

# MINUTES

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

200 Piedmont Avenue, SE

Atlanta, Georgia

October 10, 2019

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

### Members Present

Steve Barker	Scott Hollowell	Teri Schneider
Danielle Bruce	Dr. Karla Hull	Beth Townsend
Derek Easterling	Catherine Jones	Dr. Jennifer Wade
Barbara Ellingson	Diane McClearn	Dr. Martha Venn
Rodney Green	Dr. Jacqueline McDowell	Katrina Young
Dr. Isiah Hill, Jr	Amanda Miliner	

### Members Absent

Brian Sirmans

## I. WORK SESSION

- Vice Chair Report – Vice Chair Katrina P. Young, thanked Commissioners for appointing her as Vice Chair of the Commission. She presented Dr. Marti Venn, previous Chair of the Educator Preparation/Certification committee, with her picture and thanked her for her service. She also asked Penney McRoy, to stand and recognize Dr. Venn for her service.
- Anne Marie Fenton and representatives from ETS took the Commissioners through 1) a GACE content assessment data analysis, and 2) recommendations of the national and state passing standard committees for the revised mathematics test within the GACE Program Admission Assessment (PAA). The following passing standard for the revised PAA mathematics test was proposed by Anne Marie Fenton for the Commission’s consideration. Proposed Motion: The passing score for the revised GACE PAA Mathematics test will be set at 25, the raw score associated with one conditional standard error of measurement (-1) below the recommended score from the February 2019 multistate standard-setting study. The passing score will be scaled to 250 on the GACE 100 to 300 reporting scale and will be applied retroactively to the September 2019 administration of the test.
- Anne Marie Fenton introduced the Rules for Initiation. Commissioners were asked to initiate rules that were previewed for during the September 12th work session. These rules will be scheduled to become effective January 1, 2020. Commissioners were given the Initiate Rules Packet electronically. There was one change to Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.01 to add a Certification rule reference regarding when to attempt edTPA. There were 37 Certification rules and 10 Educator Preparation Rules. Due to the high number of rules, Rule Summaries were also provided to Commissioners. Kelli Young and Penney McRoy also spoke briefly about the rules and answered questions that Commissioners had.

## II. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Young called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and a moment of silence.

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair Young called for approval of the agenda.

**MOTION:** (Dr. Jacqueline McDowell / Danielle Bruce) To approve the agenda.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chair Young called for approval of the minutes from the September 12, 2019, Commission meeting.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

**V. VISITORS**

Vice Chair Young welcomed the visitors.

- Leonard Williams, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Cindy Chance, Georgia Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- Christopher Banks, Educator
- Don Splinter, Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL)
- Dr. Lillian Lowry, Educational Testing Services
- Dr. Jerry DeLuca, Educational Testing Services
- Jan Ruthven, Educational Testing Services
- Dr. Clyde Reese, Educational Testing Services

**VI. EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD**

Vice-Chair Young presented Kevin Shumake, Assistant Division Director for Educator Ethics, with his 20 Year Service Award and thanked him for his service. Paul Shaw, Director of Educator Ethics also thanked him for his service.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Chair Rodney Green of the Educator Ethics Review Committee (EERC), gave a preliminary review of the Cases.

1. Chair Green reported that the Committee reviewed 39 ***Probable Cause*** cases during October 10, 2019, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
18-10-528	1, 5a7	Reprimand
19-8-268	1	Reprimand

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
19-8-277	5a2	NPC
19-8-278	4, 5a2, 5a7	NPC
19-8-305	1,5a7	Reprimand
19-8-314	1	Reprimand
19-8-319	1,4,5a7	Deny
18-8-160	1,5a7,8,9	NPC
18-8-179	1, 9, 5a7	Revoke
19-2-968	1,4,5a7,8,9	Suspension 20 days
19-2-1051	2,8,9,5a7	Suspension 2 years
19-2-1083	1, 5a7	Revoke
19-2-1098	1, 5a7	Revoke
19-2-1099	1,4,5a7,8,9	Suspension 1 year
19-2-1103	5a2,5a7	Revoke
19-3-1167	2,7,9,5a7	Suspension 10 days
19-3-1234	5a7, 10 (2016)	Suspension 1 year
19-3-1317	1,4,5a7,8,9	Suspension 90 days
19-4-1350	1,3,9 5a7	Suspension 1 year
19-4-1393	1,4,5a7,8,9	Suspension 1 year
19-5-1671	2, 5a7, 9	Suspension 20 days
19-5-1676	2, 4, 5a7, 9	NPC
19-5-1723	2,4,9,5a7	Suspension 2 years
19-6-1785	4, 9	Suspension 20 days
19-6-1786	2, 9, 5a7	Suspension 2 years
19-6-1791	1, 2,4, 9, 5a7	Revoke
19-6-1794	1, 2, 9, 5a7	Suspension 2 years
19-6-1816	1,5a7,8,9	NPC
19-6-1868	7,9	Suspension 20 days
19-6-1911	1,4,5a7,8,9	Suspension 20 days
19-6-1924	1,4,8,9	Suspension 20 days
19-7-34	1, 4, 8, 9	Suspension 20 days
19-8-177	1,8,9	Suspension 1 year
19-8-183	9, 5a7	Suspension 90 days
19-8-222	1,4,5a7,8,9	Suspension 20 days
19-8-232	1,5a7,8,9	NPC
19-8-282	9	Suspension 90 days
19-8-288	9	NPC
19-9-386	1,4,5a67,8,9	Suspension 20 days

2. Chair Green reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 1 *Petitions Issues* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>PREVIOUS SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
19-4-1425	04/14/2016	Deny

3. Chair Green reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 30 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
18-8-164	Reprimand	Accept
18-10-504	Suspension 20 days	Accept
18-12-735	Reprimand	Accept
19-4-1351	Suspension 20 days	Accept
19-4-1399	Reprimand	Accept
19-4-1476	Reprimand	Accept
19-4-1533	Suspension 1 year	Accept
19-4-1547	Suspension 20 days	Accept
19-5-1555	Reprimand	Accept
19-5-1607	Suspension 20 days	Accept
19-5-1610	Suspension 90 days	Accept
19-5-1628	Suspension 1 year	Accept
19-5-1640	Suspension 90 days	Accept
19-5-1675	Suspension 20 days	Accept
19-5-1704	Reprimand	Accept
19-5-1713	Suspension 5 days	Accept
19-5-1717	Suspension 45 days	Accept
19-5-1724	Suspension 20 days	Accept
19-5-1740	Reprimand	Accept
19-6-1753	Suspension 1 year	Accept
19-6-1792	Reprimand	Accept
19-6-1856	Reprimand	Accept
19-6-1858	Suspension 1 year	Accept
19-6-1914	Reprimand	Accept
19-6-1935	Suspension 20 days	Accept
19-6-1936	Reprimand	Accept
19-6-1938	Reprimand	Accept
19-7-99	Suspension 20 days	Accept
19-7-136	Reprimand	Accept
19-7-168	Suspension 20 days	Accept

4. Chair Green reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 20 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
17-1-951	Revoke	Accept
17-5-1363	Suspension 5 days	Reject
17-6-1532	Suspension 90 days	Accept
17-10-464	Suspension 2 years	Accept
17-12-850	Suspension 3 days	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
18-1-894	Suspension 1 year	Accept
18-2-1032	Suspension 60 days	Accept
18-4-1290	Suspension 3 days	Accept
18-4-1299	Suspension 15 days	Accept
18-4-1363	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
18-5-1495	Reprimand	Accept
18-5-1527	Suspension 5 days	Accept
18-8-126	Suspension 1 year	Accept
18-9-336	Suspension 10 days	Accept
18-9-432	Reprimand	Reject
18-10-558	Suspension 5 days	Accept
18-11-656	Warning	Accept
19-3-1279	Reprimand	Accept
19-4-1438	Suspension 3 days	Accept
19-5-1703	Reprimand	Accept

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Other Business Report* as follows:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>FINDINGS OF FACTS</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
PID 19-8-203	Reconsider PID Determination	NPC
19-4-1494	Expand current investigation	Expand Investigation
19-6-1917	Failure to respond	Hold New App
19-6-1927	Failed to provide requested docs	Hold New App

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 84 new complaints received during the months of September and October 2019.

