

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Two Piedmont Avenue

Atlanta, Georgia

November 8, 2012

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, November 8, 2012, at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present

Julia Bernath	Phil Jacobs	Sheryl Stalvey
Alice Clements	David Johnson	Dr. Lawrence Walters
Dr. Penny Elkins	Scott Justus	Pam Walker
	Stephanie Leggett	Valerie Williams
	Kamila Luigs	
	Christy McGill	

Members Absent

Bettina Polite Tate	Pam Williams
Dr. Adrian Epps	Bill Haskin
Heath Garrett	David Johnson

I. WORK SESSION

Executive's Report – Kelly Henson

- Many of the Commissioners have been staying at the marriott Midtown Suites. Unfortunately, our contract with up has expired and they have given us significant increase rates. Effective December 2012, you will be staying at the Hyatt Regency on Peachtree Street. Reen will email you all the details.
- Our PSC holiday schedule:
 - Closed November 22-23 – Thanksgiving
 - Closed December 24-25 – Christmas
 - Closed January 1 – New Years Day (Early release on December 31st)
 - December 20th – Holiday lunch and gathering 11:45 am
- One of the items on your Educator Preparation agenda today is to approve the Technical College System of Georgia as an approved provider of Georgia TAPP programs. Dr. Lynn Cornett is with us today and I would like to give her the opportunity to make some remarks. Dr. Cornett thanked the Commission for their hard work and expressed the Technical College System of Georgia eagerness to work with the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.
- State Education Finance Commission Update:
 - Add approximately 21 million to improve counselor to student ratios.
 - Create approximately a 10 million state institution fund link to performance.
 - Technology – Create approximately 52 million fund to address bandwidth issues, infrastructure, etc.
- Chuck McCampbell, Director of Information Technology gave a presentation on our new web-site.

Commission Chair Report – Dr. Penny Elkins congratulated Chuck McCampbell on the new GaPSC web-site.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elkins called the meeting to order at 12:30 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: (Pam Walker / Stephanie Leggett) To approve the agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Elkins called for approval of the minutes from the October 11, 2012, Commission meeting.

PSC ACTION: Approved

V. VISITORS

Chair Elkins welcomed the visitors.

- Margaret Elliott, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Kerri Wilson, Office of Planning and Budget
- Linda Fortson, Warren Fortson Law Office
- Dr. Lynn Cornett, Chair of the Board for Technical College System of Georgia

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

1. Ms. Walker reported that the Committee reviewed 54 **Probable Cause** cases during its November 8, 2012, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
12-8-224	1, 4, 9, 10	Reprimand
12-8-318	1	Reprimand
11-06-1272	2, 10	Revoke
11-08-263	1, 3, 10	Revoke
11-10-480	9, 10	Suspension - 1 year

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
11-10-486	2, 10	Revoke
11-10-513	1, 5, 10	Revoke
11-10-519	9, 10	Revoke
11-11-560	3, 10	Suspension - 1 year
11-12-675	2, 10	Suspension - 30 days
12-01-731	5, 10	Suspension - 20 days
12-01-735	10, 11	Suspension - 2 years
12-01-737	10, 11	Suspension - 1 year
12-02-841	4, 10	Suspension - 2 days
12-02-852	10	Suspension - 90 days
12-02-853	10	Suspension - 90 days
12-02-889	10	Suspension - 1 year
12-04-1143	2, 5, 10	Suspension - 1 year
12-05-1196	4, 10	Suspension - 1 year
12-05-1199	1	Suspension - 5 days
12-05-1202	4, 5, 10	Revoke
12-05-1221	4, 10, 11	Suspension - 2 years
12-07-003	4, 10	NPC
12-07-004	4, 10	NPC
12-07-005	4, 10	NPC
12-07-006	4, 10	NPC
12-07-073	1, 2, 10	Revoke
12-07-173	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 years
12-07-174	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 years
12-07-175	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 years
12-07-176	4,7,9,10,DOE	Extend
12-07-182	4,7,9,10,DOE	Extend
12-07-183	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 years
12-07-184	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 years
12-07-186	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 years
12-07-187	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 years
12-07-188	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 years
12-07-189	4,7,9,10,DOE	Revoke
12-07-190	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 years
12-07-191	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 years
12-07-193	4,7,9,10,DOE	Revoke
12-07-194	4,7,9,10,DOE	NPC
12-07-196	4,7,9,10,DOE	Revoke
12-07-197	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 years
12-07-198	4,7,9,10,DOE	NPC
12-07-200	4,7,9,10,DOE	Reprimand

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
12-07-203	4,7,9,10,DOE	NPC
12-07-204	4,7,9,10,DOE	Suspension - 2 years
12-07-206	5, 10	NPC
12-07-222	2, 10	Suspension - 2 years
12-08-233	3, 10	Suspension - 1 year
12-08-245	4, 10	Revoke
12-08-253	4, 10	Suspension - 90 days
12-08-281	1, 4, 9, 10	Suspension - 10 days

2. Ms. Walker reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 13 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMEND</u>
11-12-683	Suspension - 90 days	Accept
11-12-703	Suspension - 5 days	Accept
12-3-1023	Suspension - 11 days	Accept
12-3-1024	Suspension - 8 days	Accept
12-4-1135	Suspension - 1 year	Accept
12-5-1249	Suspension - 90 days	Accept
12-7-56	Reprimand	Accept
12-7-99	Suspension - 1 year	Accept
12-7-119	Reprimand	Accept
12-7-120	Reprimand	Accept
12-7-137	Reprimand	Accept
12-7-208	Reprimand	Accept
12-8-257	Reprimand	Accept

3. Ms. Walker reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 10 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMEND</u>
10-6-1286	Suspension - 5 days	Accept
10-6-1304	Warning	Accept
11-04-1032	Suspension - 5 days	Accept
11-8-105	Warning	Accept
11-8-222	Suspension - 60 days	Accept
11-9-438	Withdrawal	Accept
11-11-573	Reprimand	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMEND</u>
12-1-786	Denial	Accept
12-2-864	Suspension - 45 days	Reject
12-5-1281	Suspension - 1 year	Accept

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

<u>CASE</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMEND</u>
11-5-1118	Unable to serve educator	Hold New App

5. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 59 new complaints received during the months of October and November

6. **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER/VOLUNTARY DENIAL**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 3 Voluntary Surrender/Voluntary Denial 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 RECOMMEND</u>
10-3-950	2, 10	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
12-7-67	2, 10	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
12-7-92	2, 10	Voluntary Surrender	Accept

7. **EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 31 Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations consisting of the following:

12-9-369	12-9-373	12-9-377	12-9-381	12-9-385	12-10-408	12-10-412	12-10-416
12-9-370	12-9-374	12-9-378	12-9-382	12-9-386	12-10-409	12-10-413	12-10-417
12-9-371	12-9-375	12-9-379	12-9-383	12-9-387	12-10-410	12-10-414	12-10-418
12-9-372	12-9-376	12-9-380	12-9-384	12-10-407	12-10-411	12-10-415	

8. **EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting and *Investigative Extension* to the following 264 cases:

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS							
10-9-331	11-9-342	11-12-681	12-2-891	12-4-1138	12-6-1286	12-7-89	12-7-178
10-12-553	11-9-343	11-12-684	12-2-894	12-4-1140	12-6-1287	12-7-90	12-7-179
10-12-562	11-9-355	11-12-702	12-2-896	12-4-1141	12-6-1288	12-7-91	12-7-180
11-4-915	11-9-358	11-12-710	12-2-901	12-4-1144	12-6-1289	12-7-93	12-8-181
11-4-999	11-9-359	11-12-711	12-2-916	12-4-1147	12-6-1290	12-7-96	12-7-185
11-4-1000	11-9-360	11-12-719	12-2-920	12-4-1149	12-6-1295	12-7-98	12-7-192
11-5-1118	11-9-391	11-12-720	12-3-942	12-4-1150	12-6-1301	12-7-109	12-7-195
11-6-1192	11-9-392	12-1-724	12-3-946	12-4-1151	12-6-1305	12-7-111	12-7-199
11-6-1227	11-9-396	12-1-725	12-3-951	12-4-1159	12-6-1328	12-7-112	12-7-205
11-7-87	11-9-397	12-1-733	12-3-953	12-5-1178	12-6-1329	12-7-121	12-7-207
11-7-97	11-9-398	12-1-736	12-3-954	12-5-1183	12-6-1330	12-7-129	12-7-211
11-7-98	11-9-399	12-1-738	12-3-955	12-5-1200	12-6-1331	12-7-131	12-7-212
11-7-99	11-9-401	12-1-746	12-3-972	12-5-1203	12-6-1333	17-7-144	12-7-216
11-8-117	11-9-402	12-1-747	12-3-973	12-5-1210	12-7-7	12-7-153	12-7-218
11-8-119	11-9-413	12-1-749	12-3-974	12-5-1216	12-7-11	12-7-155	12-8-227
11-8-130	11-9-418	12-1-763	12-2-978	12-5-1220	12-7-12	12-7-156	12-8-228
11-8-200	11-9-419	12-1-764	12-3-979	12-5-1231	12-7-38	12-7-157	12-8-230
11-8-232	11-9-420	12-1-776	12-3-1019	12-5-1232	12-7-48	12-7-158	12-8-233
11-8-233	11-9-421	12-1-777	12-3-1025	12-5-1237	12-7-65	12-7-158	12-8-238
11-8-234	11-9-423	12-1-778	12-3-1026	12-5-1241	12-7-66	12-7-160	12-8-239
11-8-235	11-9-424	12-2-827	12-3-1031	12-5-1244	12-7-68	12-7-161	12-8-240
11-8-236	11-9-431	12-2-831	12-3-1032	12-5-1246	12-7-69	12-7-162	12-8-243
11-8-237	11-9-455	12-2-837	12-3-1040	12-5-1247	12-7-70	12-7-163	12-8-244
11-8-238	11-9-456	12-2-838	12-3-1044	12-5-1250	12-7-71	12-7-164	12-8-246
11-8-239	11-9-457	12-2-840	12-3-1047	12-5-1251	12-7-72	12-7-165	12-8-259
11-8-240	11-9-458	12-2-842	12-3-1049	12-5-1259	12-7-74	12-7-166	12-8-260
11-8-241	11-9-459	12-2-843	12-3-1064	12-5-1261	12-7-75	12-7-167	12-8-261
11-8-242	11-10-505	12-2-852	12-3-1065	12-5-1262	12-7-76	12-7-168	12-8-263
11-9-275	11-11-552	12-2-853	12-4-1120	12-5-1263	12-7-77	12-7-169	12-8-264
11-9-284	11-11-589	12-2-854	12-4-1133	12-5-1266	12-7-79	12-7-170	12-8-266
11-9-298	11-11-598	12-2-856	12-4-1134	12-5-1270	12-7-80	12-7-171	12-8-267
11-9-304	11-11-600	12-2-885	12-4-1136	12-5-1278	12-7-81	12-7-172	12-8-269
11-9-337	11-11-603	12-2-888	12-4-1137	12-5-1280	12-7-86	12-7-177	12-8-270

9. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 11 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

10. STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSION / REINSTATEMENTS

The Commission reviewed the report, which indicated that there were no certificates suspended or reinstated from October 2012 through November 2012.

14. 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. The report also advised that there were no 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 Pam Walker excluding case #'s 12-8-318, 12-2-841, 12-5-1199 and 11-10-480.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Dr. Larry Walters – case # 12-10-415, Kamila Luigs – case #11-8-222, Sheryl Stalvey – case # 12-10-414

Probable Cause Case # 12-8-318

MOTION: (Christy McGill / Julia Bernath) To deny the application.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Opposed: Pam Walker, Valerie Williams, Scott Justus, Phil Jacobs

Probable Cause Case # 12-2-841

MOTION: (Kamila Luigs / Julia Bernath) To change the Educator Ethics Review Committee's recommendation from a 2 Day Suspension to a 10 Day Suspension.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Opposed: Christy McGill, Alice Clements, Stephanie Leggett, Valerie Williams, Pam Walker

Probable Cause Case # 12-5-1199

MOTION: (Valerie Williams/ Pam Walker) To accept the Educator Ethics Review Committee's recommendation for a 5 Day Suspension.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Opposed: Julia Bernath, Christy McGill, Alice Clements, Stephanie Leggett, Phil Jacobs

Probable Cause Case # 11-10-480

MOTION: (Valerie Williams/ Pam Walker) To accept the Educator Ethics Review Committee's recommendation for a 1 Year Suspension.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Opposed: Phil Jacobs

B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee

Committee Vice Chair, Julia Bernath, presented the report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee.

Synopsis				
	Unit Number	Standards	Detailed Approval Recommendation	Additional Action Required
1.	98213	1-8	Developmental Approval of unit and program.	No additional action requested.
2.	3030	1-8	Continuing Approval for the following programs; Art Education, Biology Education, Chemistry Education, Early	The areas for improvement remain and a Progress Report is to be submitted by May 8, 2013 addressing all areas for

Synopsis				
	Unit Number	Standards	Detailed Approval Recommendation	Additional Action Required
			Childhood Education, English Education, History Education, Mathematics Education, Middle Grades Education, Music Education, Physics Education, Special Education General Curriculum and the Reading Endorsement.	improvement cited in the Board of Examiners' Report.
			Continuing Approval with Conditions for the Dance Education and Drama Education programs.	A progress report is to be submitted by May 8, 2013, addressing the Not Met findings in Standard 1 and all areas for improvement cited in the Board of Examiners' Report.
			Developmental Provisional Approval for the Coaching Endorsement, the K-5 Mathematics Endorsement, K-5 Science Endorsement, and the Online Teaching Endorsement.	A progress report is to be submitted by May 8, 2013, addressing the Not Met findings in Standard 1 and all areas for improvement cited in the Board of Examiners' Report.
3.	5080	1 and 2	Progress is satisfactory in addressing the areas for improvement cited for the Educational Leadership programs.	The areas for improvement remain and are to be addressed during the GaPSC/NCATE Continuous Improvement Review scheduled for March 23-26, 2013. A second Progress Report addressing the areas for improvement should be submitted by May 1, 2013.

Chair Elkins called for approval of the Educator Preparation Committee report as presented by Julia Bernath.

PSC ACTION: Approved

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Elkins called for a motion for the meeting to be adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

MOTION: (Scott Justus/ Julia Bernath) To adjourn the meeting.

PSC ACTION: Approved