement cited on Standard 7 may be removed. <p><u>English Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area for improvement cited on Standard 1 may be removed. <p><u>ESOL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area for improvement cited on Standard 3 shall remain.

Institution/Agency	Recommendation
	<p><u>French, German, Latin & Spanish</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area for improvement cited on Standard 2 shall remain. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 7 shall remain. <p><u>Math</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first area for improvement cited on Standard 2 (Program evaluation and candidate performance assessment data are not used regularly and systematically to evaluate the efficacy of courses, the program, or clinical experiences.) may be removed. • The second area for improvement cited on Standard 2 (The involvement of the professional community in the development of the program’s assessment system is not evident.) shall remain. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 3 shall remain. <p><u>Media Specialist</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area for improvement cited on Standard 1 shall remain. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 3 shall remain. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 7 shall remain. <p><u>Middle Grades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first area for improvement cited on Standard 3 (A system is not in place to ensure that candidates receive diverse field placements) shall remain. • The second area for improvement cited on Standard 3 (Members of the professional P-12 community are not systematically involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of field experiences) shall remain. <p><u>Music</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area for improvement cited on Standard 1 shall remain. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 2 shall remain. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 3 shall remain. <p><u>Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area for improvement cited on Standard 3 shall remain. <p>Subsequent progress shall be reported in PAAR and the unit is advised to include data where applicable.</p>

Institution/Agency	Recommendation
Macon State College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Progress Report is satisfactory. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 2 shall remain. • Subsequent progress shall be reported in PAAR.
Paine College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Progress Report is satisfactory. • The areas for improvement may be removed.
Thomas University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Progress Report is satisfactory.
Valdosta State University — Business Education and Health & Physical Education programs	<p><u>Business Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress is satisfactory. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 3 shall remain. • A Progress Report is due June 1, 2008 clarifying how the unit ensures that field experience placements occur and the methods used by the unit to maintain placement information. <p><u>Health and Physical Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress is satisfactory. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 3 shall remain. • A Progress Report is due June 1, 2008 clarifying how the unit ensures that field experience placements occur and the methods used by the unit to maintain placement information. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 7 shall remain. • In the June 1, 2008 Progress Report, describe the process for ensuring that field experience placements occur at all required levels and include the field experience data form with data as evidence. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 2 may be removed.
Chattahoochee-Flint RESA — Reading Endorsement Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Progress Report is satisfactory. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 1 may be removed.
CSRA RESA – Gifted Endorsement Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Progress Report is satisfactory. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 1, 2, and 4 shall remain.

Institution/Agency	Recommendation
<p>Northeast Georgia RESA ECE Math & Reading Endorsements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Progress Report is due October 1, 2008. <p><u>ESOL Endorsement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Progress Report is satisfactory. • The area for improvement cited on Standard 1 may be removed. • The areas for improvement cited on Standard 3 and Standard 7 shall remain. • A Progress Report addressing the remaining areas for improvement is due October 1, 2008. <p><u>ECE Math & Reading Endorsements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first area for improvement cited on Standard 2 shall remain. • The second area for improvement cited on Standard 2 may be removed. <p><u>Reading Endorsement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The third area for improvement cited on Standard 2 may be removed. <p><u>ECE Math Endorsement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The areas for improvement cited on Standard 3 and Standard 4 shall remain. • A Progress Report addressing all remaining areas for improvement is due October 1, 2008. • The Focused Visit shall take place fall 2008.
<p>The following institutions request Developmental Program Approval for their Educational Leadership Programs</p>	
<p>Columbus State University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmental Approval is recommended
<p>Georgia Southern University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmental Approval is recommended
<p>Kennesaw State University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmental Approval is recommended
<p>Mercer University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmental Approval is recommended
<p>University of West Georgia</p>	<p><u>Educational Leadership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmental Approval is recommended

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MOTION: (Vasconcelos / Bradley) To accept the Educator Preparation reported as presented by Dr. Craig Smith.

PSC ACTION: Approved

VIII. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

The Executive Secretary presented the following:

A. The Governor has appointed Al George and Penny Benton to serve as PSC commissioners. Al is the Director of Education for the Georgia Aquarium and Penny is a sixth grade teacher at Holly Springs Elementary School in Cherokee County.

B. PSC Personnel - At present, we have four positions (Education Staff Specialist, Research Analyst, SW and SE Recruiters) that are not filled and we probably will not be filling these positions in the near future. The Governor announced that state revenues were considerably less than what had been projected. All agencies were also notified that restrictions were being placed on employment, and that only applicants in "critical needs" positions would be employed. We were approved to hire the following: 1) Kristina Stroede, Director of Management and Business Operations. Kristina come to us from the Office of Planning and Budget; 2) Dr. Fran Jackson comes to us from Payne College and she will work in the Educator Preparation Division as an Education Staff Specialist; 3) Dr. Tom Higgins is Principal at Walton High School in Cobb County and he will work in the Certification Division as a Master Teacher Education Staff Specialist.

C. Phil Blackwell presented the Certification Rules.

MOTION: (Smith / Vasconcelos) To amend the current rules in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective May 15, 2008 as follows: 505-2-.20 and 505-2-.24.

PSC ACTION: Approved

D. Kathleen Mathers gave the commission a brief review of the Alliance of Education Agency Heads work that has been done. She also gave them hand-outs entitled "AEAHA Goal 1 Progress Report Template" and "AEAHA Goal 1 Progress Report Summary". Kelly gave the commissioners the agenda for the Alliance Math / Science Task Force meetings for April, May and June.

E. A slide show was given entitled Georgia Teacher Shortages, Supply and Demand.

F. Gary Walker provided the commission with an affidavit for their review. The affidavit will be used to determine an educator's eligibility to receive credit for time unemployed as a result of a PSC suspension.

G. Gary Walker reviewed House Bill #250 and House Bill #1321. Kelly Henson thanked Representative Howard Maxwell and Jay Shaw for sponsoring these bills and for working so diligently with the PSC.

IX. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Chair Wilkes thanked Kelly for providing information on the Alliance initiatives so that the commission would have the information for the JEBLC meetings.

B. Chair Wilkes announced that the next commission meeting will be held at Two Peachtree Street at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 8th, 2008.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wilkes called for the meeting to be adjourned at 10:40 am..

PSC ACTION: Approved