

# MINUTES

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Remote Meeting via TEAMS Platform and In-Person at  
200 Piedmont Avenue, SE, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 1712, West Tower, Atlanta, GA  
December 9, 2021

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, December 9, 2021.

### Members Present

Jimmy Atkins	Jordan Frobos	Jane Rookard
Dr. Steve Barker	Kedriane Harris	Dr. Brandon Seigler
Abigail Coggin	Nathan Lewis	Brian Sirmans
Daniel Dooley	Dr. Franklin Perry	Beth Townsend
Derek Easterling	Dr. Holley Roberts	Carol Williams

### Members Absent

Jeanine Bunn	Dr. Karla Hull
Dr. Jennifer Wade	

### I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Chair Sirmans called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners answered roll call for attendance.

### II. VISITORS

Chair Sirmans welcomed the visitors.

### III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the agenda.

**MOTION:** (Beth Townsend / Dr. Brandon Seigler) To approve the agenda.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the November 4, 2021 minutes.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

### V. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Matt Arthur spoke briefly on the following:

- Matt Arthur presented Dr. Paul Shaw, Director of Educator Ethics, with his 10 Year Service award. He announced that this would be Paul's last Commission meeting as he was retiring on December 31, 2021. He remarked on all of the accomplishments and changes that happened under Paul's leadership. He worked with school district employees to produce videos on the COE standards and on establishing ethical school

cultures, hosted Ethics symposiums on many topics including conduct and prevention, and the appropriate use of social media. He led the development of a state guide on reporting vaping activities and Breach of Contract guidelines. As of late, he has led the task force which led to the development of Paraprofessional Ethics Modules developed by RESAs to help paras avoid ethical missteps. He also

- We are very proud of Georgia TAPP and the work that they do. I am happy to announce that GaTAPP Ambassador, Lee Allen, is the Gwinnett County 2022 Teacher of the Year. He completed the GaTAPP Program at Northwest Georgia RESA. Heather Hanchey, also a GaTAPP Ambassador, is a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Berrien Elementary Teacher. She is the Berrien County District Teacher of the Year. Her school is located in Nashville, Georgia.

## **VI. CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Sirmans also thanked Dr. Paul Shaw for his service. He thanked Paul for personally coming to his school to give him his orientation into the Commission and for making all Commissioners transition easily into their role.

## **VII. RULES PREVIEW AND ADOPTION**

Anne Marie Fenton announced that there were rules for preview and adoption.

### Rules for Preview

505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS - It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS, dated July 1, 2020, be AMENDED to revise formatting in one section for clarity and update certification eligibility prior to meeting the exceptional child course requirement.

505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS - It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS, dated January 1, 2020, be AMENDED to revise formatting.

505-2-.37 CERTIFICATE EXTENSION FOR ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY - It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.35 CERTIFICATE EXTENSION FOR ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY, dated July 1, 2014, be REPEALED as the information contained in this rule was previously added to the Military Support Certificate rule.

505-2-.177 SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5 ENDORSEMENT - It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.177 SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5 ENDORSEMENT, July 1, 2019, be AMENDED to update the certificate fields eligible to add the endorsement and remove references to previously issued certificates.

505-2-.187 DRAMATIC WRITING MICRO-ENDORSEMENT - It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.187 DRAMATIC WRITING MICRO-ENDORSEMENT, dated October 15, 2018, be RESCINDED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to update formatting for consistency and add completion of Georgia Department of Education Dramatic Writing training as an option for adding the endorsement.

505-6-.01 THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS - It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-6-.01 THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS, dated October 15, 2019, be AMENDED to make definitions consistent, make grammatical corrections, and clarify some standards.

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#### 505-6-.02 REINSTATEMENT OR RENEWAL OF A SUSPENDED OR REVOKED CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-6-.02 REINSTATEMENT OR RENEWAL OF A SUSPENDED OR REVOKED CERTIFICATE, dated October 15, 2014, be REPEALED and a rule name change with a new name of PROCEDURES FOR INVALIDATED OR DENIED CERTIFICATION and same number be INITIATED to reflect the name change and to specify who is eligible to file a petition.

Dr. Penney McRoy previewed Educator Preparation rule, GaPSC Rule 505-3-.29, Science Education Program. Dr. McRoy provided Commissioners with a summary of amendments proposed. This proposed rule will come before the Commission for their initiation consideration at the January 13, 2022, meeting, and if initiated, will come back to them for their adoption consideration at the March meeting, and if adopted will become effective April 15, 2022.

Anne Marie asked the Commissioners to adopt the rules that were initiated at the October 14th Commission meeting. During the 30 day public comment period, one comment was received regarding 505-2-.90 Career and Technical Specializations, which has been addressed with the individual. If adopted today, the rules will become effective January 1, 2022.

#### Rules for Adoption

505-2-.90 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS - It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.90 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS, dated July 1, 2021, be AMENDED to add a specialization in Health Information Technology. 505-2-.173 READING ENDORSEMENT- It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.173 READING ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to update formatting, revise the certificate types issued, and clarify the grade level at which Reading may be taught by a Reading Endorsement holder. 505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS - It is proposed that Rule 505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS, dated January 1, 2021, be AMENDED to include the following clarifications and substantive changes:

1. To address SB88, requirements for the preparation of teachers of reading are revised to include the development of fundamental reading skills, including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension.
2. Program admission requirements are updated for consistency with revised approval standards effective academic year 2022-23. Included are more flexibility options for EPPs with regard to GPA and the Program Admission Assessment.
3. Requirements are revised for embedded endorsement programs.
4. Changes and clarifications are made to the types of organizations eligible to seek GaPSC approval.
5. Clinical experience setting requirements are clarified.
6. Approval review procedures are updated for EPPs seeking or maintaining CAEP accreditation.
7. Other, non-substantive amendments further explain definitions and adjust punctuation and formatting.

505-6-.01 THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS - It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-6-.01 THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS, dated April 15, 2021, be AMENDED to add to definitions and expound on standards.

**MOTION:** (Beth Townsend / Jordan Frobos) To (1) amend the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2022, as follows: 505-2-.90, and 505-2-.173; (2) amend the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2022, as follows: 505-3-.01; and (3) amend the current rules in Chapter 505-6- Professional Practices, effective January 1, 2022, as follows: 505-6-.01.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

**VIII. REVISED APPROVAL STANDARDS FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE FIELD PROGRAMS**

Dr. Penney McRoy asked the Commissioners if they had any questions regarding the Revised Approval Standards for Leadership and Service Field Programs. Hearing none, Chair Sirmans ask for a motion and second.

**MOTION:** (Jane Rookard / Dr. Holley Roberts) To adopt the Revised Approval Standards for Leadership and Service Field Programs as presented at the November 4, 2021 Commission meeting.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

**IX. A Certification Story**

Dr. Kelli Young, Director of Certification, and Windy Fortenberry, Assistant Director of Certification, presented a PowerPoint presentation titled “A Certification Story” which gave a summary of their accomplishments and the trials and tribulations that certification faced during a year with Covid.

**X. Georgia’s Educator Pipeline: 2021-22 Program Enrollment at a Glance**

Dr. Penney McRoy and Joy Fethe presented a PowerPoint presentation titled “Georgia’s Educator Pipeline: 2021-22 Program Enrollment at a Glance” which addressed the following:

- Pathways into the Profession
- Teachers, Leaders & School Service Personnel
- Enrollment Trends

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

1. Chair Townsend reported that the Committee reviewed 71 ***Probable Cause*** cases during the December 8, 2021, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the committee:

<b><u>CASE</u></b>	<b><u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u></b>	<b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b>	<b><u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u></b>
20-10-403	1,5a7	Reprimand	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
20-11-509	1,4	Reprimand	Accept
21-5-1146	9	No Jurisdiction	Accept
21-7-5	1,4	Reprimand	Accept
21-8-155	1,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
21-8-205	1,4,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
21-8-221	1, 5a7	Deny	Accept
21-9-255	1	Reprimand	Accept
21-9-268	1	Reprimand	Accept
21-9-312	5a5	NPC	Accept
21-9-344	1,4	Reprimand	Accept
21-10-378	5a7	NPC	Accept
21-10-385	1,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
21-10-413	1, 5a7	NPC	Accept
21-10-462	1	Reprimand	Accept
19-9-390	1,5a7,8,9	Revoke	Accept
19-9-400	1,5a7	Revoke	Accept
20-1-1047	1,4,5a7,8,9, 9(2001-2010), 10 (2001-2010)	NPC	Accept
20-1-1089	1,4,5a7,8,9 (2015),9	Revoke	Accept
20-10-335	1,5a7,8,9 (2015), 9 (2018)	NPC	Accept
20-12-552	4, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
21-1-616	1,4,5a7,8, 9 (2002-2017), 10 (2002-2017)	Reprimand	Accept
21-3-818	2, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
21-3-852	4, 9, 5a7	Suspension 10 days	Accept
21-6-1224	1, 2, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
21-6-1262	9	Suspension 20 days	Accept
21-7-87	1,4,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
21-8-115	1,4,5a7,9 (2002),10 (2002)	Reprimand	Accept
21-8-203	1, 2, 9, 5a7	NPC	Accept
21-8-207	9	NPC	Accept
21-8-209	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
21-8-217	1,2,9,5a7	NPC	Accept
21-8-218	1, 9, 5a7	Suspension 1 year	Accept
21-8-219	9, 5a7	Suspension 90 days	Accept
21-8-223	9,5a7	Suspension 90 days	Accept
21-8-224	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
21-8-232	1,4,5a7,8,10 (2013)	Revoke	Accept
21-8-243	1, 5, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
21-9-249	9, 5a7	Suspension 90 days	Accept
21-9-257	9, 5a7	Suspension 90 days	Accept
21-9-258	3, 9	NPC	Accept
21-9-259	1,9,5a7	NPC	Accept
21-9-262	3, 4, 9, 5a7	Suspension 1 year	Accept
21-9-270	1, 2, 9, 5a7	Suspension 90 days	Accept
21-9-271	9	NPC	Accept
21-9-272	9,5a7	NPC	Accept
21-9-276	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
21-9-277	1,9,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
21-9-281	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
21-9-282	5a2, 5a5	Reprimand	Accept
21-9-285	3, 4, 9, 5a7	Suspension 1 year	Accept
21-9-316	2, 9, 5a7	NPC	Accept
21-9-317	1,4,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
21-9-327	2,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
21-9-335	2, 9, 5a7	NPC	Accept
21-9-350	1, 4, 8, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
21-9-355	1, 9, 5a7	Reprimand	Accept
21-9-360	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
21-9-364	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
21-10-376	7, 9	NPC	Accept
21-10-386	1,4,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
21-10-387	2, 9, 5a7	Suspension 30 days	Accept
21-10-393	1,4,5a7,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
21-10-394	2, 4, 9, 5a7	Suspension 5 days	Accept
21-10-397	4,7,9,10,5a7	Suspension 90 days	Accept
21-10-403	1, 2, 5, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
21-10-409	2, 9	Suspension 2 years	Accept
21-10-423	2, 9	Reprimand	Accept
21-10-431	4, 5, 9, 5a7	Suspension 8 days	Accept
21-10-434	9	NPC	Accept
21-10-435	2, 9, 5a7	Reprimand	Accept

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

<u>CASE</u>	<u>PREVIOUS SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
21-10-377	Voluntary Surrender	<b>Deny</b>

3. Chair Townsend reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 14 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
21-2-688	Reprimand	Accept
21-5-1128	Reprimand	Accept
21-6-1343	Reprimand	Accept
21-7-64	Reprimand	Accept
21-7-77	Suspension 10 days	Accept
21-7-95	Reprimand	Accept
21-8-105	Reprimand	Accept
21-8-131	Reprimand	Accept
21-8-183	Reprimand	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
21-8-228	Reprimand	Accept
21-9-311	Reprimand	Accept
21-9-325	Reprimand	Accept
21-9-345	Reprimand	Accept
21-10-441	Reprimand	Accept

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

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
18-7-11	Suspension 90 days	Accept
19-3-1138, 19-11-796	Suspension 10 days	Accept
19-5-1700	Warning	Accept
19-10-622	Withdrawal	Reject
19-12-880	Suspension 60 days	Accept
20-1-929	Suspension 45 days	Accept
20-3-1409	Suspension 30 days	Accept
20-5-1516	Warning	Accept
20-6-1652	Suspension 13 days	Accept
20-7-74	Reprimand	Accept
20-11-425	Suspension 3 days	Accept
20-11-468	Suspension 2 days	Accept
20-11-485	NPC	Reject
21-1-622	Reprimand	Accept
21-2-716	Reprimand	Accept
21-3-835	Reprimand	Accept
21-3-914	Reprimand	Accept
21-5-1062	NPC	Accept
21-8-119	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>
21-12-623	PID. No Jurisdiction	No Jurisdiction
20-5-1604	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
21-7-59	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
21-7-74	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
21-7-78	No service.	Hold New App
21-8-107	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
21-8-108	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
21-8-112	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
21-8-137	Failure to respond.	Hold New App

<u>CASE</u>	<u>FINDINGS OF FACTS</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
21-8-144	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
21-8-145	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
21-8-176	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
21-8-177	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
21-8-179	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
21-8-199	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
21-8-230	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
21-8-242	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
21-8-245	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
21-8-246	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
21-9-254	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
21-9-275	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
21-3-827	Expand current investigation	Expand
PID 21-12-641	Educator self-reports 2019 contract abandonment.	NPC

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 94 new complaints received during the months of November and December 2021.

#### 7. VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of 1 *Voluntary Surrender* listed below in which an Educator/Applicant voluntarily accepted a sanction of Revocation or Denial prior to the submission of an investigative case summary for a Probable Cause Determination.

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
21-10-383	1, 2, 9, 5a7	Voluntary Surrender	Accept

#### 8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 51 *Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations* consisting of the following:

21-11-520	21-11-527	21-11-586	21-11-593	21-11-600	21-12-613	21-12-626	21-12-633
21-11-521	21-11-528	21-11-587	21-11-594	21-11-601	21-12-617	21-12-627	21-12-634
21-11-522	21-11-529	21-11-588	21-11-595	21-11-602	21-12-618	21-12-628	
21-11-523	21-11-530	21-11-589	21-11-596	21-11-609	21-12-619	21-12-629	
21-11-524	21-11-531	21-11-590	21-11-597	21-11-610	21-12-623	21-12-630	
21-11-525	21-11-584	21-11-591	21-11-598	21-11-611	21-12-624	21-12-631	
21-11-526	21-11-585	21-11-592	21-11-599	21-11-612	21-12-625	21-12-632	

#### 9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting an *Investigative Extension* to the following 355 cases:



<b>WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS</b>							
19-2-1106	20-3-1319	20-5-1597	20-8-193	21-2-663	21-4-1032	21-6-1341	21-9-279
19-6-1875	20-3-1321	20-5-1601	20-8-195	21-2-666	21-4-1034	21-7-12	21-9-288
19-7-94	20-3-1322	20-5-1602	20-8-196	21-2-670	21-5-1039	21-7-16	21-9-289
19-7-97	20-3-1325	20-6-1675	20-8-201	21-2-677	21-5-1041	21-7-27	21-9-290
19-7-100	20-3-1326	20-6-1692	20-9-259	21-2-679	21-5-1042	21-7-30	21-9-291
19-7-107	20-3-1330	20-6-1695	20-9-261	21-2-686	21-5-1046	21-7-46	21-9-292
19-7-128	20-3-1331	20-6-1698	20-10-323	21-2-687	21-5-1052	21-7-56	21-9-293
19-7-138	20-3-1335	20-6-1702	20-10-336	21-2-695	21-5-1053	21-7-63	21-9-295
19-7-142	20-3-1338	20-6-1705	20-10-337	21-2-698	21-5-1065	21-7-65	21-9-299
19-7-154	20-3-1379	20-6-1706	20-10-338	21-2-709	21-5-1087	21-7-71	21-9-300
19-8-242	20-3-1384	20-6-1707	20-10-339	21-2-744	21-5-1091	21-7-73	21-9-301
19-9-376	20-3-1386	20-6-1719	20-10-340	21-2-745	21-5-1101	21-7-82	21-9-304
19-9-464	20-3-1387	20-6-1722	20-10-341	21-2-748	21-5-1105	21-7-84	21-9-306
19-9-488	20-3-1411	20-7-41	20-10-343	21-2-751	21-5-1106	21-7-86	21-9-308
19-10-534	20-3-1413	20-7-44	20-10-346	21-2-756	21-5-1107	21-7-98	21-9-314
19-10-589	20-3-1417	20-7-45	20-10-352	21-2-771	21-5-1111	21-8-104	21-9-315
19-10-596	20-4-1449	20-7-46	20-10-353	21-3-785	21-5-1112	21-8-118	21-9-321
19-10-609	20-4-1450	20-7-48	20-10-357	21-3-786	21-5-1113	21-8-123	21-9-329
19-10-661	20-4-1453	20-7-54	20-10-360	21-3-794	21-5-1114	21-8-125	21-9-331
19-10-674	20-4-1454	20-7-57	20-10-364	21-3-795	21-5-1117	21-8-126	21-9-338
19-10-683	20-4-1455	20-7-59	20-10-396	21-3-808	21-5-1124	21-8-132	21-9-340
19-10-689	20-4-1464	20-7-62	20-10-397	21-3-815	21-5-1135	21-8-141	21-9-341
19-11-800	20-4-1465	20-7-66	20-10-402	21-3-822	21-5-1174	21-8-151	21-9-342
19-12-857	20-4-1467	20-7-67	20-10-404	21-3-827	21-5-1181	21-8-152	21-9-347
20-1-1057	20-4-1468	20-7-68	20-10-406	21-3-832	21-5-1185	21-8-153	21-9-348
20-1-1060	20-4-1469	20-7-69	20-11-418	21-3-836	21-5-1188	21-8-154	21-9-357
20-1-1062	20-5-1488	20-7-70	20-11-439	21-3-879	21-5-1190	21-8-158	21-9-365
20-1-1069	20-5-1534	20-7-75	20-11-440	21-3-883	21-6-1203	21-8-166	21-9-366
20-1-1080	20-5-1546	20-7-83	20-11-478	21-3-887	21-6-1216	21-8-178	21-9-367
20-1-1081	20-5-1551	20-7-94	20-11-479	21-3-892	21-6-1229	21-8-182	21-9-368
20-1-1086	20-5-1556	20-7-97	20-11-493	21-3-903	21-6-1235	21-8-186	21-9-369
20-1-1090	20-5-1557	20-7-98	20-11-498	21-3-904	21-6-1236	21-8-190	21-10-379
20-1-1091	20-5-1558	20-7-99	20-12-519	21-3-905	21-6-1241	21-8-193	21-10-380
20-1-1096	20-5-1562	20-7-100	20-12-524	21-3-920	21-6-1261	21-8-194	21-10-389
20-1-1103	20-5-1567	20-7-104	20-12-541	21-3-928	21-6-1280	21-8-195	21-10-390
20-1-1105	20-5-1571	20-8-117	20-12-547	21-3-929	21-6-1292	21-8-198	21-10-391
20-2-1178	20-5-1572	20-8-119	20-12-551	21-4-966	21-6-1295	21-8-211	21-10-392
20-2-1179	20-5-1575	20-8-150	20-12-553	21-4-969	21-6-1298	21-8-212	21-10-410
20-2-1250	20-5-1576	20-8-154	20-12-558	21-4-984	21-6-1299	21-8-213	21-10-415
20-2-1254	20-5-1578	20-8-177	21-1-605	21-4-986	21-6-1316	21-8-215	21-10-418
20-2-1261	20-5-1579	20-8-178	21-1-610	21-4-994	21-6-1317	21-8-216	
20-3-1313	20-5-1585	20-8-180	21-1-617	21-4-1012	21-6-1325	21-8-237	
20-3-1315	20-5-1587	20-8-183	21-1-619	21-4-1024	21-6-1326	21-8-238	
20-3-1316	20-5-1590	20-8-190	21-1-646	21-4-1027	21-6-1328	21-8-241	

<u>WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS</u>							
20-3-1318	20-5-1594	20-8-191	21-2-661	21-4-1031	21-6-1333	21-9-253	

#### 10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 17 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

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

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 14 cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge.

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

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to accept the ALJ's sanction on the following:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL SANCTION</u>	<u>ALJ SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
18-5-1446 20-2-1130	Revoke	Revoke	Accept
19-8-216	Suspension 2 years	Suspension 2 years	Accept
20-7-14	Suspension 90 days	Suspension 10 days	Accept
21-2-706	Suspension 20 days	NPC	Accept
21-3-933	Suspension 20 days	NPC	Accept

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the Educator Ethics Review committee report as presented by Chair, Beth Townsend.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstentions: Derek Easterling-PCEs-21-8-243, 21-10-397, PIDs-21-10-452, 453, 454, 21-11-528, 21-11-540, 21-11-581, 582, 583, Abigail Coggin-NCO-20-5-1516, PCE-21-8-203, PIDs-21-10-497, 21-11-580, Carol Williams-NCO-20-3-1409, PIDs 21-10-486, 21-10-487, Beth Townsend-PIDs-21-10-450, 21-10-467, Jordan Frobos-PIDs-21-10-484, 485, 21-11-569, Steve Barker-NCO-20-6-1652, PCE-21-10-431, PIDs-21-11-520, 521, 522, 21-11-568, Jane Rookard-All Cases, Nathan Lewis – All Cases

#### **B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee**

Committee Chair, Dr. Holley Roberts, presented the report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee.

1. Albany State University – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval for the Mathematics (6-12); [Master's degree] program reviewed during the Fall 2021 Developmental Approval Review.
2. Thomas University – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval for the following educator preparation programs reviewed during the Fall 2021 Developmental Approval Review.
  - Computer Science (P-12); [Baccalaureate degree]
  - Educational Leadership Tier I (P-12); [Certification-only; Master's degree]
  - Educational Leadership Tier II (P-12); [Specialist degree]
3. The University of North Georgia – The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the Educator Preparation Provider, and the following nineteen educator preparation programs reviewed during the

Spring 2021 Continuing Approval Review.

- Art (P-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
  - Autism Education [Endorsement]
  - Biology (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
  - Chemistry (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
  - Curriculum and Instruction (P-12) [Master's degree]
  - Education Leadership - Tier I (P-12) [Certification-only]
  - Educational Leadership - Tier II (P-12) [Certification-only; Educational Specialist degree]
  - English (6-12) Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only; Master's of Arts in Teaching degree]
  - ESOL Endorsement
  - Gifted In-Field [Endorsement]
  - Health and Physical Education (P-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only; Master's of Arts in Teaching degree]
  - History (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only; Master's of Arts in Teaching degree]
  - Interrelated Special Education/ECE (P-5) [Baccalaureate degree]
  - Mathematics (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only; Master's of Arts in Teaching degree]
  - Middle Grades (4-8) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only; Master's of Arts in Teaching degree]
  - Music (P-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
  - Physics (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
  - Post-Baccalaureate Initial Teacher Certification (P-12, 4-8, 6-12) [Certification-only]
  - Reading Endorsement
4. Coastal Plains RESA – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval for the Reading Endorsement.
  5. Emmanuel College – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval for the ESOL Endorsement and Gifted Endorsement.

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the Educator Preparation/Certification committee report as presented by Chair, Dr. Holley Roberts.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstentions: Nathan Lewis and Jane Rookard

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Our next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm. We will meet remotely and the information will be posted on our website under Commission Information. The Educator Ethics Review Committee and Educator Preparation/Certification Standing Committee meeting will meet on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm. Chair Sirmans called for the meeting to be adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved