

# MINUTES

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION Remote Meeting via TEAMS Platform July 9, 2020

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, July 9, 2020.

### **Members Present**

Dr. Steve Barker	Dr. Isiah Hill, Jr	Franklin Perry
Danielle Bruce	Scott Hollowell	Teri Schneider
Jeanine Bunn	Dr. Karla Hull	Brian Sirmans
Daniel Dooley	Catherine Jones	Beth Townsend
Derek Easterling	Diane McClearen	Dr. Jennifer Wade
Barbara Ellingson	Dr. Jacqueline McDowell	Katrina Young

### **I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Sirmans called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and Commissioners answered roll call for attendance. All Commissioners were present.

### **II. VISITORS**

Chair Sirmans welcomed the visitors.

### **III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the agenda.

**MOTION:** (Beth Townsend / Dr. Jackie McDowell) To approve the agenda.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the minutes from the June 11, 2020, Commission meeting.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

### **V. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Executive Secretary Matt Arthur thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked everyone for their continued work and support. He recognized Georgia's school districts and schools, program providers, and educational organizations regarding their response to the challenges presented by COVID-19. He mentioned the following topics:

#### **COVID-19**

Just like all of you, we have worked to address the emerging needs brought on by COVID-19 and provided as much flexibility as possible. As you may know:

- Certificates have been extended for a year for teaching, leadership, and service candidates who completed their programs this spring and summer, and for certain certificate types that expire this month.
- Additional testing dates have been added this summer, and we also introduced an at-home testing option for prospective educators who need to take the Program Admission Assessment. Almost 3000 prospective educators have signed up to take it since this format launched last month.
- Program providers can now conditionally accept candidates who have not yet met admission assessment requirements, and
- Virtual approval educator preparation program reviews were implemented, replacing scheduled on-site reviews.

#### Substantive Streamlining Actions

- Removed two certification assessment requirements, the edTPA and one of the two ethics assessments.
- Introduced a one year non-renewable induction certificate option for teachers who had not met all assessment requirements, instead of the employing district having to request a waiver.
- Reduced the three years of experience to pursue Teacher Leadership certification to one year, and removed the three year experience requirement for the fields of Instructional Technology and Curriculum and Assessment.
- Eased reciprocity of educators coming to GA by accepting five years of experience earned at any time in an educator's career to exempt certain certification requirements, including the content assessment and others.
- Decreased the amount of reporting required of program providers, and
- Reduced 66 teaching field rules to one main rule, and we
- Automated the certificate renewal process for employed educators that takes only 1.2 seconds.
- Added two new endorsements including Dyslexia and a new Reading Education Master's degree program, which results in a certificate-level upgrade. To help prepare certified teachers at any grade level to diagnose and address students' reading and literacy challenges.
- Launched the Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures (PPEM) public dashboard as a resource for employing districts, providers, and others.
- Expanded the Troops to Teachers program outreach aimed at supporting retiring service members and military spouses interested in a second career in teaching, and
- Issued a statewide ethics survey to HR directors to determine needs around appropriate use of social media.

#### Support

- Providing outstanding, quality customer service is important to me. To give you an idea of the volume we handle, since January 1<sup>st</sup>, our staff has:
- To further assist you, we have strengthened our outreach and technical assistance efforts, and have greatly ramped up our communication and social media presence with daily postings and helpful information. We do invite you to follow us on our social media outlets.

## **VI. CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Sirmans thanked Matt Arthur for his thorough report and the work that he has done on the Commission. He explained that during the meeting he would call each member's name for their vote regarding cases that are pulled and rules. This change is to make sure that the meeting is transparent and clear. He also explained that

the Executive Committee would meet to discuss Matt Arthur's evaluation and then he would draft a letter to Governor Kemp.

## **VII. RULES INITIATION**

Anne Marie Fenton presented the rules. She asked Commissioners to initiate the rule making process for the rules that were previewed during the June 11<sup>th</sup> work session. If adopted, these rules will be scheduled to become effective October 15, 2020. It was proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.192 DYSLEXIA ENDORSMENT be INITIATED as a new rule and new number to create a certificate type that will identify qualified educators that were prepared to recognize and support students with dyslexia. It was proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS, dated July 1, 2020, be amended to remove the content pedagogy assessment requirement and to remove outdated language from a definition. Also included are non-substantive changes in numbering and punctuation.

**MOTION:** (Beth Townsend / Dr. Isiah Hill, Jr.) To initiate the rule making process to: initiate the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective October 15, 2020, as follows: 505-2-.192; and amend the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2020, as follows: 505-3-.01.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

## **VIII. 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 57 *Probable Cause* cases during July 9, 2020, 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>
20-1-1052	1,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
20-3-1400	1, 5a7	Deny	Accept
20-5-1555	1	Reprimand	Accept
20-5-1565	1,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
20-5-1573	1,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
18-12-736	9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
19-1-828	1,4,5a7,8,9	Suspension 20 days	Accept
19-1-849	1,5a7	Revoke	Accept
19-1-868	1,9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
19-1-895	1,5a7, 9	Revoke	Accept
19-1-897	1,4,5a7,8,9	NPC	Accept
19-1-923	1,4,5a7,8,9	Suspension 20 days	Accept
19-1-941	1,4,5a2, 5a5,5a7,8,9	Revoke	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
19-3-1312	9, 5a7 (Current) & 8, 10 (2005 Code)	Revoke	Accept
19-3-1313	1,4,5a7,8,9	Suspension 20 days	Accept
19-4-1502	1,3,4,9,5a7	Revoke	Accept
19-8-260	9,10	Reprimand	Accept
19-8-287	4, 8, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
19-9-373	5a2, 5a5, 5a7	NPC	Accept
19-9-475	1,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
19-10-619	2,9,5a7	Suspension 10 days	Accept
19-11-721	2, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
19-11-741	2, 9, 5a7	Suspension 1 year	Accept
19-12-852	4,8,9, 5a2, 5a7	Suspension 20 days	Accept
20-1-905	8, 9, 5a7	Suspension 1 year	Accept
20-1-913	3, 9, 5a7	Suspension 1 year	Accept
20-1-921	2, 9, 5a7	Suspension 1 year	Accept
20-1-929	1,5a7,8,9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
20-1-988	9, 5a7	Suspension 90 days	Accept
20-1-1016	1, 4, 8, 9, 5a7	Suspension 2 years	Accept
20-2-1111	1, 4, 9, 5a7	Suspension 20 days	Accept
20-2-1127	2, 9, 5a7	Reprimand	Accept
20-2-1199	2, 9, 5a7	Suspension 20 days	Accept
20-2-1286	1, 4, 8, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
20-3-1301	4,9,5a7	Suspension 2 years	Accept
20-3-1302	2, 9, 5a7	Reprimand	Accept
20-3-1352	1, 2, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
20-3-1365	1, 5, 9, 5a7	Suspension 1 year	Accept
20-3-1392	1 & 9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
20-3-1422	1, 9, 5a7	Suspension 1 year	Accept
20-4-1426	4,9,5a7	Suspension 20 days	Accept
20-4-1427	2, 9, 5a7	Suspension 20 days	Accept
20-4-1428	1, 2, 8, 9, 5a7	NPC	Accept
20-4-1429	1, 2, 8, 9, 5a7	NPC	Accept
20-4-1433	5a2, 5a5, 5a7	Suspension 1 year	Accept
20-4-1438	2,9,5a7	Suspension 1 year	Accept
20-4-1439	2,8,9,5a7	Suspension 90 days	Accept
20-4-1441	1, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
20-4-1442	2, 9, 5a7	NPC	Accept
20-4-1443	2, 4, 9, 5a7	Suspension 90 days	Accept
20-4-1444	2, 4, 9, 5a7	Suspension 20 days	Accept
20-4-1446	1, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
20-4-1458	4,9,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
20-4-1461	4,9,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
20-5-1489	1,4,5a7,8,9	Suspension 20 days	Accept
20-5-1533	5a2,5a7,8,9	Reprimand	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
20-6-1631	1,4,5a7,8,9	Reprimand	Accept

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

<u>CASE</u>	<u>PREVIOUS SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
19-6-1746	Revocation	Deny
19-10-614	Voluntary Surrender	Deny

3. Chair Townsend reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 15 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMEND</u>
19-7-36	Reprimand	Accept
19-7-43	Reprimand	Accept
19-12-876	Suspension 1 year	Accept
19-12-879	Suspension 10 days	Accept
20-2-1115	Suspension 30 days	Accept
20-2-1191	Suspension 10 days	Accept
20-2-1193	Suspension 20 days	Accept
20-2-1202	Suspension 20 days	Accept
20-2-1280	Reprimand	Accept
20-2-1290	Suspension 5 days	Accept
20-3-1341	Suspension 30 days	Accept
20-3-1348	Suspension 90 days	Accept
20-3-1366	Suspension 5 days	Accept
20-3-1377	Suspension 1 year	Accept
20-3-1394	Suspension 10 days	Accept

4. Chair Townsend reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 18 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
18-6-1665	Suspension 5 days	Accept
18-10-564	Reprimand	Accept
18-11-649	Suspension 10 days	Accept
19-2-984	Suspension 30 days	Accept
19-2-1083	Reprimand	Accept
19-3-1129	Warning	Accept
19-3-1235	Suspension 3 days	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
19-4-1470	NPC	Accept
19-4-1505	Suspension 3 days	Accept
19-5-1688	Suspension 120 days	Accept
19-6-1794	Suspension 90 days	Reject
19-8-215	Suspension 3 days	Accept
19-8-275	Reprimand	Accept
19-8-283	Suspension 60 days	Reject
19-9-438	Suspension 180 days	Accept
19-11-754	Suspension 30 days	Accept
19-12-819	Suspension 45 days	Accept
19-12-863	Suspension 10 days	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>
20-3-1320	Expand current investigation	Expand
RSA 20-4-1463	Accept Regular Settlement Agreement and Reject Retroactive Credit	Accept RSA & Reject Retro Credit
19-1-869	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
19-8-311	Failed to provide requested documents	Hold New Application
20-1-970	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-1-975	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-1-976	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-1-979	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-1-981	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-1-983	Failed to provide requested documents	Hold New Application
20-1-1040	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-1-1044	Failed to provide requested documents	Hold New Application
20-1-1049	Failed to provide requested documents	Hold New Application
20-1-1051	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-1-1053	Failed to provide requested documents	Hold New Application
20-1-1071	Failed to provide requested documents	Hold New Application
20-1-1079	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-1-1082	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-1-1093	Failed to provide requested documents	Hold New Application
20-1-1094	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-1-1099	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-1-1102	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-2-1228	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-2-1248	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-2-1255	Failure to respond	Hold New Application

<u>CASE</u>	<u>FINDINGS OF FACTS</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
20-2-1257	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-2-1258	Failed to provide requested documents	Hold New Application
20-2-1260	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-2-1267	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-2-1269	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-2-1270	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-2-1275	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-2-1276	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-2-1281	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-2-1282	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-3-1311	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-3-1312	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-3-1385	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-3-1390	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-3-1406	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-3-1410	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
20-3-1412	Failed to provide requested documents	Hold New Application
20-3-1415	Failure to respond	Hold New Application

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 66 new complaints received during the months of June and July 2020.

#### 7. VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the Voluntary Surrenders 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>
19-5-1692	5a2, 5a7	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
20-5-1485	2, 9	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
20-5-1502	2, 9	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
20-5-1520	2, 9	Voluntary Surrender	Accept

#### 8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 17 *Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations* consisting of the following:

20-6-1671	20-6-1683	20-6-1710	20-6-1726	20-7-1	20-7-4
20-6-1672	20-6-1708	20-6-1711	20-6-1727	20-7-2	20-7-5
20-6-1682	20-6-1709	20-6-1725	20-6-1728	20-7-3	

**9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting an *Investigative Extension* to the following 307 cases:

Written Complaint Extensions							
18-11-694	19-6-1872	19-7-105	19-9-464	19-12-857	20-1-1064	20-2-1245	20-3-1384
18-12-739	19-6-1875	19-7-106	19-9-488	19-12-867	20-1-1066	20-2-1249	20-3-1386
19-1-946	19-6-1878	19-7-107	19-9-492	19-12-872	20-1-1068	20-2-1250	20-3-1387
19-1-954	19-6-1885	19-7-128	19-9-499	19-12-873	20-1-1069	20-2-1254	20-3-1389
19-1-956	19-6-1886	19-7-138	19-9-502	19-12-880	20-1-1074	20-2-1259	20-3-1401
19-1-961	19-6-1887	19-7-140	19-10-505	20-1-907	20-1-1077	20-2-1261	20-3-1404
19-1-963	19-6-1889	19-7-142	19-10-516	20-1-920	20-1-1080	20-2-1265	20-3-1411
19-2-1066	19-6-1890	19-7-144	19-10-517	20-1-924	20-1-1081	20-2-1268	20-3-1413
19-2-1070	19-6-1891	19-7-154	19-10-526	20-1-931	20-1-1083	20-2-1278	20-3-1417
19-2-1071	19-6-1892	19-7-163	19-10-527	20-1-932	20-1-1086	20-2-1285	20-4-1430
19-2-1073	19-6-1896	19-8-186	19-10-533	20-1-939	20-1-1089	20-2-1288	20-4-1447
19-2-1075	19-6-1897	19-8-194	19-10-534	20-1-940	20-1-1090	20-2-1293	20-4-1448
19-2-1106	19-6-1898	19-8-213	19-10-545	20-1-964	20-1-1091	20-2-1295	20-4-1449
19-3-1250	19-6-1899	19-8-219	19-10-557	20-1-977	20-1-1096	20-3-1313	20-4-1450
19-3-1277	19-6-1900	19-8-227	19-10-589	20-1-980	20-1-1103	20-3-1315	20-4-1452
19-3-1287	19-6-1903	19-8-242	19-10-596	20-1-987	20-1-1105	20-3-1316	20-4-1453
19-3-1291	19-6-1906	19-8-258	19-10-597	20-1-990	20-1-1107	20-3-1318	20-4-1454
19-4-1400	19-6-1908	19-8-259	19-10-599	20-1-991	20-1-1108	20-3-1319	20-4-1455
19-4-1402	19-6-1915	19-8-261	19-10-609	20-1-1007	20-2-1110	20-3-1320	20-4-1464
19-4-1451	19-6-1922	19-8-265	19-10-618	20-1-1008	20-2-1121	20-3-1321	20-4-1465
19-4-1452	19-6-1929	19-8-266	19-10-630	20-1-1009	20-2-1132	20-3-1322	20-4-1466
19-4-1545	19-6-1930	19-8-309	19-10-646	20-1-1019	20-2-1134	20-3-1325	20-4-1467
19-5-1553	19-6-1931	19-8-320	19-10-657	20-1-1020	20-2-1137	20-3-1326	20-4-1468
19-5-1562	19-6-1934	19-8-321	19-10-661	20-1-1021	20-2-1149	20-3-1329	20-4-1469
19-5-1613	19-7-56	19-8-324	19-10-662	20-1-1022	20-2-1152	20-3-1330	20-4-1470
19-5-1616	19-7-71	19-9-352	19-10-672	20-1-1023	20-2-1161	20-3-1331	20-4-1479
19-5-1620	19-7-72	19-9-375	19-10-674	20-1-1035	20-2-1162	20-3-1333	20-4-1480
19-5-1670	19-7-86	19-9-376	19-10-683	20-1-1036	20-2-1164	20-3-1335	20-4-1481
19-5-1695	19-7-87	19-9-381	19-10-689	20-1-1037	20-2-1173	20-3-1337	20-4-1484
19-5-1696	19-7-90	19-9-383	19-11-695	20-1-1038	20-2-1174	20-3-1338	20-5-1488
19-5-1700	19-7-92	19-9-390	19-11-700	20-1-1039	20-2-1175	20-3-1344	20-5-1492
19-5-1701	19-7-93	19-9-392	19-11-701	20-1-1043	20-2-1178	20-3-1354	20-5-1494
19-5-1706	19-7-94	19-9-400	19-11-717	20-1-1047	20-2-1179	20-3-1356	20-5-1496
19-6-1787	19-7-95	19-9-407	19-11-729	20-1-1050	20-2-1185	20-3-1357	20-5-1497
19-6-1812	19-7-97	19-9-422	19-11-752	20-1-1055	20-2-1192	20-3-1374	
19-6-1814	19-7-98	19-9-424	19-11-777	20-1-1057	20-2-1195	20-3-1375	
19-6-1815	19-7-100	19-9-447	19-11-800	20-1-1060	20-2-1198	20-3-1376	
19-6-1818	19-7-102	19-9-450	19-12-851	20-1-1061	20-2-1234	20-3-1379	
19-6-1821	19-7-103	19-9-461	19-12-855	20-1-1062	20-2-1239	20-3-1380	

**10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 15



cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

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

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 20 cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge.

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

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

<u>CASE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL SANCTION</u>	<u>ALJ SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
18-11-726	Suspension 90 days	Suspension 90 days	Accept

Chair Sirmans calls for approval of the Educator Preparation/Certification report as presented by Chair Townsend excluding Case 19-5-1688.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstentions: Teri Schneider – 20-6-1668, 20-6-1669, Derek Easterling - 19-3-1129, 19-3-1235, 19-9-438, 20-6-1666, Jeanine Bunn - 20-6-1642, 20-6-1663 thru 1665, 20-1-905, Dr. Steve Barker - 20-6-1652, 20-6-1668 and 69, Beth Townsend - 20-5-1520, Dr. Franklin Perry - 19-12-819, 20-1-921, Brian Sirmans - 20-6-1631. Barbara Ellingson - 20-4-1442, Dr. Jennifer Wade - 20-6-1639

**Case # 19-5-1688**

**MOTION:** (Derek Easterling / Dr. Steve Barker) To accept the EERC recommendation of a 120 Day Suspension.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

**B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee**

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

	<b>EPP</b>	<b>July 2020 Detailed Approval Recommendations</b>
1.	<b>Albany State University</b>	The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Online Teaching Endorsement.
2.	<b>Georgia College and State University</b>	The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Dyslexia Endorsement.
3.	<b>Georgia State University</b>	The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Dyslexia Endorsement.
4.	<b>Griffin RESA</b>	The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Dyslexia, Online Teaching, and STEM Endorsements.
5.	<b>Mercer University</b>	The Committee recommends granting the request to defer the Fall 2023 Continuing Approval Review to Fall 2024.

	<b>EPP</b>	<b>July 2020 Detailed Approval Recommendations</b>
6.	<b>Northeast Georgia RESA</b>	The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Online Teaching Endorsement.
7.	<b>Point University</b>	<p>The Committee recommends that the March 31, 2020, Progress Report is Satisfactory in addressing the Areas for Improvement (AFIs) cited in Standard 4.1 and Standard 4.3. The Committee recommends the Areas for Improvement (AFIs) be removed for the Educator Preparation Provider (EPP).</p> <p>In addition, the Committee recommends that while incremental progress is indicated in the March 31, 2020, Progress Report, the Area for Improvement (AFI) cited in Standard 5.2 remains. The Committee recommends the submission of a Progress Report on January 11, 2021, addressing the remaining area for improvement cited in Standard 5.2. The Progress Report should provide evidence of the identification of widely accepted methodologies and research-based practices for calculating inter-rater reliability. The Progress Report should also provide evidence for how the EPP is assuring that inter-rater reliability is an iterative process for improving the reliability coefficient, and that the training of raters is conducted to assure interpretations of data are valid and consistent across raters.</p>
8.	<b>Shorter University</b>	The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Dyslexia Endorsement.
9.	<b>University of Georgia</b>	The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Dyslexia Endorsement.
10.	<b>University of West Georgia</b>	The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Dyslexia Endorsement.
11.	<b>Tier II Certification Appeal- Jacob Mobley</b>	The Tier II Certification Appeal for a Level 7 upgrade is denied.

Chair Sirmans calls for approval of the Educator Preparation/Certification report as presented by Chair McClearen.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Our next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, August 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, August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm. Chair Sirmans called for the meeting to be adjourned at 12:34 p.m.