

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Two Peachtree Street
DHR Boardroom, 29th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia
December 8, 2005

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, December 8, 2005, at 9 a.m.

Members Present

Stephen Dartt	Carolyn Lee Hart	Dr. Holly Robinson
Terri DeLoach	Maria Miller	Dr. Craig Smith
Amy Denty	Dr. Louisa Moffitt	Sandra Thompson
Jean Ebron	Lee Muns	Dr. Wanda West
Mary Gomez	Dr. Mary Outlaw	

Members Absent

Gary Bechtel	Dr. Debbie Wilkes
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DeLoach called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and a moment of silence.

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chair DeLoach recognized the visitors.

- Margaret Elliott, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Gayle Wooten, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Judith Spann, Georgia Southwestern University
- Lettie Watford, Georgia Southwestern University
- Wanda Thompson, Georgia Southwestern University
- Amanda
- Mary Thompson
- John Hooper, Georgia School Superintendents Association
- Gwen Carter
- Adrian Epps
- Ernestine Hogan
- Jena Jennings
- Robbie Roberts

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair DeLoach called for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: (Thompson / Robinson) To approve the agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair DeLoach called for approval of the minutes from the November 10, 2005, Commission meeting.

PSC ACTION: Approved

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Ethics and Professional Conduct --Recommendations and Actions on Cases

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

- Ms. Miller reported that the Committee reviewed 56 *Probable Cause* cases during its December 7, 2005, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	05-8-245	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Days
2	05-8-199	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Days
3	05-9-409	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
4	05-9-410	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
5	05-7-126	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Revocation
6	05-9-334	Alcohol or Drugs Criminal Acts Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Days
7	05-3-1439	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Revocation
8	05-7-79	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct Misrepresentation or Falsification	Denial
9	05-7-83	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Reprimand
10	05-7-91	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Warning
11	05-7-113	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Revocation
12	05-8-196	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Revocation
13	05-8-211	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
14	05-8-216	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
15	05-8-220	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Reprimand
16	05-8-261	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Reprimand
17	05-8-279	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial
18	05-8-298	Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
19	05-9-303	Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
20	05-9-304	Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
21	05-7-82	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts	Revocation
22	05-7-92	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts	Warning
23	05-7-95	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts	Warning
24	05-7-118	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 5 Days
25	05-7-132	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Warning
26	05-8-204	Misrepresentation or Falsification Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Days
27	05-8-222	Misrepresentation or Falsification Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
28	05-8-226	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts	Warning
29	05-8-230	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts	No Probable Cause
30	05-8-243 Addendum	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Days
31	05-8-280	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts	Warning

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
32	05-8-285	Misrepresentation or Falsification Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
33	05-8-294	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
34	05-9-397	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year
35	05-9-399	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension for 40 Days
36	05-9-400	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Days
37	05-9-401	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Days
38	05-9-402	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Days
39	05-9-403	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension for 2 Days
40	05-7-48	Professional Conduct	Revocation
41	05-7-99	Professional Conduct	Reprimand
42	05-7-133	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
43	05-7-271	Professional Conduct	Warning
44	05-7-331	Professional Conduct	Reprimand
45	05-9-388	Professional Conduct Public Funds and Property	Suspension for 20 Days
46	05-9-389	Professional Conduct Public Funds and Property	Suspension for 90 Days
47	05-9-390	Professional Conduct Public Funds and Property	Suspension for 20 Days
48	05-9-392	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
49	05-9-398	Professional Conduct	Suspension for 5 Days
50	05-9-408	Professional Conduct	Suspension for 5 Days
51	05-9-326	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Revocation
52	05-9-328	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Days
53	05-9-336	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
54	05-7-144	Action Against out-of-state Certificate Abuse of Students Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Denial

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
55	05-7-162	Action Against out-of-state Certificate Abuse of Students Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Denial
56	05-8-206	Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Lee Muns – Case # 05-8-298, 05-9-303, 05-9-304, 05-8-206

2. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 4 *Initial Decisions* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION
04-7-15	Abandonment of Contract	Suspension for Six Months
04-5-1561	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for Three Months
04-6-1826	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Revocation
04-7-49	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Denial

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Sandra Thompson – Case # 04-6-1826

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

CASE NUMBER	REQUEST	PREVIOUS SANCTION	PREVIOUS VIOLATION
03-8-269	Motion for Stay	Suspension – 6 Months 11/25/05 – 05/25/06	Professional Conduct
03-1-1427	Early Reinstatement	Suspension – 2 Years 7/23/04 – 7/23/06	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct
05-9-330	Right to Reapply	Revocation October 15, 1998	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct

PSC ACTION: Approved

4. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 16 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	05-5-1607	Suspension for 20 Days	Abuse of Students Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Accept
2	05-6-1837	Reprimand	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
3	05-6-1840	Warning	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Accept
4	05-6-1842	Warning	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Accept
5	05-6-1860	Reprimand	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Accept
6	05-6-1867	Warning	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
7	05-6-1909	Revocation	Misrepresentation or Falsification Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
8	05-6-1921	Warning	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Accept
9	05-6-1935	Reprimand	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
10	05-6-1944	Warning	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
11	05-6-1946	Warning	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
12	05-7-49	Warning	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
13	05-7-56	Suspension for One Year	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Accept
14	05-7-60	Reprimand	Misrepresentation or Falsification Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
15	05-7-141	Warning	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
16	05-8-268	Reprimand	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Accept

PSC ACTION: Approved

5. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 6 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
04-8-183	Public Funds and Property Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year	Reprimand	Reject
05-2-1245	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial	No Probable Cause	Accept
04-8-194	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year	Suspension for One Year	Accept
04-5-1568	Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Month	Suspension for One Month	Accept
04-1-1053	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	No Probable Cause	Accept
04-11-652	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	Accept

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Sandra Thompson – 04-8-183

6. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 2 *Voluntary Surrender/Voluntary Denial* cases and brought the following recommendation on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	05-8-235	Revocation	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Accept
2	05-9-332	Revocation	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Accept

PSC ACTION: Approved

7. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 57 new complaints received during the months of November 2005 and December 2005.

PSC ACTION: Approved8. **EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS**

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

Case Number	Case Number	Case Number	Case Number	Case Number
05-10-523	05-11-536	05-11-539	05-11-559	05-11-562
05-11-532	05-11-537	05-11-540	05-11-560	05-11-563
05-11-533	05-11-538	05-11-541	05-11-561	

PSC ACTION: Approved

9. **EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting and *Investigative Extension* to the following 69 cases:

Case Number	Case Number	Case Number	Case Number	Case Number	Case Number	Case Number
05-5-1657	05-9-391	05-8-200	05-7-93	05-9-343	05-10-433	05-10-472
05-6-1887	05-9-395	05-8-237	05-7-130	05-9-347	05-10-444	05-10-476
05-7-97	05-9-405	05-9-335	05-8-181	05-9-351	05-10-453	05-10-477
05-7-103	05-3-1456	05-9-338	05-8-218	05-9-352	05-10-454	05-10-478
05-7-104	05-7-105	05-9-377	05-8-252	05-9-353	05-10-458	05-10-480
05-7-117	05-8-246	05-9-378	05-8-258	05-9-355	05-10-459	05-10-481
05-8-202	05-8-270	05-9-379	05-8-265	05-9-357	05-10-461	05-10-487
05-8-299	05-9-381	05-9-396	05-8-272	05-9-373	05-10-462	05-10-489
05-9-305	05-9-394	05-7-72	05-8-283	05-10-422	05-10-464	05-10-490
05-9-385	05-7-137	05-7-90	05-9-341	05-10-428	05-10-468	

PSC ACTION: Approved

10. **APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 16 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

PSC ACTION: Approved

11. **REVIEW HEARING EXTENSIONS**

The Commission reviewed the *Review Hearing Extensions Report* concerning 5 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 11 certificates suspended from November 10, 2005 until December 8, 2005. There were 7 certificates that had been reinstated because restitution is now being made on those student loans. The Commission was also advised that there were 5 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 9 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, Craig Smith, presented the report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee.

1. Recommendation to the Commission for Atlanta Public Schools - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the Atlanta Public Schools Teacher Alternative Preparation Program be granted Developmental Approval.

2. Recommendation to the Commission for Augusta State University - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the Augusta State University P-5 Mathematics Endorsement program be granted Developmental Approval.

3. Recommendation to the Commission for Georgia Southern University - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the Georgia Southern University P-5 Mathematics Endorsement program be granted Developmental Approval.

4. Recommendation to the Commission for Georgia State University - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the Georgia State University P-5 Mathematics Endorsement program be granted Developmental Approval.

5. Recommendation to the Commission for Heart of Georgia RESA - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the Heart of Georgia RESA One-Year Supervised Practicum Program be granted Developmental Approval.

6. Recommendation to the Commission for Pioneer RESA - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends the following for the Pioneer RESA Gifted Education Endorsement and Reading Endorsement programs:

- Change Standard 2 from Not Met to Met for both programs
- Developmental Approval for the Gifted Endorsement program
- Developmental Provisional Approval for the Reading Endorsement program
- Submission of a Progress Report addressing the not met standard and areas for improvement on June 1, 2006

7. Recommendation to the Commission for Atlanta Christian College - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the Atlanta Christian College educator preparation programs, Early Childhood Education and ESOL Endorsement, be granted Continuing Approval with Conditions. The Committee further recommends the submission of a progress report addressing the not met standard and areas for improvement on June

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8. Recommendation to the Commission for Columbus State University - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the Columbus State University educator preparation programs listed below be granted Continuing Approval.

Art (Initial)	History (Initial and Advanced)
Behavioral Disorders (Initial & Adv.)	Learning Disabilities (Initial & Adv.)
Biology (Initial & Adv.)	Mathematics (Initial & Adv.)
Chemistry (Initial & Adv.)	Mental Retardation (Initial & Adv.)
Drama/Theatre (Initial)	Middle Grades (Initial & Adv.)
Early Childhood (Initial & Adv.)	Music (Initial & Adv.)
Earth/Space Science (Initial)	Pre-school Special Ed. Endorsement (Initial)
Educational Leadership (Initial & Adv.)	Reading Endorsement (Initial)
English (Initial & Adv.)	School Counselor (Initial)
ESOL Endorsement (Initial)	Special Education: Interrelated (Initial)
Foreign Languages: French, Spanish (Initial)	Georgia TAPP (Initial)
Gifted Endorsement (Initial)	
Health & Physical Education (Initial & Adv.)	

9. Recommendation to the Commission for Georgia Southwestern State University - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends the following for the Georgia Southwestern State University educator preparation programs:

- A. Continuing Approval with Probation for the initial and advanced educator preparation programs listed below.
- B. A Focused Visit on all standards as early as possible in the fall semester of 2006; all reports and documents related to the Focused Visit are due June 1, 2006.
- C. Denial of Approval for the Interrelated Special Education programs (Initial-Baccalaureate and Advanced - M.Ed.).

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| • Biology (I-baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate) | • Health and Physical Education (A- M.Ed.) |
| • Biology (A- M.Ed.) | • History (I-baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate) |
| • Broad Field Science (A- M.Ed.) | • History (A- M.Ed.) |
| • Broad Field Social Science (A- M.Ed.) | • Mathematics (I-baccalaureate, post- baccalaureate) |
| • Chemistry (I-baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate) | • Mathematics (A- M.Ed.) |
| • Chemistry (A- M.Ed.) | • Middle Grades (I-baccalaureate, M.Ed.) |
| • Early Childhood (I-baccalaureate, M.Ed.) | • Middle Grades (A- M.Ed.) |
| • Early Childhood (A- M.Ed., Ed.S.) | • Reading (I- Endorsement, M.Ed.) |
| • English (I-baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate) | • Special Ed. – Behavior Disorders (A- M.Ed.) |
| • English (A- M.Ed.) | • Special Ed. – Mental Retardation (A- M.Ed.) |
| • Health and P.E. (I-baccalaureate, M.Ed.) | • Special Ed. – Learning Disabilities (A – M.Ed.) |

10. Recommendation to the Commission for North Georgia College & State University - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends the following for the North Georgia College and State University educator

preparation programs listed below:

- A. Remove the area for improvement on Standard 2 for all programs except the Gifted Endorsement program and the Reading Endorsement program.
- B. Continuing Approval for all programs except the Gifted Endorsement program and the Reading Endorsement program.
- C. Continuing Approval with Conditions for the Gifted Endorsement program and the Reading Endorsement program.
- D. Submission of a report addressing the not met standards and areas for improvement on June 1, 2006.
 - Art (I, A)
 - Biology (I, A)
 - Broad Field Science (I, A)
 - Broad Field Social Science (I, A)
 - Chemistry (I, A)
 - Early Childhood (I, A)
 - Educational Leadership (I, A)
 - English (I, A)
 - ESOL Endorsement (I)
 - Foreign Languages: French, Spanish (I)
 - Gifted Endorsement (I)
 - Health and Physical Education (I, A)
 - History (I, A)
 - Instructional Supervision Endorsement (I)
 - Mathematics (I, A)
 - Middle Grades (I, A)
 - Music (I)
 - Physics (I, A)
 - Reading Endorsement (I)
 - Special Education/ECE: Interrelated (I)
 - Special Education: Interrelated (I, A)
 - Teacher Support Specialist (I)

11. Recommendation to the Commission for Oglethorpe University - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends Continuing Approval for the Oglethorpe University professional education unit and the Early Childhood Education (M.A.T.) program.

12. Recommendation to the Commission for Shorter College - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the Shorter College professional education unit and educator preparation programs listed below be granted Continuing Approval:

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| Early Childhood Education (I) | Middle Grades Education (I) |
| English Education (I) | Music Education (I) |
| History Education (I) | Science Education (Broad Field; I) |
| Math Education (I) | Social Science Education (Broad Field; I) |

The Committee also recommends removal of the area for improvement on Standard 5.

13. Recommendation to the Commission for Augusta State University - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the Augusta State University Progress Report submitted September 15, 2005 demonstrates satisfactory progress and that approval status for the Advanced Middle Grades program be changed to Continuing Approval. The Committee further recommends submission of a Progress Report by December 1, 2006 addressing all areas for improvement cited in the April 2004 Board of Examiners Report.

14. Recommendation to the Commission for Albany State University - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the Albany State University Progress Report submitted August 31, 2005 demonstrates satisfactory progress and that Standard 2 may be changed from Not Met to Met with Areas for Improvement. The Committee further recommends that the professional education unit submit assessment data in the annual report.

15. Recommendation to the Commission for Kennesaw State University - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the Kennesaw State University Progress Report submitted September 15, 2005 demonstrates satisfactory progress and areas for improvement may be removed for the programs listed below:

- Art Education (I)
- Chemistry Education (I)
- English Education (I)
- Health and Physical Ed. (I)
- Middle Grades Ed. (I & A)
- Music Education (I)
- TSS Endorsement
- Biology Education (I)
- Early Childhood Ed. (I & A)
- Educational Leadership (A)
- French & Spanish Education (I)
- Math Education (I)
- Social Studies Ed.–Brd. Field (I)
- Special Ed.: Interrelated (I)

16. Recommendation to the Commission for Clark Atlanta University - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the Clark Atlanta University Progress Report submitted September 30, 2005 demonstrates progress is being made. The Committee recommends that the Focused Visit scheduled for late 2005 be replaced with a PSC Developmental Review of the programs to be retained in spring semester of 2007. The Committee further recommends the submission of a report listing the retained educator preparation programs by February 1, 2006.

17. Recommendation to the Commission for Metropolitan RESA - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the Metropolitan RESA Progress Report submitted September 15, 2005 demonstrates satisfactory progress; areas for improvement may be removed for the Early Childhood Mathematics Endorsement and Reading Endorsement programs.

18. Recommendation to the Commission for Clayton College & State University - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the Clayton College & State University Progress Report submitted September 15, 2005 demonstrates satisfactory progress; areas for improvement may be removed for the Music Education program.

19. Recommendation to the Commission for University of West Georgia - The Standing Committee for Educator Preparation recommends that the University of West Georgia Progress Report submitted September 10, 2005 demonstrates satisfactory progress; areas for improvement may be removed for the programs listed below:

- Art Education (I & A)
- Biology (I)
- Business (I & A)
- Chemistry (I & A)
- Early Childhood Ed. (I & A)
- Earth/Space Science (I)
- Economics (I)
- Ed. Leadership (I & A)
- Reading Specialist (I)
- School Counseling (I & A)
- Science-Broad Field (I & A)
- Social Studies-Brd. Field (I & A)
- Spanish (I & A)
- Special Education-BD (I)
- Special Education-IR (A)
- Special Education-LD (I)

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- English (I)
- French (I & A)
- Health & Physical Ed. (I)
- History (I)
- Mathematics (I & A)
- Media Specialist (I & A)
- Special Education-MR (I)
- ESOL Endorsement (I)
- Reading Endorsement (I)
- Middle Grades (I & A)
- Music (I & A)
- Physics (I)

Chair DeLoach called for approval of the Standing Committee for Educator Preparation's Report and Recommendations.

PSC ACTION: Approved

VI. REVIEW HEARINGS

1. Connie Johnson - Educator (Case # 03-09-381)
Wayne Magnum - Hearing Officer
Penny Hannah - PSC Attorney

A letter was faxed to Ms. Lisa Hartzler of the Professional Standards Commission from Richard H. Stancil, P.C., Attorneys at Law, stating that Connie Corey Johnson and her attorney would not be present for the hearing.

MOTION: (Robinson / Denty) To go into Executive Session and allow PSC staff (Gary Walker and Lisa Hartzler) to remain.

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Muns / West) To come out of Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session.

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Hart / Robinson) To adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. The Decision of the Administrative Law Judge as indicated in the Initial Decision is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein and made the Final Decision of the Commission with the following specification. The Commission hereby ORDERS that the Georgia educator certificate held by Connie Johnson be Suspended for a period of forty contract days. (January 4, 2006 through March 2, 2006.)

PSC ACTION: Approved

2. Douglas Hancock - Educator (Case # 04-02-1176)
Wayne Magnum - Hearing Officer
Al Evans - PSC Attorney

MOTION: (Muns / West) To go into Executive Session and allow PSC staff and the PSC Attorney (Gary Walker, Penny Hannah and Lisa Hartzler) to remain.

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Denty / Miller) To come out of Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session.

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ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Muns / Robertson) To adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. The Commission rejects the modified sanction recommended by the Administrative Law Judge. The Commission concludes that a greater sanction is appropriate in this particular case because the modified sanction recommended by the Administrative Law Judge does not reflect the seriousness with which the Commission views the Respondent's violation of the rules applicable to educators and is not consistent with similar violations. The Commission hereby **ORDERS** that the Georgia educator certificate held by Douglas Hancock be Suspended for a period of forty contract days. (January 3, 2006 through March 1, 2006.)

PSC ACTION: Approved

VII. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

The Executive Secretary presented the following:

A. Dr. Toth and Rick Eiserman will meet with Annette Hopgood, Georgia Department of Education contact person for the Director of School Nutrition program on December 20th to discuss continuation of the Director of School Nutrition Certificate in the absence of any state approved programs.

B. Initiate Rules for Certification

MOTION: (Muns / Hart) To rescind rules in Chapter 505-2 (Certification) effective March 15, 2006, as follows: 505-2-.92; amend the current rules in Chapter 505-2 (Certification), effective March 15, 2006 as follows: 505-2-.05, 505-2-.06, 505-2-.07, 505-2-.08, 505-2-.09, 505-2-.10, 505-2-.12, 505-2-.19, 505-2-.20, 505-2-.24, 505-2-.25, 505-2-.89, 505-2-.97, 505-2-.103, 505-2-.117, 505-2-.150, 505-2-.157, 505-2-.163, 505-2-.170, 505-2-.171, 505-2-.172, 505-2-.174, 505-2-.202, 505-2-.204, 505-2-.205, 505-2-.206, 505-2-.250, 505-2-.350; rescind rules in chapter 505-3 (Educator Preparation), effective March 15, 2006 as follows: 505-3-.29

ACTION: Approved

C. Dr. Toth reviewed the Certification Phone Call Log and Tracking Base Backlog Levels sheet that was given to all the commissioners.

D. Dr. Toth discussed confidentiality and how it should be exercised by all Commissioners and PSC staff. All Commission meetings and Commission Committee meetings are open to the public. All cases presented to the Commissioners for a Probable Cause Determination do not reflect educator names nor do they reflect school systems. Should a Commissioner recognize a case, they should abstain and refrain from any discussion. Once a Final Decision in any case has been reached and action taken against an educator's certificate, the record becomes subject to any and all Open Records Request. However, if the Final Decision results in a No Probable Cause determination, that file is sealed and expunged.

E. The Governor has appointed two new commissioners to the commission. Pamela Greenway is an attorney and Municipal Court Judge in Houston County who has been appointed to our commission. The Governor will announce that a high school math teacher who is also chair of her department will be appointed to our commission as well.

F. The Professional Standards Commission reviews appeals from educators who are denied certificates. We have an educator who currently holds a level 6 certificate and feels that he should have a level 7 certificate based on the

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fact that he holds a Juris Doctorate degree. The Juris Doctorate degree has been determined by the PSC to be a level 6 certificate.

MOTION: (Thompson / Muns) To deny a request from Charles Williams to appear before the Commission to hear his appeal of the Executive Secretary's decision to deny his application for a level seven certificate and direct the Executive Secretary to submit the appeal packet in the January Meeting Materials for the commission to review to determine if the policy on Juris Doctorate Degrees has been followed.

PSC ACTION: Approved.

G. Maria Miller, Debbie Wilkes and Sandra Thompson are on the Liaison Committee. Stephen Dartt will serve as an alternate to this committee. There will be a dinner appointment on January 10th, 2006.

H. MOTION: (Hart / Thompson) To adopt new rules for Chapter 505-3 (Educator Preparation), effective January 15, 2006, as follows: 505-3-.46. Media Specialist Program – The Media Specialist Program to be aligned with national educator content standards and the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act, edited for clarity and grouped with other service program rules.

PSC ACTION: Approved.

I. MOTION: (Moffitt / Gomez) Dr. F.D. Toth to write a letter to the Attorney General to reflect our dismay at the representation by our attorney Al Evans.

PSC ACTION: Approved

J. Dr. Toth, Dr. Fran Watkins, Phil Blackwell and Rick Eiserman met with the three members of the Visiting International Faculty Program. Educators from their program teach in the United States on a visa and a Georgia International Exchange Certificate. Their Special Education teachers are being HOUSSE'd in as the US Department of Education has accepted their documents. The PSC will meet with Title IIA consultants to determine if Georgia will accept them.

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair DeLoach announced that our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2006.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Terri DeLoach called for the meeting to be adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

PSC ACTION: Approved