

# MINUTES

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION**  
**2 Peachtree Street**  
**29<sup>th</sup> Floor, DHR Boardroom**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**  
**August 11, 2005**

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, August 11, 2005, at 9 a.m.

## **Members Present**

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

## **Members Absent**

Dr. Holly Robinson                      Gary Bechtel

## **I.     CALL TO ORDER**

Terri 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**

Terri DeLoach recognized the visitors.

- Margaret Elliott, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Gayle Wooten, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- John Hooper, GA School Superintendents Association
- Robert B. Lee, Fort Valley State University
- Emily Dycus, Governors' Intern
- Katie Potter, Governors' Intern
- Michelle Pollok, Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)
- Lori Ward-Rodgers, Twiggs County Public Schools

## **III.   ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Terri DeLoach called for approval of the agenda.

**MOTION:** (Muns / Hart) To approve agenda.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

## **IV.    APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Terri DeLoach called for approval of the minutes from the July 12, 2005, Commission meeting.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

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

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

1. Ms. Miller reported that the Committee reviewed 51 *Probable Cause* cases during its August 10, 2005, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	Case Number	Standards Violated	Recommendation
1	05-02-1315	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
2	05-04-1531	Abuse of Students Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Revocation
3	05-05-1603	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation
4	05-05-1689	Abuse of Students Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Revocation
5	05-05-1707	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year
6	05-06-1742	Alcohol or Drugs Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Suspension for Two Years
7	05-05-1682	Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension for Six Months
8	05-01-998	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Revocation
9	05-02-1125	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Revocation
10	05-02-1245	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial
11	05-03-1363	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial
12	05-03-1459	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial
13	05-04-1545	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation

#	Case Number	Standards Violated	Recommendation
14	05-05-1619	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct <i>Failure to Make a Required Report</i>	Suspension for Two Years
15	05-05-1626	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
16	05-05-1630	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial
17	05-05-1663	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Revocation
18	05-05-1687	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Reprimand
19	05-06-1781	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Warning
20	05-06-1748	Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
21	05-05-1705	Improper Remunerative Conduct Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
22	05-02-1282	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Revocation
23	05-03-1409	Misrepresentation or Falsification Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Revocation
24	05-03-1413	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
25	05-03-1416	Misrepresentation or Falsification Criminal Acts Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Warning
26	05-05-1597	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Reprimand
27	05-05-1624	Misrepresentation or Falsification Criminal Acts Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Warning
28	05-05-1650	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
29	05-05-1652	Misrepresentation or Falsification Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Extend Probable Cause Determination Two Meetings (Until Oct. 13, 2005)
30	05-05-1677	Misrepresentation or Falsification Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension for Six Months
31	05-05-1683	Misrepresentation or Falsification	No Probable Cause

#	Case Number	Standards Violated	Recommendation
		Criminal Acts Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	
32	05-05-1708	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year
33	05-05-1714	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Revocation
34	05-06-1749	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct Criminal Acts	Warning
35	05-06-1752	Misrepresentation or Falsification Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Revocation
36	05-03-1479	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
37	05-04-1544	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
38	05-05-1653	Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Week
39	05-05-1655	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
40	05-05-1669	Professional Conduct Criminal Acts	Revocation
41	05-05-1670	Professional Conduct Public Funds and Property	Reprimand
42	05-05-1671	Professional Conduct Public Funds and Property	Reprimand
43	05-05-1675	Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Month
44	05-05-1688	Professional Conduct <i>Criminal Acts</i> <i>Abuse of Students</i>	Reprimand
45	05-05-1699	Professional Conduct	Reprimand
46	05-06-1747	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
47	05-06-1750	Professional Conduct Abandonment of Contract	Reprimand
48	05-06-1741	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year
49	05-07-73	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Warning
50	05-06-1764	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Warning
51	05-06-1904	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Warning

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstention: Amy Denty-Case 05-06-1750, Dr. Wanda West - 05-05-1669

2. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 1 *Initial Decisions* and brought the

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following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

Case Number	Standards Violation	ALJ Sanction	EERC Recomm.
04-2-1125	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension for Three Months	Accept

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

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

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTIONS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	05-02-1129	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Accept
2	05-02-1218	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
3	05-02-1219	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Accept
4	05-02-1256	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
5	05-02-1258	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
6	05-02-1268	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Accept
7	05-03-1356	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
8	05-03-1443	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct Criminal Acts	Accept
9	05-03-1505	Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Accept
10	05-04-1542	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
11	05-04-1552	Professional Conduct	Accept

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTIONS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
12	05-05-1590	Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Accept
13	05-05-1594	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Accept
14	05-05-1596	Professional Conduct	Accept
15	05-05-1602	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Accept
16	05-05-1627	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Accept

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

4. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 8 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee excluding case #03-07-154:

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
1	04-6-1730	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Accept
2	04-09-403	Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year	Accept
3	04-03-1373	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause	Accept
4	04-7-77	Professional Conduct	Suspension for Six Months	Accept
5	03-07-154	Abuse of Students Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Reprimand	Reject
6	04-08-236	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause	Accept
7	04-08-237	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause	Accept
8	04-08-238	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause	Accept

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

**Case # 03-07-154**

**MOTION:** (Denty / Hart) To accept the EERC recommendation of a Reprimand and to request that the Office of Student Achievement monitor the educator for a period of 3 years.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Opposed: Stephen Dartt

**MOTION:** (Denty / Hart) To adopt case #03-07-154 as an amended motion.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Opposed: Stephen Dartt

5. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 1 *Voluntary Surrender/Voluntary Denial* and brought the following recommendation on behalf of the Committee:

CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
05-05-1658	Revocation	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Accept

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 62 new complaints received during the months of July 2005 and August 2005:

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstention: Lee Muns – Case 59, 60 and 62

#### **7. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations consisting of the following: 05-7-51, 05-7-52, 05-7-53, 05-7-54, 05-7-55, 05-7-56, 05-7-97, 05-7-98, 05-7-99, 05-7-100, 05-7-101, 05-7-102

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

#### **8. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting and *Investigative Extension* to the following 112 cases:

Case Number	Case Number	Case Number	Case Number	Case Number	Case Number	Case Number	Case Number
05-04-1569	05-05-1607	05-05-1706	05-05-1622	05-06-1723	05-06-1806	05-06-1867	05-06-1944
05-05-1592	05-05-1665	05-05-1711	05-05-1623	05-06-1729	05-06-1807	05-06-1872	05-06-1946
05-05-1681	05-05-1684	05-03-1474	05-05-1632	05-06-1730	05-06-1833	05-06-1890	05-07-5
05-05-1700	05-05-1702	05-04-1550	05-05-1633	05-06-1731	05-06-1836	05-06-1897	05-07-8
05-06-1739	05-05-1712	05-05-1593	05-05-1637	05-06-1733	05-06-1837	05-06-1906	05-07-9
05-03-1439	05-06-1738	05-05-1661	05-05-1638	05-06-1736	05-06-1838	05-06-1909	05-07-34
05-03-1456	05-03-1455	05-05-1672	05-05-1642	05-06-1754	05-06-1840	05-06-1912	05-07-37
05-03-1482	05-03-1473	05-05-1704	05-05-1645	05-06-1755	05-06-1842	05-06-1930	05-07-38
05-04-1551	05-04-1553	05-05-1709	05-05-1690	05-06-1760	05-06-1843	05-06-1933	05-07-39
05-04-1555	05-05-1595	05-05-1604	05-05-1691	05-06-1761	05-06-1846	05-06-1935	05-07-41
05-05-1654	05-05-1657	05-02-1314	05-05-1693	05-06-1765	05-06-1852	05-06-1937	05-07-42
05-05-1674	05-05-1673	05-03-1458	05-06-1718	05-06-1783	05-06-1853	05-06-1938	05-07-45
05-06-1740	05-05-1685	05-05-1614	05-06-1720	05-06-1788	05-06-1860	05-06-1940	05-07-46
05-05-1606	05-05-1686	05-05-1616	05-06-1721	05-06-1797	05-06-1866	05-06-1943	05-07-47

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#### **9. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 53 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

#### **10. REVIEW HEARING EXTENSIONS**

The Commission reviewed the *Review Hearing Extensions Report* concerning 1 hearing case. An Administrative Law Judge rendered Initial Decisions on the 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.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

#### **11. STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSION / REINSTATEMENTS**

The Commission reviewed the report, which indicated that there were 11 certificates *suspended* from July 12, 2005 through August 11, 2005. There were 7 certificates that had been *reinstated* because restitution is now being made on those student loans. The Commission was also advised that there were 15 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.

#### **12. FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF LAW**

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 10 cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The report also advised that there was 1 case closed without an appeal for a review hearing before the Commission.

### **VI. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT**

The following was presented:

**A.** Dr. Toth spoke about the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) and their annual 9<sup>th</sup> Professional Practices Institute, which will take place in Scottsdale, Arizona on October 19-21, 2005. He stated that all commissioners were invited.

**B.** Dr. Fran Watkins presented a slide show on the Georgia TAPP Program and discussed its success and some of the statistics associated with the program. She will distribute the video to Georgia TAPP providers to use as a recruitment tool. The commissioners suggested that the PSC explore other ways to use the video for recruitment and publicity.

**C.** Dr. Watkins handed out a booklet with materials for the commission to consider on proposed changes to rules in chapter 505-3, Georgia Systemic Teacher Education Program, Georgia TAPP Program and Fort Valley State University.

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**MOTION:** (Muns / Thompson) To require passing scores on the appropriate state teacher content assessments as an enrollment requirement in a Georgia TAPP preparation program for: a) early childhood teacher candidates; b) special education teacher candidates who are assigned to teach core academic content in self-contained classes as the teacher of record; c) middle grades and secondary teacher candidates who do not have a major or its equivalent in the content he/she is assigned to teach.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

### **Fort Valley State University**

**MOTION:** (Denty / Miller) To approve a timeline for developmental approval activities beginning August 15, 2005 and ending August 15, 2006, allowing Fort Valley State university and the Commission to plan, prepare and review a newly configured professional education unit and preparation program(s). The timeline and related activities are for a developmental review of a newly formed professional education unit and program approval.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

**D.** Dr. Gary Walker gave the commissioners the Educator Ethics Division Report FY2005.

**E.** The commissioners were given a memorandum that was mailed to the Georgia Superintendents, College Deans and other designated personnel on Special Education Rule changes and the Highly Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE) Georgia Core Academic Content Area Rubric.

**F.** Dr. Toth announced that the first Master Teacher Committee meeting was being held on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005, and that Governor Sonny Perdue would be speaking to the committee.

**G.** Dr. Toth updated the commissioners on the National Evaluation Systems progress. They are in the process of soliciting applications for persons who would like to serve on the committees. The deadline for these applications is Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The committees will meet during the last week of September and the first week of October.

## **VII. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

Chair Deloach announced that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2005 at Two Peachtree Street on the 29<sup>th</sup> floor in Atlanta. The October meeting will be held at Berry College.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Terri Deloach called for the meeting to be adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved