

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Two Peachtree Street

Atlanta, Georgia

June 14, 2012

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present

Marci Cawthon

Alice Clements

Dr. Penny Elkins

Dr. Adrian Epps

Heath Garrett

Bill Haskin

Phil Jacobs

Bettina Polite Tate

Rose Powell

Dr. Lawrence Walters

Members Absent

Julia Bernath

Meredith Hodges

Christy McGill

Valerie Williams

David Johnson

Stephanie Leggett

Pam Walker

Pam Williams

I. COMMISSION WORK SESSION

A. Anne Marie Fenton gave a brief introduction regarding the rules listed below and their presenter. Each presenter spoke about the rules and answered questions. The Commission will be asked to rescind/revise/initiate in July.

ED PREP

505-3-.05 GEORGIA TEACHER ACADEMY FOR PREPARATION AND PEDAGOGY (GaTAPP) – revision

505.3-.28 SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM – new (rescinding the old rule)

505-3-.48 SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM – new (rescinding the old rule)

CERTIFICATION

505-2-.02 CLASSIFICATION – CATEGORY, TITLE, TYPE, FIELD, LEVEL - revision

505-2-.43 EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETER LICENSE – new

505-2-.200 AUDIOLOGY - new (rescinding the old rule)

505-2-.201 MEDIA SPECIALIST - new (rescinding the old rule)

505-2-.202 SCHOOL COUNSELING - new (rescinding the old rule)

505-2-.203 SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTOR - new (rescinding the old rule)

505-2-.204 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY – new (rescinding the old rule)

505-2-.205 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK – new (rescinding the old rule)

505-2-.206 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY - new (rescinding the old rule)

B. Kristina Stroede gave a brief overview of the move.

C. Chair Elkins informed the Commission that the Executive Committee will meet after the Commission meeting today to discuss Kelly Henson's evaluations and provide him with feedback.

8/6/2012

Page 2

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elkins called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and a moment of silence.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Elkins called for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: (Rose Powell / Bettina Tate) To approve the agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Elkins called for approval of the minutes from the May 10, 2012, Commission meeting Retreat Minutes.

PSC ACTION: Approved

V. VISITORS

Chair Elkins welcomed the visitors.

- Margaret Elliott, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Gayle Wooten, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Linda Fortson, Warren Fortson Law Office
- John Hooper, Georgia School Superintendents Association
- Kristine Bown, Orr Brown Johnson
- Dr. Cindi Chance, Executive Director, GACTE

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Commissioner Rose Powell of the Educator Ethics Review Committee (EERC), gave a preliminary review of the Cases.

1. Ms. Powell reported that the Committee reviewed 47 ***Probable Cause*** cases during its June 14, 2012, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
12-3-985	1, 10	NPC
12-3-1007	1, 10	Reprimand
12-3-1054	1, 10	Reprimand
12-3-1057	1	Deny
12-4-1113	1, 4, 10	Reprimand

8/6/2012

Page 3

12-5-1166	1	Deny
12-5-1174	1	Deny
11-1-646	1, 4,9,10	Reprimand
11-8-132	4,7,9,10,DOE	Revoke
11-8-133	4,7,9,10,DOE	Revoke
11-8-137	4,7,9,10,DOE	Revoke
11-8-146	4,7,9,10,DOE	Revoke
11-8-164	4,7,9,10,DOE	Revoke
11-8-165	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 yrs
11-8-166	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 yrs
11-8-167	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 yrs
11-8-168	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 yrs
11-8-169	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 yrs
11-9-332	10	Suspension - 5 days
11-9-363	4,7,9,10,DOE	Revoke
11-9-364	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 yrs
11-9-365	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 yrs
11-9-366	4,7,9,10,DOE	Revoke
11-9-368	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 yrs
11-9-369	4,7,9,10,DOE	Revoke
11-9-415	4,7,9,10,DOE	Revoke
11-9-417	4,7,9,10,DOE	Revoke
11-9-422	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 yrs
12-1-740	10	Suspension - 90 days
12-1-769	8,10	Suspension - 90 days
12-1-775	4, 9, 10	Reprimand
12-2-898	1, 4, 9, 10	Revoke
12-2-928	1,3,4,10	Suspension - 2 yrs
12-3-938	1,2,9,10	Revoke
12-3-958	2,10	Suspension - 20 days
12-3-981	1,4,9,10	Suspension - 5 days
12-3-1020	2, 10	Suspension - 5 days
12-3-1021	2, 10	Reprimand
12-3-1027	4, 10	Suspension - 20 days
12-3-1028	4,10	Suspension - 20 days
12-3-1042	4, 5, 10	Suspension - 20 days
12-3-1056	1,10	Revoke
12-4-1116	8, 10	NPC
12-5-1171	1, 10	Revoke
12-5-1187	1, 10	Extend pending criminal outcome
12-5-1190	1, 10	Reprimand
12-5-1224	1, 10	Reprimand

2. Ms. Powell 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>
12-2-932	Revocation February 2006	Deny
12-3-933	Revocation March 2009	Deny

3. Ms. Powell reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 7 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
10-12-611	Suspension - 1 Year	Accept
11-6-1205	Suspension - 90 days	Accept
11-8-182	Suspension - 2 Years	Accept
11-8-219	Suspension - 2 Years	Accept
12-1-727	Suspension - 1 Year	Accept
12-2-910	Suspension - 10 days	Accept
12-3-1017	Suspension - 10 days	Accept

4. Ms. Powell reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 11 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
09-11-578	Suspension - 1 Year	Accept
10-4-1012	Suspension - 2 days	Accept
10-5-1200	Suspension - 5 days	Accept
10-9-248	Suspension - 5 days	Accept
10-10-394	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
11-1-660	Suspension - 5 days	Accept
11-2-743	Reprimand	Accept
11-3-818	Suspension - 90 days	Accept
11-3-832	Revocation	Accept
11-9-434	Suspension - 5 days	Reject
11-11-608	Grant / Reprimand	Accept

5. OTHER BUSINESS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Other Business Report* as follows:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMEND</u>
PID 12-6-1314	4, 10	Remand
PID 12-6-1320	10	NPC

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 79 new complaints received during the months of May and June 2012.

7. VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 4 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>
12-2-855	2, 3, 10	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
12-3-956	2, 10	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
12-3-1039	1, 2, 10	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
12-4-1119	1, 2, 10	Voluntary Surrender	Accept

8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 67 Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations consisting of the following:

12-5-1196	12-5-1205	12-5-1214	12-5-1230	12-5-1239	12-5-1249	12-5-1258	12-5-1267
12-5-1197	12-5-1206	12-5-1215	12-5-1231	12-5-1240	12-5-1250	12-5-1259	12-5-1268
12-5-1198	12-5-1207	12-5-1216	12-5-1232	12-5-1241	12-5-1251	12-5-1260	12-5-1269
12-5-1199	12-5-1208	12-5-1217	12-5-1233	12-5-1242	12-5-1252	12-5-1261	12-5-1270
12-5-1200	12-5-1209	12-5-1218	12-5-1234	12-5-1243	12-5-1253	12-5-1262	
12-5-1201	12-5-1210	12-5-1219	12-5-1235	12-5-1244	12-5-1254	12-5-1263	
12-5-1202	12-5-1211	12-5-1220	12-5-1236	12-5-1245	12-5-1255	12-5-1264	
12-5-1203	12-5-1212	12-5-1221	12-5-1237	12-5-1246	12-5-1256	12-5-1265	
12-5-1204	12-5-1213	12-5-1229	12-5-1238	12-5-1247	12-5-1257	12-5-1266	

9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting and *Investigative Extension* to the following 218 cases:

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS							
10-7-34	11-8-200	11-9-343	11-9-421	11-11-598	12-1-738	12-2-854	12-3-978
10-9-331	11-8-201	11-9-355	11-9-423	11-11-600	12-1-742	12-2-856	12-3-979
10-12-553	11-8-203	11-9-358	11-9-424	11-11-601	12-1-744	12-2-858	12-3-986
10-12-562	11-8-232	11-9-359	11-9-431	11-11-603	12-1-746	12-2-864	12-3-997
10-12-623	11-8-233	11-9-360	11-9-444	11-11-665	12-1-747	12-2-882	12-3-1004
11-3-876	11-8-234	11-9-382	11-9-455	11-11-671	12-1-748	12-2-885	12-3-1013
11-4-915	11-8-235	11-9-383	11-9-456	11-12-675	12-1-749	12-2-888	12-3-1019
11-4-999	11-8-236	11-9-384	11-9-457	11-12-677	12-1-753	12-2-889	12-3-1022
11-4-1000	11-8-237	11-9-385	11-9-458	11-12-681	12-1-758	12-2-891	12-3-1023
11-4-1031	11-8-238	11-9-386	11-9-459	11-12-683	12-1-761	12-2-894	12-3-1024
11-5-1118	11-8-239	11-9-387	11-10-480	11-12-684	12-1-763	12-2-896	12-3-1025
11-5-1149	11-8-240	11-9-388	11-10-481	11-12-690	12-1-764	12-2-901	12-3-1026
11-6-1192	11-8-241	11-9-389	11-10-484	11-12-691	12-1-771	12-2-914	12-3-1031
11-6-1227	11-8-242	11-9-390	11-10-486	11-12-702	12-1-776	12-2-916	12-3-1032
11-6-1249	11-8-255	11-9-391	11-10-492	11-12-703	12-1-777	12-2-920	12-3-1034
11-6-1272	11-8-263	11-9-392	11-10-500	11-12-709	12-1-778	12-3-939	12-3-1040
11-6-1273	11-9-268	11-9-394	11-10-505	11-12-710	12-1-790	12-3-942	12-3-1043
11-7-84	11-9-275	11-9-395	11-10-511	11-12-711	12-1-807	12-3-946	12-3-1044
11-7-87	11-9-284	11-9-396	11-10-513	11-12-719	12-2-827	12-3-951	12-3-1047
11-7-89	11-9-285	11-9-397	11-10-519	11-12-720	12-2-831	12-3-953	12-3-1048
11-7-97	11-9-298	11-9-398	11-10-522	12-1-724	12-2-837	12-3-954	12-3-1049
11-7-98	11-9-302	11-9-399	11-11-551	12-1-725	12-2-838	12-3-955	12-3-1060
11-7-99	11-9-304	11-9-401	11-11-552	12-1-730	12-2-840	12-3-960	
11-8-117	11-9-311	11-9-402	11-11-554	12-1-731	12-2-841	12-3-961	
11-8-119	11-9-321	11-9-413	11-11-560	12-1-733	12-2-842	12-3-964	
11-8-130	11-9-333	11-9-418	11-11-561	12-1-735	12-2-843	12-3-972	
11-8-142	11-9-337	11-9-419	11-11-589	12-1-736	12-2-852	12-3-973	
11-8-185	11-9-342	11-9-420	11-11-595	12-1-737	12-2-853	12-3-974	

10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 21 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

11. STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSION / REINSTATEMENTS

The Commission reviewed the report, which indicated that there were zero certificates suspended from May 10, 2012 through June 14, 2012. There were 3 certificates that had been *reinstated* because restitution is now being made on those student loans.

12. FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF LAW

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of zero cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The report also advised that there were 12 cases closed without an appeal for a review hearing before the Commission.

Chair Elkins called for approval of the Educator Ethics Review Committee report as presented by Rose Powell

8/6/2012

Page 7

excluding case #'s 12-3-1020, 12-3-1021, 12-2-898 and 12-5-1171.

MOTION: (Phil Jacobs / Bettina Tate) To accept the Educator Ethics Review Committee's report as presented by Rose Powell excluding case # 12-3-1020, 12-3-102, 12-2-898 and 12-5-1171.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Rose Powell - Case # 12-5-1214, 12-5-1213 and 12-1-742.

Probable Cause Case # 12-3-1020

MOTION: (Rose Powell / Dr. Adrian Epps) To accept the Educator Ethics Review Committee's recommendation for a 5 Day Suspension.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Opposed: Phil Jacobs

Probable Cause Case # 12-3-1021

MOTION: (Dr. Adrian Epps / Phil Jacobs) To accept the Educator Ethics Review Committee's recommendation for a Reprimand.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Opposed: Phil Jacobs

Probable Cause Case # 12-2-898

MOTION: (Bettina Tate / Dr. Adrian Epps) To accept the Educator Ethics Review Committee's recommendation for a Revocation.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Probable Cause Case # 12-5-1171

MOTION: (Dr. Adrian Epps / Phil Jacobs) To accept the Educator Ethics Review Committee's recommendation for a Revocation.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Opposed: Bettina Tate

B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee

Committee Chair, Dr. Adrian Epps, presented the report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee.

Items 1-4 listed were given to Commissioners for their review prior to the July 12, 2012, Commission Meeting. Staff will request an official vote on these options at the July 12, 2012, meeting.

APPROVAL ACTIONS

The committee recommends the following approval actions:

1. The committee heard a Tier 2 Appeal by Candice Jimerson-Johnson and after deliberations, decided to table the decision until additional information can be obtained and considered at the July 12, 2012, meeting.

8/6/2012

Page 8

2. For Unit 6571, the committee recommends Developmental Approval for the unit and two preparation programs.
3. For Unit 4315, the committee recommends:
 1. Continuing Approval for the unit at the initial and advanced levels,
 2. Continuing Approval for six preparation programs, and
 3. Developmental Approval for two preparation programs.
4. For Unit 5090, the committee recommends:
 1. Developmental Approval for two preparation programs, and
 2. Continuing Approval for one preparation program.
5. For Unit 3150, due to NCATE's revocation of accreditation for the professional education unit, the committee recommends Revocation of Approval for each of the unit's twelve educator preparation programs. Candidates currently enrolled in educator preparation programs will be able to complete them and must be granted state certification by May 31, 2014. No new candidates may be admitted after the spring 2012 semester.

Approval action details are provided in the table on the next page of the report.

	Unit Number	Detailed Approval Recommendations	Additional Action Required
1.	6571	The Committee recommends Developmental Approval for the unit, the Gifted In-field Endorsement and Reading Endorsement.	The next approval review will occur in Spring 2015.
2.	4315	The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the professional education unit at the initial and advanced levels.	The next approval review will occur in Spring 2019.
		The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the Biology Education program (6-12; Initial; M.A.T.), Early Childhood Education program (P-5; Initial; B.A.), English Education program (6-12; Initial; M.A.T.), History Education program (6-12; Initial; M.A.T.), Mathematics Education program (6-12; Initial; M.A.T.), and Middle Grades Education program (4-8; Initial; M.A.T.).	
		The Committee recommends Developmental Approval for the Mathematics Education program (6-12; Initial; B.A.) and History Education program (6-12; Initial; B.A.).	
3.	5090	The Committee recommends Developmental Approval for the Coaching Endorsement and Online Teaching Endorsement.	The next approval review will occur in Spring 2013.
		The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the Educational Leadership program (P-12; Initial; Ed.S.).	
4.	3150	The Committee recommends Revocation of approval for the Art Education program (P-12; Initial; B.A.), Chemistry Education program (6-12; Initial; B.A.), Early Childhood Education program (P-5; Initial; B.A.), Economics Education program (6-12; Initial; B.A.), English Education program (6-12; Initial; B.A.), French Education program (P-12; Initial; B.A.), History Education program (6-12; Initial; B.A.), Mathematics Education program (6-12; Initial; B.A.), Music Education program (P-12; Initial; B.A.), Physics Education program (6-12; Initial; B.A.), Political Science Education program (6-12; Initial; B.A.), and Spanish Education program (P-12; Initial; B.A.).	

Chair Elkins called for approval of Unit 3150 as present by Dr. Adrian Epps.

PSC ACTION: Approved
Abstention: Dr. Adrian Epps

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Elkins called for the meeting to be adjourned at 1:10 pm.

PSC ACTION: Approved