## 7. VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 6 *Voluntary Surrenders* listed below in which an Educator/Applicant voluntarily accepted a sanction of Revocation prior to the submission of an investigative case summary for a Probable Cause Determination.

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
19-3-1333	2,9	Accept
19-6-1781	1, 2, 9	Accept
19-7-30	2, 9	Accept
19-7-31	2, 9	Accept
19-7-111	2, 9	Accept
19-9-387	2, 9	Accept

**8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 54 *Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations* consisting of the following:

19-9-473	19-10-509	19-10-516	19-10-523	19-10-561	19-10-568	19-10-575	19-10-582
19-10-503	19-10-510	19-10-517	19-10-524	19-10-562	19-10-569	19-10-576	19-10-583
19-10-504	19-10-511	19-10-518	19-10-527	19-10-563	19-10-570	19-10-577	19-10-584
19-10-505	19-10-512	19-10-519	19-10-528	19-10-564	19-10-571	19-10-578	19-10-585
19-10-506	19-10-513	19-10-520	19-10-529	19-10-565	19-10-572	19-10-579	19-10-586
19-10-507	19-10-514	19-10-521	19-10-559	19-10-566	19-10-573	19-10-580	
19-10-508	19-10-515	19-10-522	19-10-560	19-10-567	19-10-574	19-10-581	

**9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting an *Investigative Extension* to the following 308 cases:

<b><u>WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS</u></b>							
18-6-1608	18-10-503	18-11-686	19-3-1119	19-4-1452	19-5-1700	19-6-1899	19-7-124
18-6-1672	18-10-505	18-11-694	19-3-1163	19-4-1458	19-5-1701	19-6-1900	19-7-126
18-6-1721	18-10-510	18-11-698	19-3-1165	19-4-1464	19-5-1705	19-6-1903	19-7-128
18-6-1739	18-10-511	18-11-703	19-3-1231	19-4-1466	19-5-1706	19-6-1906	19-7-129
18-7-11	18-10-514	18-11-728	19-3-1232	19-4-1467	19-6-1746	19-6-1907	19-7-130
18-7-41	18-10-518	18-12-736	19-3-1235	19-4-1468	19-6-1747	19-6-1908	19-7-133
18-7-66	18-10-519	18-12-739	19-3-1239	19-4-1469	19-6-1748	19-6-1915	19-7-134
18-7-103	18-10-521	18-12-766	19-3-1240	19-4-1470	19-6-1749	19-6-1922	19-7-135
18-7-105	18-10-524	19-1-798	19-3-1244	19-4-1483	19-6-1764	19-6-1925	19-7-138
18-7-115	18-10-531	19-1-828	19-3-1250	19-4-1486	19-6-1773	19-6-1928	19-7-139
18-8-136	18-10-534	19-1-849	19-3-1263	19-4-1494	19-6-1787	19-6-1929	19-7-140
18-8-141	18-10-536	19-1-850	19-3-1271	19-4-1495	19-6-1798	19-6-1930	19-7-141
18-8-144	18-10-537	19-1-852	19-3-1272	19-4-1502	19-6-1812	19-6-1931	19-7-142
18-8-154	18-10-543	19-1-854	19-3-1275	19-4-1504	19-6-1814	19-6-1932	19-7-144
18-8-171	18-10-544	19-1-868	19-3-1276	19-4-1517	19-6-1815	19-6-1934	19-7-145
18-8-172	18-10-546	19-1-869	19-3-1277	19-4-1532	19-6-1818	19-6-1937	19-7-147
18-8-188	18-10-548	19-1-895	19-3-1278	19-4-1545	19-6-1819	19-7-1	19-7-148
18-8-199	18-10-564	19-1-897	19-3-1281	19-5-1552	19-6-1821	19-7-2	19-7-149
18-8-207	18-10-567	19-1-903	19-3-1287	19-5-1553	19-6-1822	19-7-87	19-7-150
18-8-226	18-10-570	19-1-906	19-3-1289	19-5-1562	19-6-1829	19-7-88	19-7-153
18-8-271	18-10-579	19-1-923	19-3-1291	19-5-1563	19-6-1833	19-7-89	19-7-154
18-8-284	18-10-580	19-1-941	19-3-1292	19-5-1566	19-6-1871	19-7-90	19-7-156
18-8-285	18-10-583	19-1-943	19-3-1293	19-5-1570	19-6-1872	19-7-92	19-7-157
18-9-345	18-10-584	19-1-946	19-3-1298	19-5-1574	19-6-1873	19-7-93	19-7-159
18-9-369	18-10-592	19-1-950	19-3-1305	19-5-1576	19-6-1874	19-7-94	19-7-160
18-9-387	18-10-595	19-1-953	19-3-1312	19-5-1577	19-6-1875	19-7-95	19-7-161
18-9-398	18-10-597	19-1-954	19-3-1313	19-5-1591	19-6-1877	19-7-96	19-7-162
18-9-416	18-10-599	19-1-956	19-4-1368	19-5-1613	19-6-1878	19-7-97	19-7-163
18-9-422	18-10-600	19-1-961	19-4-1376	19-5-1615	19-6-1885	19-7-98	19-7-164

<b>WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS</b>							
18-9-425	18-10-603	19-1-963	19-4-1378	19-5-1616	19-6-1886	19-7-100	19-7-165
18-9-428	18-10-605	19-2-1005	19-4-1395	19-5-1618	19-6-1887	19-7-102	19-7-166
18-9-437	18-11-653	19-2-1041	19-4-1400	19-5-1619	19-6-1889	19-7-103	19-7-170
18-9-439	18-11-662	19-2-1066	19-4-1402	19-5-1620	19-6-1890	19-7-105	19-7-171
18-9-445	18-11-665	19-2-1070	19-4-1417	19-5-1623	19-6-1891	19-7-106	19-7-173
18-9-450	18-11-666	19-2-1071	19-4-1423	19-5-1626	19-6-1892	19-7-107	19-7-175
18-10-485	18-11-669	19-2-1073	19-4-1424	19-5-1670	19-6-1893	19-7-108	
18-10-488	18-11-672	19-2-1075	19-4-1426	19-5-1692	19-6-1896	19-7-121	
18-10-491	18-11-675	19-2-1106	19-4-1428	19-5-1695	19-6-1897	19-7-122	
18-10-500	18-11-685	19-2-1110	19-4-1451	19-5-1696	19-6-1898	19-7-123	

**10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 13 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

**11. FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF LAW**

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 1 case 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.

**12. FINAL DECISIONS RENDERED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

The Commission reviewed the *Final Decision* report, which advised of the following cases:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL SANCTION</u>	<u>ALJ SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
17-8-170	Revocation	Revocation	Accept

Vice Chair Young called for approval of the Educator Ethics Review Committee Report as presented by Chair Rodney Green.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstentions: Beth Townsend-19-5-1723, Steve Barker-19-6-1924, 19-9-353, 19-9-354, 19-9-355, Katrina Young-19-8-334, Amanda Miliner-19-6-1911, 19-9-415, 19-9-432, Barbara Ellingson-19-8-340, Teri Schneider-18-5-1527, 19-8-305, 19-3-1167, 19-3-1234, 19-9-419, 19-4-423, 19-9-431, Derek Easterling-19-3-1333, 18-2-1032, 18-4-1299, 19-9-403, 19-9-404, 19-9-405, 19-9-420, 19-9-437, 19-9-438, 19-9-439

**B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee**

Committee Chair, Diane McClearn, presented the report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee.

	<b>EPP</b>	<b>October 2019 Detailed Approval Recommendations</b>
1.	Southwest Georgia RESA	The Committee recommends granting the request for deferral of the Spring 2020 Continuing Approval Review.

	EPP	October 2019 Detailed Approval Recommendations
2.	Candidate for Certification	The Tier II Appeal, to upgrade the appellant's certificate to a Level 7 certification upon completion of the degree, is granted, provided the degree is completed by December 31, 2020.

Vice Chair Young called for approval of the Educator Preparation / Certification Report as presented by Chair McClearen.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

### **VIII. PROGRAM ADMISSION ASSESSMENT STANDARD SETTING**

Anne Marie Fenton asked Commissioners if they had any questions regarding the Program Admission Assessment Standard Setting. Hearing none, she presented the motion.

**MOTION:** (Scott Hollowell / Amanda Miliner) Motion: The passing score for the revised GACE PAA Mathematics test will be set at 25, the raw score associated with one conditional standard error of measurement (-1) below the recommended score from the February 2019 multistate standard-setting study. The passing score will be scaled to 250 on the GACE 100 to 300 reporting scale and will be applied retroactively to the September 2019 administration of the test.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

### **IX. RULES**

Anne Marie Fenton asked the Commissioners if they had any questions. Hearing none, she presented the motion for rules initiation.

**MOTION:** (Derek Easterling / Amanda Miliner) To approve (1) amend the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2020, as follows: 505-2-.01, 505-2-.02, 505-2-.20, 505-2-.27, 505-2-.28, 505-2-.32, 505-2-.33, 505-2-.145, 505-2-.161, and 505-2-.181; (2) repeal the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2020, as follows: 505-2-.04, 505-2-.05, 505-2-.09, 505-2-.13, 505-2-.14, 505-2-.21, 505-2-.22, 505-2-.23, 505-2-.24, 505-2-.25, 505-2-.26, 505-2-.34, 505-2-.36, 505-2-.45, 505-2-.46, 505-2-.87, 505-2-.90, 505-2-.140, 505-2-.141, 505-2-.142, 505-2-.143, 505-2-.144, 505-2-.146, 505-2-.147, 505-2-.148, and 505-2-.149; (3) initiate the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2020, as follows: 505-2-.04, 505-2-.05, 505-2-.08, 505-2-.09, 505-2-.13, 505-2-.14, 505-2-.21, 505-2-.22, 505-2-.23, 505-3-.24, 505-3-.25, 505-3-.26, 505-2-.34, 505-2-.36, 505-2-.45, 505-2-.46, 505-2-.87, 505-2-.90, 505-2-.140, 505-2-.141, 505-2-.142, 505-2-.143, 505-2-.144, 505-2-.146, 505-2-.147, 505-2-.148, and 505-2-.149; (4) amend the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2020, as follows: 505-3-.01, 505-3-.02, 505-2-.19, 505-3-.72, 505-3-.104; (5) repeal the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2020, as follows: 505-3-.66, 505-3-.96, and 505-3-.103; (6) initiate the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2020, as follows: 505-3-.51, 505-3-.66, 505-3-.96, 505-3-.103, and 505-3-.112.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

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Vice Chair Young announced that our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 200 Piedmont Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Atlanta, Georgia. The Educator Ethics Review Committee will meet at 9:30 am and the Educator Preparation/Certification Standing Committee meeting time will be announced on our website and in the Daily Report once it has been determined.

Renee Shaat confirmed the abstentions on ethics cases with each Commissioner.

Vice Chair Young called for the meeting to be adjourned at 1:20 pm.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved