

# MINUTES

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Two Peachtree Street

Atlanta, Georgia

July 8, 2010

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, July 8, 2010, at 9 a.m.

### **Members Present**

Marci Cawthon  
Penny Elkins  
Dr. Adrian Epps  
Bill Haskin

Joy Hawkins  
Stephanie Haynes  
David Johnson  
Dr. Louisa Moffitt

Rose Powell  
Dr. Hester Vasconcelos  
Dr. Debbie Wilkes

### **Members Absent**

Julia Bernath  
Andre Mountain  
Jeannie Tucker  
Emily Jennette

Meredith Hodges  
Pam Walker  
Dr. Ed Smith

### **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. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chair Wilkes called for approval of the agenda.

**MOTION:** (Vasconcelos / Haynes) To approve the agenda.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Wilkes called for approval of the minutes from the June 3, 2010, Commission meeting.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

### **IV. VISITORS**

Chair Wilkes welcomed the visitors.

- Ricky Clemmons, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Gayle Wooten, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- John Hooper, Georgia School Superintendents Association
- Bonnie Brown, Georgia College and State University
- Bill Russell, Lincoln Memorial University
- Tricia Audrain, Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)
- Margaret Ciccarelli, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Dr. Cindi Chance, Georgia Association of

- James Vance, Georgia College and State University
- R. Wiggins, Georgia College and State University
- Natashc Eppinger, Georgia College and State University
- Ernetta Worthy, Georgia College and State University
- Colleges for Teacher Education
- Jamila Pollard, Attorney General’s Office (Intern)
- Edwin Perez

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

1. Ms. Powell reported that the Committee reviewed 54 **Probable Cause** cases during its July 7, 2010, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	10-3-965	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
2	10-4-1074	Criminal Acts	Deny
3	10-4-1076	Action Taken In Another State	Deny
4	10-6-1346	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
5	09-11-537	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspend – 20 Contract Days
6	09-11-566	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	NPC
7	10-1-766	Public Funds and Property Improper Remunerative Conduct Professional Conduct	Suspend – 1 Year
8	10-1-777	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspend – 90 Contract Days
9	10-2-822	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspend – 90 Contract Days
10	10-2-826	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspend – 90 Contract Days
11	10-2-841	Professional Conduct Testing	Suspend – 20 Contract Days
12	10-2-857	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspend – 90 Contract Days

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
13	10-2-881	Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing	NPC
14	10-2-890	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	NPC
15	10-2-891	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	NPC
16	10-3-896	Professional Conduct	Suspend – 5 Contract Days
17	10-3-902	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspend – 20 Contract Days
18	10-3-906	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Reprimand
19	10-3-907	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspend – 90 Contract Days
20	10-3-909	Criminal Acts Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Revoke
21	10-3-926	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspend – 20 Contract Days
22	10-3-927	Professional Conduct	NPC
23	10-3-931	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspend – 20 Contract Days
24	10-3-933	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspend – 20 Contract Days
25	10-3-941	-----	No Jurisdiction
26	10-3-950	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Extend Pending Outcome Of Criminal Case
27	10-3-1001	Professional Conduct	Suspend – 20 Contract Days
28	10-3-1004	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspend – 1 Year
29	10-4-1007	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspend – 20 Contract Days
30	10-4-1012	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspend – 20 Contract Days
31	10-4-1013	Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspend – 10 Contract Days
32	10-4-1015	Professional Conduct	Suspend – 10 Contract Days
33	10-4-1023	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspend – 1 Year
34	10-4-1030	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct Other Good and Sufficient Cause	Revoke
35	10-4-1034	Professional Conduct Testing	NPC
36	10-4-1035	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspend – 20 Contract Days

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
37	10-4-1041	Misrepresentation or Falsification Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing	Suspend – 1 Year
38	10-4-1048	Criminal Acts Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct Other Good and Sufficient Cause	Revoke
39	10-4-1050	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspend – 10 Contract Days
40	10-4-1056	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspend – 20 Contract Days
41	10-4-1072	Misrepresentation or Falsification Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing	Suspend – 20 Contract Days
42	10-4-1073	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct Testing	NPC
43	10-4-1078	Professional Conduct	NPC
44	10-4-1092	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand
45	10-4-1093	Professional Conduct Testing	Reprimand
46	10-4-1098	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	NPC
47	10-4-1106	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspend – 1 Year
48	10-4-1109	Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspend – 20 Contract Days
49	10-4-1110	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand
50	10-5-1138	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revoke
51	10-5-1155	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspend – 3 Contract Days
52	10-5-1223	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspend – 20 Contract Days
53	10-5-1230	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct Other Good and Sufficient Cause	Revoke
54	10-5-1232	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspend – 2 Years

2. Ms. Powell reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 6 *Initial Decisions* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
07-6-1477	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Denial	Denial - Default	Accept
08-6-1411	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspend - 90 Contract Days	Suspend - 90 Contract Days	Accept
08-8-206	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Revocation	Suspend 1 Year	Review
08-11-578	Abuse of Students Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspend - 20 Contract Days	Suspend - 20 Contract Days	Accept
09-4-1055	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspend - 20 Contract Days	Suspend - 20 Contract Days Default	Accept
09-8-167	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Revocation	Reprimand	Accept

3. Ms. Powell 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	RECOMMENDATION
10-3-986	Right to Reapply	Revocation 2006	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Deny
10-4-1054	Right to Reapply	Denied 2007	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Deny
10-4-1064	Right to Reapply	Revocation 2007	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Deny

4. Ms. Powell reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 11 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
1	09-12-644	Suspension - 5 Contract Days (May 17, 2010 - May 21, 2010) (Retroactive)	Accept
2	10-1-715	Reprimand	Accept
3	10-1-738	Suspension - 5 Contract Days System Credit 3 Contract Days (July 29, 2010 – July30, 2010)	Accept
4	10-1-774	Suspension - 10 Contract Days (May 10, 2010 - May 21, 2010) (Retroactive)	Accept
5	10-2-837	Revocation	Accept
6	10-2-838	Reprimand	Accept

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
7	10-2-843	Suspension - 20 Contract Days (May 3, 2010 - May 28, 2010) (Retroactive)	Accept
8	10-3-949	Suspension - 90 Contract Days (March 8, 2010 - Sept. 17, 2010) (Part Retroactive)	Accept
9	10-3-962	Reprimand	Accept
10	10-3-979	Reprimand	Accept
11	10-3-996	Suspension - 5 Contract Days (May 17, 2010 - May 21, 2010) (Retroactive)	Accept

5. Ms. Powell reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 17 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
08-7-31	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	No Probable Cause	Accept
08-8-192	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Denial	Monitor 6 Or 12 Months Or NPC	REJECTED
08-12-620	Misrepresentation or Falsification Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Revocation	Suspension - 9 Months Aug. 1, 2010 - April 30, 2011	Accept
09-2-851	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension - 20 Contract Days	Reprimand	REJECTED Accept NPC
09-6-1333	Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension - 20 Contract Days	Reprimand	Accept
09-7-97	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension - 1 Year	Suspension - 1 Year June 10, 2009 - June 10, 2010 (Retroactive)	Accept
09-9-299	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand	Reprimand	Accept
09-9-331	Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension - 1 Year	Suspension - 90 Contract Days Oct. 5, 2009 - March 17, 2010 (Retroactive)	Accept
09-9-377	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension - 5 Contract Days	Reprimand	Accept
09-11-572	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand	Reprimand	Accept
09-11-580	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension - 20 Contract Days	Warning	Accept
09-11-595	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension - 20 Contract Days	Suspension - 3 Contract Day Nov. 4, 2009 - Nov. 6, 2009 (Retroactive)	<del>Reject</del> PSC ACCEPTED
09-12-639	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Suspension - 1 Year	Suspension - 6 Months	Accept

CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct		Jan. 20, 2010 - July 20, 2010 (Part Retroactive)	
09-12-643	Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing	Suspension - 90 Contract Days	Suspension - 20 Contract Days Nov. 4, 2009 - Nov. 6, 2009 (Retroactive)	Accept
09-12-661	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension - 90 Contract Days	Suspension - 75 Contract Days Feb. 1, 2010 - May 25, 2010 (Retroactive)	Accept
09-12-680	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension - 1 Year	Suspension - 1 Year Nov. 20, 2009 - Nov. 19, 2010 (Part Retroactive)	Accept
10-1-755	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension - 20 Contract Days	Suspension - 15 Contract Days Dec. 7, 2008 - Jan. 8, 2009 (Retroactive - System Suspension)	Accept

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the ***Preliminary Investigative Determination Report*** consisting of 150 new complaints received during the months of May and June 2010.

**7. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 112 ***Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations*** consisting of the following:

#	CASE #	Complaint Received	#	CASE #	Complaint Received	#	CASE #	Complaint Received
1	10-6-1254	04-07-10	11	10-6-1265	05-19-10	21	10-6-1275	05-21-10
2	10-6-1255	05-12-10	12	10-6-1266	05-19-10	22	10-6-1276	05-21-10
3	10-6-1256	05-19-10	13	10-6-1267	05-19-10	23	10-6-1277	05-21-10
4	10-6-1257	05-19-10	14	10-6-1268	05-20-10	24	10-6-1278	05-21-10
5	10-6-1258	05-19-10	15	10-6-1269	05-20-10	25	10-6-1279	05-21-10
6	10-6-1259	05-19-10	16	10-6-1270	05-20-10	26	10-6-1280	05-21-10
7	10-6-1260	05-19-10	17	10-6-1271	05-20-10	27	10-6-1281	05-21-10
8	10-6-1261	05-19-10	18	10-6-1272	05-20-10	28	10-6-1282	05-21-10
9	10-6-1263	05-19-10	19	10-6-1273	05-20-10	29	10-6-1283	05-21-10
10	10-6-1264	05-19-10	20	10-6-1274	05-21-10	30	10-6-1284	05-21-10
31	10-6-1285	05-21-10	58	10-6-1311	05-26-10	85	10-6-1372	05-28-10

#	CASE #	Complaint Received	#	CASE #	Complaint Received	#	CASE #	Complaint Received
32	10-6-1286	05-21-10	59	10-6-1312	05-26-10	86	10-6-1373	06-01-10
33	10-6-1287	05-21-10	60	10-6-1313	05-26-10	87	10-6-1374	06-01-10
34	10-6-1288	05-22-10	61	10-6-1314	05-26-10	88	10-6-1375	06-01-10
35	10-6-1289	05-22-10	62	10-6-1349	05-24-10	89	10-6-1376	06-01-10
36	10-6-1290	05-22-10	63	10-6-1350	05-26-10	90	10-6-1377	06-01-10
37	10-6-1291	05-24-10	64	10-6-1351	05-26-10	91	10-6-1378	06-01-10
38	10-6-1292	05-24-10	65	10-6-1352	05-27-10	92	10-6-1379	06-01-10
39	10-6-1293	05-24-10	66	10-6-1353	05-27-10	93	10-6-1380	06-01-10
40	10-6-1294	05-24-10	67	10-6-1354	05-27-10	94	10-6-1381	06-01-10
41	10-6-1295	05-24-10	68	10-6-1355	05-27-10	95	10-6-1382	06-01-10
42	10-6-1296	05-24-10	69	10-6-1356	05-27-10	96	10-6-1383	06-01-10
43	10-6-1297	05-24-10	70	10-6-1357	05-27-10	97	10-6-1384	06-02-10
44	10-6-1298	05-24-10	71	10-6-1358	05-27-10	98	10-6-1385	06-02-10
45	10-6-1299	05-25-10	72	10-6-1359	05-27-10	99	10-6-1386	06-02-10
46	10-6-1300	05-25-10	73	10-6-1360	05-27-10	100	10-6-1387	06-02-10
47	10-6-1300	05-25-10	74	10-6-1361	05-28-10	101	10-6-1388	06-02-10
48	10-6-1301	05-25-10	75	10-6-1362	05-28-10	103	10-6-1389	06-02-10
49	10-6-1302	05-25-10	76	10-6-1363	05-28-10	104	10-6-1390	06-02-10
50	10-6-1303	05-25-10	77	10-6-1364	05-28-10	105	10-6-1391	06-02-10
51	10-6-1304	05-25-10	78	10-6-1365	05-28-10	106	10-6-1392	06-02-10
52	10-6-1305	05-25-10	79	10-6-1366	05-28-10	107	10-6-1393	06-07-10
53	10-6-1306	05-25-10	80	10-6-1367	05-28-10	108	10-6-1394	06-07-10
54	10-6-1307	05-25-10	81	10-6-1368	05-28-10	109	10-6-1395	06-07-10
55	10-6-1308	05-25-10	82	10-6-1369	05-28-10	110	10-6-1396	06-07-10
56	10-6-1309	05-25-10	83	10-6-1370	05-28-10	111	10-6-1397	06-07-10
57	10-6-1310	05-26-10	84	10-6-1371	05-28-10	112	10-6-1262	06-07-10

## 8. **EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting and *Investigative Extension* to the following 67 Written Complaints and 16 Application cases:



**WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS:**

09-8-200	10-2-882	10-5-1206	10-2-836	10-4-1027	10-5-1182	10-4-1096
10-2-894	10-4-1016	10-5-1229	10-4-1014	10-4-1040	10-2-893	10-5-1140
10-4-1017	10-4-1042	10-1-742	10-4-1103	10-4-1044	10-3-991	10-5-1162
10-5-1144	10-4-1053	10-3-948	10-5-1153	10-4-1063	10-3-998	10-5-1187
10-5-1159	10-4-1060	10-5-1146	10-5-1186	10-4-1101	10-4-1022	10-5-1200
10-5-1197	10-4-1062	10-5-1161	10-5-1189	10-4-1105	10-4-1024	10-5-1209
10-5-1204	10-5-1141	10-5-1165	10-5-1203	10-5-1139	10-4-1026	10-5-1228
10-5-1216	10-5-1151	10-5-1199	10-5-1212	10-5-1147	10-4-1068	
10-5-1218	10-5-1152	10-5-1208	10-3-947	10-5-1148	10-4-1069	
10-2-846	10-5-1198	10-5-1220	10-4-1021	10-5-1181	10-4-1095	

**APPLICATION CASE EXTENSIONS:**

10-2-861	10-6-1250	10-6-1319	10-6-1325	10-6-1343	10-6-1348
10-6-1237	10-6-1251	10-6-1320	10-6-1339	10-6-1345	
10-6-1245	10-6-1253	10-6-1323	10-6-1340	10-6-1347	

**9. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 32 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

**10. 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.

**11. VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS / VOLUNTARY DENIALS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 4 *Voluntary Surrender / Voluntary Denials* report.

#	Case Number	STANDARDS VIOLATED	SANCTION	EERC Recomm.
1	10-3-1005	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Accept
2	10-4-1049	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Accept
3	10-4-1055	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Accept
4	10-4-1094	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Accept

**12. STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSION / REINSTATEMENTS**

The Commission reviewed the report, which indicated that there were 9 certificates *suspended* from June 3, 2010 through July 8, 2010. There were 9 certificates that had been *reinstated* because restitution is now being made on those student loans. 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 6 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.

Chair Wilkes called for approval of the Educator Ethics Review Committee report as presented by Rose Powell excluding case 09-11-595, 08-12-620 and 09-2-851.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstention: Joy Hawkins

**Case 09-11-595**

The EERC brought forth a recommendation to reject the negotiated settlement of a 3 Contract Day Suspension.

**MOTION:** (Powell / Haynes) To accept the negotiated sanction of a 3 Contract Day Suspension.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstention: Joy Hawkins

**Case 08-12-620**

**MOTION:** (Powell / Epps) To accept the EERC Committee’s recommendation of a 9 Month Suspension.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstention: Louisa Moffitt, Stephanie Haynes, Joy Hawkins

**Case 09-2-851**

**MOTION:** (Haynes / Epps) To reject the original consent order and render a No Probable Cause as recommended by the EERC Committee.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstention: Joy Hawkins

**B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee**

Committee Chair, Dr. Penny Elkins, presented the report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee.

Professional Education Unit	Approval Recommendation
North Georgia College and State University	The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Innovative and Experimental Program - Alternative Certification Program.
Northwest Georgia RESA	The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP) Program. A Progress Report is due January

Professional Education Unit	Approval Recommendation
	15, 2011 to include documentation of a tracking system to address the areas for improvement cited for standards 3 and 7 (including data on present candidates).
Fort Valley State University	Fort Valley State University submitted a Progress Report on April 30, 2010. The report was reviewed by the PSC Evaluation Review Panel on June 1, 2010 and the recommendations of the Panel were forwarded to the Committee. After a review of the Progress Report and the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Panel, the Committee recommends progress is satisfactory in addressing the Standard 6 area for improvement cited for the Family and Consumer Science Education Program and Health and Physical Education Program. The Committee recommends that the area for improvement cited for Standard 6 may be removed.
Thomas University	<p>Thomas University submitted a Progress Report on March 10, 2010. The report was reviewed by the PSC Evaluation Review Panel on May 4, 2010 and the recommendations of the Panel were forwarded to the Committee. After a review of the Progress Report and the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Panel, the Committee recommends the following approval actions.</p> <p><b><u>Action 1:</u></b> Progress is unsatisfactory in addressing the areas for improvement cited for the professional education unit and the educator preparation programs in the April 2009 BOE Report. The areas for improvement remain.</p> <p><b><u>Action 2:</u></b> Confirmation that the Vice President of Academic Affairs immediately upon receipt of the PSC Approval Action Report assumes responsibility for overseeing the unit in the absence of a division chair. This confirmation shall be submitted to the PSC by July 31, 2010 in the form of an assurance letter signed by the President and the VPAA.</p> <p><b><u>Action 3:</u></b> The Progress Report due by September 10, 2010, shall include (1) an implementation timeline for addressing each of the areas for improvement presented in a month to month format through the fall 2011 Focused Visit; (2) a comprehensive response to each area for improvement with a description of how improvements will be completed within the timeline and a delineation of the persons responsible for seeing that each improvement described is completed; and (3) specific plans to appoint a division chair by December 2010.</p> <p><b><u>Action 4:</u></b> An additional Progress Report is due December 10, 2010. A final Progress Report is due February 11, 2011.</p> <p><b><u>Action 5:</u></b></p>

Professional Education Unit	Approval Recommendation
	<p>All candidates currently admitted, enrolled and all prospective candidates in educator preparation programs must be formally notified of the professional education unit and program approval status (Continuing Approval with Probation) and the areas for improvement cited in the April 2009 Board of Examiners' Report. This notification must be in writing and verified with candidate signatures.</p> <p>If satisfactory progress is not evident in the September 2010 Progress Report the Commission may vote to suspend approval of the professional education unit and educator preparation programs. Such a decision will result in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Admitted candidates may complete educator preparation programs and be recommended for certification; however,</li> <li>▪ new applicants may not be admitted or enrolled in educator preparation programs beginning with the spring semester of 2011.</li> </ul>

Chair Wilkes called for approval of the Educator Preparation Committee report as presented by Dr. Penny Elkins.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

**VI. REVIEW HEARINGS**

- 1. Edwin Perez - Educator (Case #09-01-809)
- Joan Roach - Hearing Officer
- Rebecca Mick - PSC Attorney

**MOTION:** (Elkins / Powell) To go into Executive Session and allow PSC staff (Gary Walker, Tanis Miller, Cassandra Moore and Kevin Shumake) to remain.

**ACTION:** Approved

**MOTION:** (Haynes / Powell) To come out of Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session.

**ACTION:** Approved

**MOTION:** (Vasconcelos / Haynes) Having reviewed the entire record, after hearing argument from both sides, and giving due regard to the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge, the Commission hereby rejects the Initial Decision entered in this matter. In so doing, the Commission notes that the Administrative Law Judge failed to consider all of the relevant evidence in the record. The Commission concludes that a greater sanction is appropriate in this particular case because the reprimand recommended by the Administrative Law Judge does not reflect the seriousness with which the Commission views the Educator's violation of the rules applicable to educators. The Commission hereby orders that the Georgia educator certificate held by Edwin Perez shall be suspended for a period of one year to begin on July 23, 2010 and shall conclude on July 23, 2011. If the educator decides to appeal this decision, he must file a petition within 30 days after service of this Final Decision pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-19. SO ORDERED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

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**VII. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT**

The Executive Secretary presented the following:

**A.** Penny McRoy, Dr. David Hill and Jane Huntley gave a preview of Educator Leadership and Certification Upgrade rules that will be presented for initiation at the September Commission meeting. They gave a power point presentation titled “Commission Update on Proposed Rule Changes” and answered questions from the Commissioners.

**B.** We will change our format for Commission and committee meetings starting with the November meetings. The Educator Ethics Review Committee will start at 8:00 am and the Educator Preparation Committee will start at 10:00 am. The Commission meeting will start at 12:30.

**IX. CHAIR’S REPORT**

Chair Wilkes announced that the next Commission meeting will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9 am. The Educator Ethics Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon and the Educator Preparation Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wilkes called for the meeting to be adjourned at 12:10 pm.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved