MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

2 Peachtree Street 29th Floor, DHR Boardroom Atlanta, Georgia April 14, 2005

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, April 14, 2005.

Members Present

Gary Bechtel Mary Gomez Dr. Holly Robinson Steven Dartt Maria Miller Dr. Craig Smith Terri DeLoach Dr. Louisa Moffitt Sandra Thompson Jean Ebron Lee Muns Dr. Wanda West

Carolyn Lee Hart Dr. Mary Outlaw

Members Absent

Dr. Debbie Wilkes Amy Denty

Bo Slack

I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

Chair Deloach called the meeting to order at 9:05 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
- Anthony Davis, Assistant Principal

- Mary Thompson
- Felicia Lee, Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)
- John Hooper, Georgia School Superintendents Association

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Deloach called for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: (Muns / Thompson) To approve agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Deloach called for approval of the minutes from the March 10, 2005, Commission meeting.

PSC ACTION: Approved

V. SERVICE AWARDS

Chair DeLoach presented the following Professional Standards Commission employees with Years of Service awards:

Belinda Lafavor – 30 years

Maxine Brown – 15 years

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Educator Ethics -Recommendations and Actions on Cases

Commissioner Maria Miller, gave a preliminary review of the Cases.

1. Ms. Miller reported that the Committee reviewed 59 *Probable Cause* cases during its April 13, 2005, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee excluding cases # 4, 7, 8, 32, 33, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41 and 49:

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	04-11-711	Abandonment of Contract PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	No Probable Cause
2	05-01-962	Abandonment of Contract Suspension for Six N PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	
3	05-01-1033	Abandonment of Contract PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	Suspension for Six Months
4	05-02-1196	Abandonment of Contract PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	Suspension for Six Months
5	05-02-1197	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for Six Months
6	05-01-919	Abuse of Students Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct Criminal Acts	Revocation
7	05-01-922	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand
8	05-01-976 ADDENDUM	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct Criminal Acts	Suspension for One Week
9	05-01-1009	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand
10	05-02-1239	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
11	05-01-1002	Alcohol or Drugs	Revocation
		Professional Conduct	
12	04-08-193	Criminal Acts	No Probable Cause
		Professional Conduct	
13	04-10-516	Criminal Acts	Denial
	ADDENDUM	Misrepresentation or Falsification	
		Failure to Make a Required Report	
		PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	
14	04-10-606	Criminal Acts	Revocation
		Abuse of Students	
		Professional Conduct	
15	04-12-773	Criminal Acts	Revocation
		Abuse of Students	
		Professional Conduct	
16	05-01-887	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
		PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	1
17	05-01-903	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
		Misrepresentation or Falsification	1
		PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	
18	05-01-939	Criminal Acts	No Probable Cause
		PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	
19	05-01-941	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
		PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	1
20	05-01-956	Criminal Acts	Warning
		PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	
21	05-01-969	Criminal Acts	Revocation
		Professional Conduct	
22	05-01-979	Criminal Acts	Denial
		PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	
23	05-01-981	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
		PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	
24	05-01-991	Criminal Acts	Warning
		Misrepresentation or Falsification	
		PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	
25	05-01-997	Criminal Acts	Revocation
		Abuse of Students	
		Failure to Make a Required Report	
		Professional Conduct	
26	05-01-1016	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
		Misrepresentation or Falsification	
		PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	
27	05-01-1017	Criminal Acts	Warning
		Misrepresentation or Falsification	
		PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	
28	05-01-1028	Criminal Acts	Suspension for One Year
	ADDENDUM	Professional Conduct	
29	05-01-928	Failure to Make a Required Report	Suspension for One Year
		Professional Conduct	

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
30	05-02-1186	Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year
31	05-02-1238 ADDENDUM	Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	Suspension for Six Months
32	05-01-881	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	Reprimand Warning
33	05-01-882	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	Reprimand Warning
34	05-01-883	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	Reprimand
35	05-01-889	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	Reprimand Warning
36	05-01-893	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	Reprimand Warning
37	05-01-915	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	Extend Probable Cause Determination until June 9, 2005 (Letter of Intent)
38	05-01-940	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	Reprimand
39	05-01-943	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	Warning
40	05-01-963	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	Warning No Probable Cause
41	05-01-964	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	No Probable Cause
42	05-01-965	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Extend Probable Cause Determination until June 9, 2005 (Clarification)
43	05-01-992	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	Reprimand
44	05-01-1022	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts	Revocation

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION	
		Professional Conduct		
45	05-01-1030	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Warning	
		Professional Conduct		
46	05-02-1187	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand	
		Failure to Make a Required Report		
		Criminal Acts		
		PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT		
47	04-10-547	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause	
		Confidential Information		
48	04-11-633	Professional Conduct	Suspension for Six Months	
49	04-12-763	Professional Conduct	Reprimand	
		Confidential Information		
		Public Funds and Property		
50	04-12-772	Professional Conduct	Suspension for Six Months	
51	05-01-1004			
52	05-01-1003	Professional Conduct	Suspension for Six Months	
53	05-01-1026	Professional Conduct	Suspension for Three Months	
54	05-01-1027	Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Week	
55	05-02-1189	Professional Conduct	Warning	
56	05-02-1190	Professional Conduct	Warning	
	ADDENDUM			
57	05-02-1195	Professional Conduct	Revocation	
		Abuse of Students		
58	05-01-968	Public Funds and Property	Suspension for Six Months	
		Misrepresentation or Falsification		
		Professional Conduct		
59	05-01-971	Public Funds and Property	Suspension for Two Years	
		Professional Conduct		

PSC ACTION: Approved

Case #4

MOTION: (Muns / Gomez) To accept the EERC recommendation of a Six Months Suspension.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Case #7 and 8

MOTION: (Hart / Thompson) To accept the EERC recommendation of a reprimand for case #7 and a

Suspension for One Week for case #8.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Case # 32, 33, 35 and 36

MOTION: (Ebron / Dartt) To amend the EERC recommendation from a Reprimand to a Warning.

PSC ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Ebron / Dartt) To adopt case #32, 33, 35 and 36 as an amended motion.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Case # 39

MOTION: (Muns / Thompson) To accept the EERC recommendation of aWarning.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Case # 40 and 41

MOTION: (Hart / West) To amend the EERC recommendation from a Warning to No Probable Cause on case

#40 and to accept the EERC recommendation of No Probable Cause on case #41.

PSC ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Ebron / Dartt) To adopt case #40 as an amended motion.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Case # 49

MOTION: (Muns / Robinson) To accept the EERC recommendation of a Reprimand.

PSC ACTION: Approved Opposed: Stephen Dartt

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

CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SANCTION	PSC ACTION
04-3-1337	Professional Conduct	Suspension for Six Months	Accept
02-01-1291	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Suspension for Six Months	Accept
03-11-763	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension for Two Years	Accept
03-10-567	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year	Accept
04-01-1081	Failure to Make a Required Report Confidential Information Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause	Review
04-01-1082	Failure to Make a Required Report Confidential Information Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause	Review

PSC ACTION: Approved

3. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 6 *Petitions Issues* and brought the

following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE NUMBER	REQUEST	PREVIOUS SANCTION	PREVIOUS VIOLATION	RECOMM
1	04-12-756	Right to Reapply	Denial - 11/7/02	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Grant
2	04-12-785	Right to Reapply	Denial - 8/10/00 Deny Reapply - 11/14/02 Deny Reapply - 12/11/03	oply - 11/14/02	
3	05-01-944	Right to Reapply	Revoked - 6/11/87	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Deny
4	03-03-1817	Right to Petition Early	Revoked - 5/8/03	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Deny
5	04-03-1315	Early Reinstatement	Suspended 7-31-04 until 7-31-05	Misrepresentation/Falsification Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Deny
6	04-11-687	Right to Reapply	Revoked - 9/7/01	Abuse of Students Failure to Report Misrepresentation/Falsification Criminal Acts	Deny

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Dr. Mary Outlaw – Case # 03-03-1817

4. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 19 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	SANCTIONS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	04-10-539	Reprimand	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Accept
			Failure to Make a Required Report	
2	04-11-697	Suspension - One Week	Public Funds and Property	Accept
			Professional Conduct	
3	04-12-753	Suspension - Two Years	Alcohol or Drugs	Accept
			Criminal Acts	
			Professional Conduct	
			Abuse of Students	
4	04-12-755	Reprimand	Abuse of Students	Accept
			Professional Conduct	
5	04-12-764	Suspension - One Week	Public Funds and Property	Accept
			Misrepresentation or Falsification	
6	04-12-768	Reprimand	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Accept
			Failure to Make a Required Report	
			Criminal Acts	

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	SANCTIONS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
7	04-12-777	Reprimand	Professional Conduct	Accept
8	04-12-801	Warning	Confidential Information	Accept
9	05-01-818	Reprimand	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Accept
			Failure to Make a Required Report	
10	05-01-833	Reprimand	Criminal Acts	Accept
11	05-01-839	Warning	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Accept
			Failure to Make a Required Report	
12	05-01-845	Warning	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Accept
			Failure to Make a Required Report	
13	05-01-846	Reprimand	Criminal Acts	Accept
14	05-01-860	Warning	Criminal Acts	Accept
15	05-01-861	Reprimand	Criminal Acts	Accept
16	05-01-872	Warning	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Accept
			Failure to Make a Required Report	
17	05-01-873	Warning	Criminal Acts	Accept
18	05-01-918	Warning	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Accept
			Failure to Make a Required Report	
			Criminal Acts	
19	05-01-921	Reprimand	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	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
1	04-3-1375	Abuse of Students	Suspension - One Year	Accept
		Misrepresentation or Falsification		
		Professional Conduct		
2	04-3-1357	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand	Accept
		Failure to Make a Required Report		
		Professional Conduct		
3	04-5-1670	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Suspension -Three Months	Accept
		Professional Conduct	(Language Change)	
4	03-7-155	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand	Accept
		Professional Conduct	(Delete Abuse of Students	
		Abuse of Students	Violation)	
5	03-12-906	Professional Conduct	Suspension - Six Months	Accept
		Abuse of Students		
6	04-10-462	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause	Accept

PSC ACTION: Approved

6. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 3 *Voluntary Surrender/Voluntary Denial* and brought the following recommendation on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	05-01-994	REVOCATION	Abuse of Students	Accept
			Criminal Acts	
			Professional Conduct	
2	05-01-1000	REVOCATION	Abuse of Students	Accept
			Professional Conduct	_
3	05-01-1023	REVOCATION	Abuse of Students	Accept
			Professional Conduct	_

PSC ACTION: Approved

7. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommends rejecting the educators proposed settlement agreement with regards to his pending superior court action against the Professional Standards Commission.

#	CASE NUMBER	ASE NUMBER EDUCATOR		PSC ACTION
1	03-05-2174	Johnny E. Farmer	Reject	Reject

PSC ACTION: Approved

8. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 87 new complaints received during the months of March and April 2005:

PSC ACTION: Approved

9. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval for No Probable Cause findings on all 24 cases of the *Applications for Certification Report*. The investigative files will be sealed and expunged.

PSC ACTION: Approved

10. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS EXTENSIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended extending the *Preliminary Investigation* by an additional thirty days on the following 49 cases:

| Case Number |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 05-3-1427 | 05-3-1434 | 05-3-1441 | 05-3-1448 | 05-3-1455 | 05-3-1471 | 05-3-1478 |
| 05-3-1428 | 05-3-1435 | 05-3-1442 | 05-3-1449 | 05-3-1456 | 05-3-1472 | 05-3-1479 |
| 05-3-1429 | 05-3-1436 | 05-3-1443 | 05-3-1450 | 05-3-1466 | 05-3-1473 | 05-3-1480 |
| 05-3-1430 | 05-3-1437 | 05-3-1444 | 05-3-1451 | 05-3-1467 | 05-3-1474 | 05-3-1481 |
| 05-3-1431 | 05-3-1438 | 05-3-1445 | 05-3-1452 | 05-3-1468 | 05-3-1475 | 05-3-1489 |
| 05-3-1432 | 05-3-1439 | 05-3-1446 | 05-3-1453 | 05-3-1469 | 05-3-1476 | 05-3-1490 |
| 05-3-1433 | 05-3-1440 | 05-3-1447 | 05-3-1454 | 05-3-1470 | 05-3-1477 | 05-3-1491 |

PSC ACTION: Approved

11. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting an *Investigative Extension* to the following 123 cases:

| Case |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Number |
05-01-999	04-10-551	05-01-1011	05-02-1112	05-02-1206	05-02-1256	05-03-1355	05-03-1416
05-01-1001	04-11-677	05-01-1013	05-02-1113	05-02-1208	05-02-1258	05-03-1356	05-03-1417
05-02-1192	04-11-678	05-01-1086	05-02-1114	05-02-1209	05-02-1266	05-03-1357	05-03-1418
05-02-1199	04-11-696	05-01-1087	05-02-1116	05-02-1212	05-02-1268	05-03-1360	05-03-1419
04-12-783	05-01-961	05-01-1088	05-02-1117	05-02-1218	05-02-1270	05-03-1361	05-03-1420
05-01-1085	05-01-966	05-01-1091	05-02-1118	05-02-1219	05-02-1272	05-03-1362	05-03-1423
04-08-224	05-01-978	05-01-1093	05-02-1119	05-02-1223	05-02-1273	05-03-1363	05-03-1424
04-08-225	05-01-1010	05-01-1096	05-02-1120	05-02-1227	05-02-1314	05-03-1364	05-03-1425
05-01-1008	05-01-1025	05-01-1097	05-02-1122	05-02-1228	05-02-1315	05-03-1367	05-03-1457
05-01-995	05-01-1029	05-01-1098	05-02-1124	05-02-1231	05-02-1317	05-03-1368	05-03-1458
05-02-1191	05-01-1083	05-01-1103	05-02-1125	05-02-1233	05-02-1318	05-03-1379	05-03-1459
04-10-571	05-02-1188	05-01-1105	05-02-1129	05-02-1234	05-02-1319	05-03-1406	
04-11-632	05-02-1198	05-01-1106	05-02-1200	05-02-1245	05-02-1342	05-03-1409	
04-11-699	05-01-932	05-01-1107	05-02-1201	05-02-1246	05-02-1345	05-03-1410	
05-01-998	05-01-933	05-01-1108	05-02-1202	05-02-1249	05-02-1351	05-03-1411	
05-01-1007	05-01-988	05-01-1109	05-02-1205	05-02-1251	05-03-1354	05-03-1413	

PSC ACTION: Approved

12. REVIEW HEARING EXTENSIONS

The Commission reviewed the *Review Hearing Extensions Report* concerning 9 hearing cases. An Administrative Law Judge rendered Initial Decisions on each case referenced in the report. The report indicates Orders were issued. by the Commission to extend time by 30 additional days to preserve the Commission's time to conduct review hearings.

13. <u>STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSION / REINSTATEMENTS</u>

The Commission reviewed the report, which indicated that there were 24 certificates suspended from March 10, 2005 until April 14, 2005. There were 28 certificates that had been *reinstated* because restitution is now being made on those student loans. There were 21 issues where notification had been received to suspend, however, releases were received prior to the actual suspension being implemented. Restitution is now being made on those student loans.

14. FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF LAW

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 15 cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The report also advised that there were 2 cases closed without an appeal for a review hearing before the Commission.

VII. REVIEW HEARINGS

1. Vonceilles Allen - Educator (Case # 03-07-153 & 04-3-1406)

Wayne Magnum - Hearing Officer Penny Hannah - PSC Attorney

MOTION: (Muns / Robinson) To go into Executive Session and allow PSC staff (Gary Walker, Cassandra

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Moore and Lisa Hartzler) to remain.

ACTION: Approved

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

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Muns / West) To adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law reached by the Administrative Law Judge. 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 *Vonceilles Allen* be revoked effective April 14, 2005.

PSC ACTION: Approved

1. Anthony Davis - Educator (Case # 03-11-806)

Wayne Magnum - Hearing Officer Penny Hannah - PSC Attorney

MOTION: (Muns / Thompson) To go into Executive Session and allow PSC staff (Gary Walker, Cassandra

Moore and Lisa Hartzler) to remain.

ACTION: Approved

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

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Hart / West) To adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law reached by the Administrative Law Judge. The Decision of the Administrative Law Judge to sanction the educator is adopted and incorporated by reference herein. The Commission hereby rejects the sanction recommended by the Administrative Law Judge. Based on a review of the record, the Commission concludes that a lesser sanction is appropriate in this particular case. The Commission hereby ORDERS that the Georgia educator certificate held by Anthony Davis be Suspended for a period of six months effective April 29, 2005 and shall conclude on October 29, 2005.

PSC ACTION: Approved Abstention: Dr. Craig Smith

VIII. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

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A. Fort Valley State University - Dr. Toth discussed the current situation at Fort Valley State University. He spoke with Chancellor Thomas Meredith. The Chancellor would like to charge a team to identify the strengths of Fort Valley and identify the teacher needs in Georgia. He wants Fort Valley's programs to be narrowly focused and not broadly based. Once the programs are identified and the curriculum developed he would like to hire qualified faculty for the programs beginning in the fall of 2007.

The Commission asked Dr. Toth to relay two concerns to the Chancellor. 1. That the students currently enrolled in the program, regardless of the number, get some quality advising and are told that they must finish by Spring, 2006, if they are to get certified. 2. The Education Faculty should not take all the blame for the poor Praxis Assessment results. The content that these teachers were lacking was supposed to be taught by the math, science, history, and English professors.

MOTION: (Hart / West) To support Chancellor Thomas Meredith's plan to appoint a team with PSC representation if we choose, to recommend an education program for Fort Valley State University.

ACTION: Approved

B. Dr. Toth mentioned that Dr. Wanda West appeared in the magazine Business to Business in an article titled, "Bending Twiggs: Is Twiggs County the model for turnaround?" and shared the magazine with the other commissioners.

C. Educator Preparation Rules 505-3

MOTION: (Muns / West) To initiate Educator Preparation rules 505-3.

ACTION: Approved

D. Certification Rules 505-2

MOTION: (Muns / West) To initiate Certification rules 505-2. as presented in the packet with three modifications: 1) Add 505-2-.75 to the list of rescinded rules. 2) Modify the language of rule 505-2-.111 as discussed. 3) Substitute a new 505-2-.20 as distributed.

ACTION: Approved

E. Dr. Toth handed out various test registration bulletins and study guides from National Evaluation Systems. PSC is under contract with Educational Testing Services (ETS) to administer the Praxis tests to our educators. ETS has not been very effective in working with us to improve these tests. National Evaluations Systems has agreed to work with us to align the tests with the new Georgia performance standards. The PSC will not have to pay fees if we choose to no longer use them.

MOTION: (Robinson / West) To authorize the Executive Secretary to enter into a contract negotiations with the National Evaluations Systems to develop educator certification tests aligned with the curriculum for Georgia's schools and bring a contract back to the Commission for approval.

ACTION: Approved

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F. Tracy Malllory has tried to pass the Praxis I test several times. She has been given modifications because of a learning disability. She would like to receive a permanent waiver for the Praxis I test.

MOTION: (Muns / Miller) To deny the request of Tracy Mallory to have a permanent waiver for the Praxis I test and to receive a Clear Renewable Certificate.

ACTION: Approved Abstention: Dr. Craig Smith

IX. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Chair Deloach announced the following committee appointments:

Vice Chair – Lee Muns
Ethics Committee Chair – Maria Miller
Educator Preparation Committee Chair – Dr. Craig Smith
Executive Committee – Terri DeLoach, Lee Muns, Maria Miller, Dr. Craig Smith, Amy Denty, Dr. F.D. Toth

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Muns/Robinson) To adjourn the meeting. **PSC ACTION:** The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.