

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Holiday Inn

Jekyll Island, Georgia

April 13, 2006

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, April 13, 2006, at 9 a.m.

Members Present

Sallie Bullock
Stephen Dartt
Terri DeLoach
Amy Denty
Jean Ebron

Mary Gomez
Pamela Greenway
Maria Miller
Dr. Louisa Moffitt
Lee Muns

Dr. Mary Outlaw
Dr. Holly Robinson
Dr. Craig Smith
Dr. Debbie Wilkes

Members Absent

Gary Bechtel
Dr. Carolyn Lee Hart

Dr. Wanda West

I. CALL TO ORDER

Terri DeLoach called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and a moment of silence.

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Terri DeLoach recognized the visitors.

- John Dobrenic, Georgia Association of Educators
- Brandi Metts, Pierce County Middle School
- Gayle Wooten, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Lanna Denison, Pierce County Middle School

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Terri DeLoach called to amend the agenda by removing the hearings for Sebrina Sims/Case # 04-7-90 and Sharman White/Case # 04-7-89.

MOTION: (Muns / Miller) To approve agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Terri DeLoach called for approval of the minutes from the March 9, 2006, Commission meeting.

PSC ACTION: Approved

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Committee Chair, Maria Miller, gave a preliminary review of the Cases.

1. Ms. Miller reported that the Committee reviewed 55 **Probable Cause** cases during its April 12, 2006, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	05-9-353	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
2	05-12-686	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Extend Probable Cause Determination until June 8, 2006 (Letter of Intent)
3	05-12-692	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial
4	05-12-735	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct Action Taken in Another State	Denial
5	05-12-737	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial
6	06-1-814	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Reprimand
7	06-1-827	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year
8	06-1-837	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year
9	06-1-844	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year
10	06-1-846	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial
11	06-2-946	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct Action Taken in Another State	Reprimand
12	06-3-989	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Reprimand
13	06-3-990	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
14	05-12-747	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand
15	06-1-793	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
16	06-2-875	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension for 10 Days
17	05-11-643	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Denial
18	05-12-684	Misrepresentation or Falsification Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Reprimand
19	05-12-713	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 5 Days
20	05-12-763	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 10 Days
21	06-1-802	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Days
22	06-1-838	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Days
23	06-1-842	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Days
24	06-1-843	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year
25	06-1-850	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
26	06-1-851 Addendum	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Action Taken in Another State Criminal Acts Public Funds and Property	Denial
27	06-3-998	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct Action Taken in Another State Public Funds and Property Criminal Acts	Revocation
28	05-9-395	Public Funds and Property Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Days
29	06-1-803	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Reprimand
30	06-1-831	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Reprimand
31		Confidential Information Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
32	05-10-449	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Days
33	05-10-492	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
34	05-11-645	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
35	05-11-650	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Days
36	05-12-741	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Days
37	05-12-746	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Days
38	05-12-755	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Days
39	06-1-767 Addendum	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Days
40	06-1-794	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Days
41	06-1-795	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Days
42	06-1-796	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Days
43	06-1-804	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Days
44	06-1-834	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Days
45	06-1-832	Failure to Make a Required Report Misrepresentation or Falsification Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
46	06-1-840	Failure to Make a Required Report Misrepresentation or Falsification Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
47	05-9-338	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
48	05-12-762	Professional Conduct Abuse of Students	Suspension for 20 Days
49	06-1-772	Professional Conduct	Suspension for 10 Days
50	06-1-798	Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Days
51	06-1-829	Professional Conduct Misrepresentation or Falsification	Suspension for 5 Days
52	06-1-830	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
53	06-1-833	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
54	06-2-876	Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Days
55	06-3-1000	Professional Conduct Misrepresentation or Falsification	No Probable Cause

PSC ACTION: Approved

2. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed ____ *Initial Decisions* and

brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SANCTION	RECOMM.
1	04-10-426	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Denial	Denial	Accept
2	04-10-554	Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year	Suspension for One Year	Accept
3	04-9-395	Abandonment of Contract	Suspension for Six Months	Reprimand	Accept
4	04-7-39	Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	Accept
5	04-9-332	Professional Conduct	Suspension for Six Months	Suspension for Six Months	Accept
6	04-6-1834	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial	Denial	Accept

PSC ACTION: Approved

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	RECOMM
1	05-3-1437	Right to Petition Early	Denial - Dec. 24, 1999 Denied Reapply - Sept. 8, 2005	Criminal Acts	Deny
2	05-7-69	Rule Waiver: Waiver Three Year waiting period and allow Petition to be filed early	Revocation - Dec. 17, 2005	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Grant
3	06-2-889	Right to Reapply	Revocation: Feb. 13, 2003	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Grant

PSC ACTION: Approved

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

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
1	05-10-472	Reprimand	Accept
2	05-11-538	Suspension for One Year 4/28/06 - 4/28/07	Accept
3	05-11-580	Reprimand	Accept
4	05-11-586	Suspension for Two Years 4/28/06 - 4/28/08	Accept

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
5	05-11-606	Reprimand	Accept
6	05-11-638	Suspension for Ten Contract Days 5/1/06 - 5/12/06	Accept
7	05-11-639	Suspension for Ten Contract Days 5/1/06 - 5/12/06	Accept
8	05-11-640	Suspension for Ten Contract Days 5/1/06 - 5/12/06	Accept
9	05-12-695	Reprimand	Accept
10	05-12-705	Suspension for Five Contract Days 5/1/06 - 5/5/06	Accept
11	05-12-706	Suspension for One Year 4/28/06 - 4/28/07	Accept
12	05-12-723	Reprimand	Accept
13	05-12-727	Suspension for Ten Contract Days 4/10/06 - 4/19/06	Reject
14	05-12-728	Suspension for Twenty Contract Days 4/24/06 - 5/19/06	Accept
15	05-12-744	Warning	Accept
16	05-12-753	Revocation	Accept
17	05-12-756	Suspension for Five Contract Days	Reject

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	RECOMM.
1	05-8-205	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension - 20 Contract Days	Suspension - 20 Contract Days 4/24/06 - 5/19/06	Accept
2	03-11-776	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for Six Months	No Probable Cause	Accept
3	04-9-356	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year	Suspension for Nine Months 4/28/06 - 1/28/07	Accept
4	03-11-766	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Suspension for Two Years	Reprimand	Reject
5	05-1-997	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	Accept
6	05-3-1459	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial	Reprimand	Accept

PSC ACTION: Approved

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

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	06-2-874	Revocation	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Accept
2	05-12-752	Revocation	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Accept

PSC ACTION: Approved

7. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 1 *Other Business* and brought the following recommendation on behalf of the Committee:

#	Case Number	DESCRIPTION	Recomm.
1	03-12-843 03-12-844	Probable Cause Determination: Suspension for One Week Initial Decision of ALJ: Suspension for One Week Final Decision of PSC: Suspension for One Week Judicial Review – Atkinson Co. No Violation - NPC	Appeal to Court of Appeals

PSC ACTION: Approved

8. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 70 new complaints received during the months of March 2006 and April 2006.

PSC ACTION: Approved

9. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of 22 Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations consisting of the following:

CASE #	CASE #	CASE #	CASE #	CASE #	CASE #
06-3-983	06-3-987	06-3-1003	06-3-1007	06-3-1011	06-3-1018
06-3-984	06-3-988	06-3-1004	06-3-1008	06-3-1012	06-3-1107
06-3-985	06-3-999	06-3-1005	06-3-1009	06-3-1013	
06-3-986	06-3-1002	06-3-1006	06-3-1010	06-3-1014	

PSC ACTION: Approved

10. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting and *Investigative Extension* to 25 Written Complaints and 9 Application cases.

WRITTEN COMPLAINTS

CASE #	CASE #	CASE #
05-9-335	06-1-805	05-11-593
05-10-436	05-8-270	05-11-634
05-10-515	06-1-769	05-11-636
05-11-541	05-6-1887	05-11-648
05-11-587	05-8-202	05-11-652
05-12-722	05-10-494	05-12-715
05-12-724	05-10-513	05-12-721
05-12-745	05-11-578	05-12-751
		06-1-780

APPLICATION CASES

CASE #	CASE #	CASE #
05-12-683	06-2-945	06-3-957
06-1-776	06-3-951	06-3-958
06-2-936	06-3-952	06-3-992

PSC ACTION: Approved

11. **APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 37 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

PSC ACTION: Approved

12. **REVIEW HEARING EXTENSIONS**

The Commission reviewed the *Review Hearing Extensions Report* concerning 7 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

13. **STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSION / REINSTATEMENTS**

The Commission reviewed the report, which indicated that there were 3 certificates suspended from March 9, 2006 through April 13, 2006. There were 11 certificates that had been reinstated because restitution is now being made on those student loans. There were 3 issues where notification had been received to suspend but releases were received prior to the actual suspension being implemented. Restitution is now being made on those student loans.

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

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 16 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 Report

Committee Chair, Dr. Craig Smith, read the report.

Clarke County School District

The Clarke County School District (CCSD) requests Developmental Approval of its professional education unit, the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement Program, and the Gifted Endorsement Program. A Georgia Professional Standards Commission Board of Examiners (BOE) team conducted an on-site Developmental Review October 16 – 18, 2005. The BOE Team found all standards met and cited no areas for improvement. CCSD submitted a Rejoinder, agreeing with the findings of the BOE Team.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Developmental Approval

The Cottage School

The Cottage School requests Developmental Approval for its One-Year Supervised Practicum program. PSC staff reviewed the initial application, and the School submitted a revised application addressing staff requests for clarification (Initial Proposal Staff Response Letter and Summary of Initial Staff Review). The Cottage School submitted a revised application. PSC staff reviewed the revised application and a summary of this review is included with these materials. PSC staff annotated the summary to reflect the revised application (Summary of Final Staff Review).

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Developmental Approval

Griffin RESA

Griffin RESA requests developmental approval of its professional education unit and the Teacher Alternative Preparation Program (TAPP). The following certification fields are offered in the TAPP:

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| ▪ Art Education (P-12) | ▪ Middle Grades Education (4-8) |
| ▪ Business Education (6-12) | ▪ Music Education (P-12) |
| ▪ Early Childhood Education (P-5) | ▪ Science Education - Broad Field (6-12) |
| ▪ English Education (6-12) | ▪ Social Science Education- Broad Field (6-12) |
| ▪ Foreign Language Education – French, German & Spanish (P-12) | ▪ Special Education – General Curriculum (P-12) |
| ▪ Health & Physical Education (P-12) | |
| ▪ Mathematics Education (6-12) | |

A Georgia Professional Standards Commission Board of Examiners (BOE) team conducted an on-site Developmental Review November 1 – 4, 2005. The Summary of BOE Findings for the professional education unit and TAPP programs follows on page 3. Griffin RESA submitted a Rejoinder, agreeing with the finding of the BOE Team.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Professional Education Unit:

1. Change Standards 1 and 2 from Met to Not Met
2. Developmental Provisional Option 1: Progress Report due October 1, 2006

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TAPP Programs:

1. Change Standards 1 and 2 from Met to Not Met
2. Developmental Provisional, Option 1: Progress Report due October 1, 2006

Oconee RESA

Oconee RESA requests Developmental Approval for its One-Year Supervised Practicum program. PSC staff reviewed the application for approval, and a summary of this review is included with the materials (Summary of PSC Staff Review).

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Developmental Approval

Pioneer RESA

Pioneer RESA requests Developmental Approval for its ESOL Endorsement program. A Georgia Professional Standards Commission Board of Examiners (BOE) team conducted an on-site Developmental Educator Preparation Program Review October 16 – 18, 2005. The RESA submitted a rejoinder, agreeing with all of the BOE Team's findings.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Developmental Approval with a Progress Report addressing the areas for improvement due October 1, 2006

Spelman College

Spelman College requests developmental approval of the following secondary and P-12 educator preparation programs:

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| ▪ Art Education (P-12) | ▪ Mathematics Education (6-12) |
| ▪ Chemistry Education (6-12) | ▪ Music Education (P-12) |
| ▪ Economics Education (6-12) | ▪ Physics Education (6-12) |
| ▪ English Education (6-12) | ▪ Political Science Education (6-12) |
| ▪ French Education (P-12) | ▪ Spanish Education (P-12) |
| ▪ History Education (P-12) | |

A Georgia Professional Standards Commission Board of Examiners (BOE) team conducted an on-site Developmental Review October 22 – 26, 2005. The Summary of BOE Findings for the programs follows on page 3. Spelman College submitted a Rejoinder, agreeing with the findings of the BOE Team.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Change Standard 2 from Met to Not Met for all programs
2. Developmental Provisional Approval, Option 1: A Progress Report addressing the Not Met standard and areas for improvement is due October 1, 2006

Piedmont College

Piedmont College (ACC) requests Continuing Approval of its professional education unit and educator preparation programs, and Developmental Approval of the Advanced Middle Grades Education program. A Georgia Professional Standards Commission Board of Examiners (BOE) team conducted an on-site review for the professional education unit and educator preparation programs listed below, October 1 - 5, 2005.

Continuing Programs Reviewed:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art Education (P-12; I & A)• Early Childhood Education (P-5; I & A)• English Education (6-12; I & A)• Mathematics Education (6-12; I & A)• Middle Grades Education (4-8; I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music Education (P-12; I & A)• Science Education – Brd. Fld. (6-12; I & A)• Social Science Ed. – Brd. Fld. (6-12; I & A)• Special Education – EBD (P-12; I & A)• Special Education – MR (P-12; I)
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Developmental Program Reviewed:

- Middle Grades Education (4-8; A)

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Remove the Continued Area for Improvement on Standard 1 for the Early Childhood Education program.
2. Continuing Approval

Georgia College & State University

Georgia College & State University underwent a joint Georgia Professional Standards Commission and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Board of Examiners Continuing Review October 30 - November 3, 2004. A summary of BOE findings follows on page 3.

Continuing Programs Reviewed:

- P-5 Early Childhood Education (Initial and Advanced)
- Educational Leadership (Initial and Advanced)
- P-12 Health and Physical Education (Initial and Advanced)
- Media Specialist (Initial)
- Middle Grades Education (Initial and Advanced)
- P-12 Music (Initial)
- Reading Endorsement (Initial)
- 6-12 Secondary Education (Initial and Advanced)
- Special Education: Interrelated (Initial)

At its March 2005 meeting, the NCATE Unit Accreditation Board (UAB) continued accreditation for the John H. Lounsbury School of Education at the initial and advanced levels. At its June 2005 meeting, the Commission granted Continuing Approval for all programs except the initial and advanced Educational Leadership programs; the initial and advanced Educational Leadership programs were granted Continuing Approval with Conditions. The Commission required the submission of a progress report addressing all not met standards and areas for improvement by December 15, 2005.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Progress is Satisfactory

Multiple RESAs & LEAs

Conversion of Endorsement Programs to Georgia 2000 Standards

Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs) and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) offering PSC Endorsement programs approved under the old program approval Standards submitted proposals for converting the programs to the Georgia 2000. Nineteen agencies request Continuing Approval of their Endorsement programs.

Educator Preparation Division Staff provided two workshops and an application packet to assist the RESAs and LEAs in the conversion process. Per the agreement with the Professional Standards Commission, they submitted applications for paper review, with no on-site reviews required. The agencies were invited to submit their applications for initial review by PSC staff prior to the submission deadline of December 1, 2005. PSC staff reviewed the final applications to determine their readiness for review by Board of Examiners teams. Those applications deemed not ready for BOE review were returned with suggestions for additional documentation or clarification, and an invitation to submit the applications for approval at a later date. On January 25, 2006, BOE teams examined the applications ready for review.

ERP Recommendations:**Standing Comm.
Recommendations****Continuing Approval**

1. Atlanta Public Schools – Gifted	√
2. Clayton County Schools – TSS	√
3. CSRA RESA – TSS	√
4. DeKalb County Schools – Gifted	√
5. First District RESA – Gifted	√
6. First District RESA – TSS	√
7. Fulton County Schools – Gifted	√
8. Griffin RESA – TSS	√
9. Gwinnett County Schools – Gifted	√
10. Heart of Georgia RESA – TSS	√
11. Muscogee County Schools – TSS	√
12. Northeast Georgia RESA – TSS	√
13. Northwest Georgia RESA – ESOL	√
14. Northwest Georgia RESA – TSS	√
15. Pioneer RESA – TSS	√

ERP Recommendations:**Standing Comm.
Recommendations:****Continuing Approval; Progress Report due 10/1/06**

1. Bibb County Schools -- Gifted	√
2. Bibb County Schools – TSS	√
3. Chattahoochee-Flint RESA – Reading	√
4. Chattahoochee-Flint RESA – Gifted	√
5. Chattahoochee-Flint RESA – TSS	√
6. Clayton County Schools – Gifted	√
7. Clayton County Schools – Reading	√
8. DeKalb County Schools – ESOL	√
9. DeKalb County Schools – TSS	√
10. First District RESA – ESOL	√
11. Fulton County Schools – TSS	√

12.	Fulton County Schools – ESOL	√
13.	Griffin RESA – Gifted	√
14.	Gwinnett County Schools – ESOL	√
15.	Heart of Georgia RESA – Gifted	√
16.	McDuffie County Schools – TSS	√
17.	Middle Georgia RESA – TSS	√
18.	Northeast Georgia RESA – ESOL	√
19.	Northwest Georgia RESA – Gifted	√
20.	Northwest Georgia RESA – Reading	√
21.	Okefenokee RESA – Gifted	√

Continuing Approval with Conditions

Option 1: Progress Report due 10/01/06

1.	Cobb County Schools – Gifted	√
2.	CSRA RESA – ESOL	√
3.	CSRA RESA – Reading	√

Clark Atlanta University

Clark Atlanta University underwent a PSC/NCATE Continuing on-site approval review of the professional education unit and educator preparation programs April 17-21, 2004. At its December 2004 meeting, the PSC granted Continuing Approval for the initial and advanced Educational Leadership programs and the Commission granted Continuing Approval with Probation for the following programs:

- Broad Field Science (Initial & Advanced)
- Broad Field Social Science (I & A)
- Early Childhood (I & A)
- English Education (I & A)
- French Education (I & A)
- Health & Physical Education (I)
- Mathematics Education (I & A)
- Media Specialist (A)
- Middle Grades (I & A)
- Music Education (I)
- School Counselor (A)
- School Social Work (A)
- Spanish Education (I)
- Special Education:
 - Behavior Disorders (I)
 - Intellectual Disabilities (I)
 - Interrelated (A)
 - Learning Disabilities (I)

Standard 5 was not met for all the educator preparation programs listed above and all Standards except Standard 6 were not met for the advanced program in Middle Grades Education. Standards 3, 5, and 7 were not met for the post-baccalaureate Early Childhood Education program. A summary of BOE findings follows on page 2.

The Commission required a PSC Focused Visit on all Not Met Standards in November 2005 and a progress report due April 1, 2005 addressing the Not Met Standards and Areas for Improvement cited in the BOE Report. The report was submitted March 31, 2005 and at the June 9, 2005 meeting, the Commission decided that the progress report demonstrated that progress is being made. The Focused Visit scheduled for November 2005 was postponed pending receipt and review of a second progress report, due September 15, 2005.

The September 15, 2005 Progress Report was received and reviewed by the Evaluation Review Panel and the Standing Committee for Educator Preparation. At its December 8, 2005 meeting, the Commission decided that the September 2005 progress report demonstrated that progress is being made. The Commission replaced the formerly scheduled Focused Visit with a Developmental Review of the retained educator preparation programs in the spring semester of 2007. The Commission requested a report listing the retained educator preparation programs by February 1, 2006. The February 1, 2006 Report and the additional documents listed below are presented for information purposes only.

Documents Available for Review	Booklet	CD	Website
February 1, 2006 Report	X	X	X
Summary of the BOE Reports		X	X
PSC Decision Letter 12/9/04	X	X	X
NCATE Decision Letter 11/5/04	X	X	X
PSC Decision Letter 6/15/05	X	X	X
PSC Decision Letter 12/8/05	X	X	X

Fort Valley State University

Fort Valley State University (FVSU) underwent an on-site PSC/NCATE Continuing Review of the professional education unit and educator preparation programs in October of 2003. At its March 11, 2004 meeting, the Professional Standards Commission granted Continuing Approval for the Agriculture Education (Initial) program and Continuing Approval with Probation for the following programs:

- Early Childhood Education (Initial and Advanced)
- Family and Consumer Sciences Education (Initial)
- French Education (Initial)
- Health and Physical Education (Initial)
- Mathematics Education (Initial)
- Middle Grades Education (Initial and Advanced)
- School Counseling (Advanced)

At its March 2004 meeting, the NCATE Unit Accreditation Board Continued Accreditation with Probation for the professional education unit. A Developmental Review of the professional education unit, the Middle Grades Education program (I & A), and the Agriculture Education program (I) is scheduled for April 22 – 26, 2006. An External Team is functioning as a consulting group to assist the institution as they reconfigure the professional education unit and prepare for the Developmental Review. In addition, FVSU recently named Dr. Judy Carter as Dean of the School of Education.

Darton College

Darton College requests Developmental Approval for its Instructional Technology Course, EDUC 2215 Teachers Discovering Computers. PSC staff reviewed the application for completeness and readiness for external review. Darton College submitted additional documentation addressing deficiencies identified by PSC Staff. Members of the Instructional Technology Application Review Committee reviewed the revised application and recommend that all the Instructional Technology Standards are met.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Developmental Approval

MOTION: (Muns / Miller) To accept the Educator Preparation Standing Committee recommendations and the report as presented.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Dr. Craig Smith – Georgia College and State University, Mary Gomez – Spelman College

VI. REVIEW HEARINGS

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| 1. Steven Heida | - Educator (Case # 04-11-683) |
| Wayne Magnum | - Hearing Officer |
| Penny Hannah | - PSC Attorney |
| Borquye Thomas | - Attorney |

MOTION: (Robinson / Ebron) To go into Executive Session and allow PSC staff and attorney (Gary Walker, Lisa Hartzler and Penny Hannah) to remain.

ACTION: Approved

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

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Denty / Dartt) 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 Steven Heida be Suspended for a period of one week to become effective April 28, 2006 and shall conclude on May 4, 2006.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention : Mary Outlaw

VII. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

The Executive Secretary presented the following:

A. The National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) will hold its 78th Annual Conference at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 4-7th, 2006. All commissioners all welcome to attend.

B. All commissioners need to hand in their expense reports as we are closing the fiscal year.

C. Rick Eiserman reviewed the “Upcoming Certification Initiatives”. There will be six new rules for Foreign Language to initiate and revised rule 505-2-.10. There will be a revised rule 505-2-.11 for Paraprofessionals. There will be a revised rule 505-2-.24 for 2 Unsatisfactory Annual Performance Appraisals.

D. Dr. Toth handed out the new Board Schedule through June 2007. The December 14th, 2006 will be held at Callaway Gardens and the April 12, 2007 will be held in Savannah. All other meetings will be held in Atlanta.

E. Dr. Toth was invited to be a guest at the Glynn County Board of Education monthly Administrators meeting on

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Wednesday, April 12, 2006 and he spoke briefly about it.

F. Rick Eiserman introduced Chapter 505-2 Certification and Chapter 505-3 Educator Preparation rules.

MOTION: (Miller / Denty) To adopt Chapter 505-2 Certification and Chapter 505-3 Educator Preparation rules.

ACTION: Approved

G. The Educator Preparation Committee recommended the following resolution to the Professional Standards Commission:

The Professional Standards Commissions would like to express its strong concern to the State Department of Education and the State Board of Education regarding the current policy of permitting educators pay raises to commensurate with highest degree level irrespective of the field and discipline in which the degree is granted. The commission feels that this has led to widespread inappropriate credentialism and the current state of affairs with educators seeking degrees outside of their teaching discipline that have little or no impact on student achievement or school improvement in the Georgia public school systems. The commission urges the State Department of Education and the State Board of Education to review this policy in light of the proliferation of online and out-of-state degree programs currently being recognized for pay purposes in the state.

MOTION: (Muns / Greenway) To direct Dr. Toth to draft a resolution to incorporate the language presented by the Educator Preparation committee and include the appropriate data that coincides with this issue. The resolution shall be prepared and submitted to the State Department of Education and the State Board of Education

ACTION: Approved

VIII. CHAIR REPORT

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting in Jekyll Island.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Terri Deloach called for the meeting to be adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

PSC ACTION: Approved