

# MINUTES

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

### Remote Meeting via TEAMS Platform

November 10, 2022

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, November 10, 2022.

#### **Members Present**

Jimmy Atkins	Jordan Frobos	Brian Sirmans
Jeanine Bunn	Nathan Lewis	Beth Townsend
Abigail Coggin	Dr. Franklin Perry	Dr. Jennifer Wade
Daniel Dooley	Dr. Holley Roberts	Carol Williams
Derek Easterling	Dr. Brandon Seigler	

#### **Members Absent**

Jane Rookard	Kedrione Harris
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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Sirmans called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and Commissioners answered roll call for attendance. He announced that the meeting today would not include reports from the Executive Secretary or the Chair due to the impending storm.

#### **II. VISITORS**

Chair Sirmans welcomed the visitors.

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

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the agenda.

**MOTION:** (Dr. Holley Roberts / Jimmy Atkins) To approve the agenda.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

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

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the October 13, 2022 minutes.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

#### **V. 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 55 *Probable Cause* cases during the November 9,

2022, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
22-5-1538	1,4,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
22-6-1638	5a2,5a7	Deny	Accept
22-8-137	1	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-149	5a5, 5a7	NPC	Accept
22-8-169	1,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-188	1	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-222	1,4,5a7,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-239	5a2,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-243	4, 9	Deny	Accept
22-9-362	1, 5a7	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-398	1,5a7	NPC	Accept
22-9-447	1, 5a7	Reprimand	Accept
22-10-522	1,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
21-3-920	1,4,5a7,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
21-4-966	4, 5a2,5a7	Revoke	Accept
21-5-1113	1,4,5a7,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
21-5-1124	2 & 9	Reprimand	Accept
21-5-1174	1,5a7,8,9	Extend pending criminal outcome	Accept
21-6-1316	1,4,5a7,8,9	Revoke	Accept
21-6-1333	4,5a2,5a7,8,9	Revoke	Accept
21-7-71	1, 4, 5a7,8,9	Revoke	Accept
21-9-308	1,4,5a7,8,9	Extend pending criminal outcome	Accept
21-9-319	1,4,5a7,8,9	Revoke	Accept
21-9-321	1, 4, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
21-10-444	1,4,5a7,8,9	Revoke	Accept
21-12-625	5, 9	Suspension 20 days	Accept
21-12-661	1,4,5a7,8,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
21-12-680	2, 9	NPC	Accept
22-3-1093	3, 9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
22-3-1097	1 & 9	Revoke	Accept
22-3-1178	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-4-1266	1, 9	NPC	Accept
22-4-1291	5a2, 5a5	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-7-109	2,4,9	Revoke	Accept
22-7-116	1, 4, 8, 9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
22-8-127	2,9	Revoke	Accept
22-8-134	9	NPC	Accept
22-8-140	2, 9	Revoke	Accept
22-8-145	2, 9	Suspension 20 days	Accept
22-8-146	1,4,5a7,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-177	4, 8, 9, 5a2, 5a5	Suspension 90 days	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
22-8-180	2, 9	NPC	Accept
22-8-182	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-8-184	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-8-197	9,10	Suspension 20 days	Accept
22-8-248	1, 9	Extend pending criminal outcome	Accept
22-8-263	9, 10	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-297	5,9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
22-9-336	1,4,5a7,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-341	5a2, 5a5	Revoke	Accept
22-9-343	4, 5a2, 5a5	NPC	Accept
22-9-386	2,9	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-390	3,4,9	NPC	Accept
22-9-394	1,4,5a7,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-417	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept

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

<u>CASE</u>	<u>PREVIOUS SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
22-6-1688	Denial - Aug 7, 2018	<b>Deny</b>

3. Chair Townsend 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 RECOMMENDATION</u>
22-2-904	Suspension 10 days	Accept
22-4-1228	Reprimand	Accept
22-5-1372	Reprimand	Accept
22-5-1427	Reprimand	Accept
22-6-1675	Suspension 20 days	Accept
22-6-1684	Suspension 10 days	Accept
22-7-40	Suspension 1 year	Accept
22-7-77	Reprimand	Accept
22-7-84	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-138	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-154	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-173	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-198	Reprimand	Accept

4. Chair Townsend 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 RECOMMENDATION</u>
19-2-1052	NPC	Accept
19-3-1250	Suspension 2 days	Accept
20-7-32	Reprimand	Accept
21-2-723	Reprimand	Accept
21-4-1012	Reprimand	Accept
21-5-1171	Suspension 3 days	Accept
21-8-218	NPC	Accept
21-8-226	Suspension 7 days	Accept
21-10-399	Suspension 49 days	Accept
22-1-766	Warning	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>
22-3-1134	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-5-1374	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-6-1621	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-6-1679	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-6-1680	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-6-1694	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-7-56	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-7-63	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-7-68	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-7-81	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-7-87	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-7-88	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-7-94	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-7-97	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-8-153	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-8-171	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-8-202	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-8-213	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-8-221	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-8-255	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-8-257	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-8-288	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-8-298	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-8-300	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-8-305	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-312	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-313	Failure to respond.	Hold New App

<u>CASE</u>	<u>FINDINGS OF FACTS</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
22-9-342	Additional complaint	Investigate

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 58 new complaints received during the months of October and November 2022.

### 7. VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *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>
22-7-19	4, 9	Voluntary Surrender	Accept

### 8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 41 *Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations* consisting of the following:

22-10-578	22-10-584	22-10-603	22-10-609	22-10-615	22-11-635	22-11-642
22-10-579	22-10-585	22-10-604	22-10-610	22-10-616	22-11-637	22-11-643
22-10-580	22-10-586	22-10-605	22-10-611	22-10-617	22-11-638	22-11-644
22-10-581	22-10-587	22-10-606	22-10-612	22-11-627	22-11-639	22-11-645
22-10-582	22-10-588	22-10-607	22-10-613	22-11-633	22-11-640	22-11-646
22-10-583	22-10-599	22-10-608	22-10-614	22-11-634	22-11-641	

### 9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting an *Investigative Extension* to the following 159 cases:

<u>WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS</u>							
21-1-646	22-3-1152	22-4-1348	22-5-1524	22-6-1658	22-7-61	22-8-160	22-8-254
21-5-1117	22-3-1172	22-5-1406	22-5-1529	22-6-1659	22-7-64	22-8-161	22-8-260
21-6-1326	22-3-1174	22-5-1419	22-5-1530	22-6-1667	22-7-72	22-8-163	22-8-266
21-10-411	22-3-1186	22-5-1421	22-5-1531	22-6-1681	22-7-80	22-8-170	22-8-284
21-11-545	22-3-1194	22-5-1425	22-5-1534	22-6-1692	22-7-82	22-8-175	22-8-285
21-12-626	22-3-1196	22-5-1426	22-5-1564	22-6-1693	22-7-86	22-8-176	22-8-289
22-1-792	22-3-1197	22-5-1428	22-5-1571	22-6-1695	22-7-89	22-8-181	22-8-291
22-1-797	22-3-1214	22-5-1430	22-5-1573	22-7-3	22-8-119	22-8-185	22-8-292
22-1-850	22-4-1223	22-5-1438	22-5-1575	22-7-5	22-8-120	22-8-187	22-8-301
22-1-851	22-4-1225	22-5-1455	22-6-1608	22-7-15	22-8-121	22-8-190	22-8-302
22-1-856	22-4-1258	22-5-1480	22-6-1610	22-7-27	22-8-123	22-8-204	22-8-304

<b>WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS</b>							
22-2-889	22-4-1263	22-5-1481	22-6-1612	22-7-31	22-8-125	22-8-206	22-9-310
22-2-920	22-4-1272	22-5-1483	22-6-1613	22-7-35	22-8-132	22-8-209	22-9-321
22-2-963	22-4-1274	22-5-1488	22-6-1622	22-7-39	22-8-139	22-8-211	22-9-324
22-2-982	22-4-1276	22-5-1489	22-6-1626	22-7-43	22-8-143	22-8-214	22-9-330
22-2-996	22-4-1308	22-5-1500	22-6-1627	22-7-47	22-8-147	22-8-215	22-9-332
22-3-1059	22-4-1314	22-5-1501	22-6-1633	22-7-49	22-8-148	22-8-218	22-9-334
22-3-1080	22-4-1322	22-5-1503	22-6-1647	22-7-51	22-8-150	22-8-226	22-9-337
22-3-1088	22-4-1323	22-5-1512	22-6-1654	22-7-52	22-8-151	22-8-237	22-9-338
22-3-1146	22-4-1340	22-5-1521	22-6-1655	22-7-59	22-8-156	22-8-238	

**10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 27 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

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

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 9 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:

<b>CASE</b>	<b>ORIGINAL SANCTION</b>	<b>ALJ SANCTION</b>	<b>EERC RECOMMEND</b>
21-6-1342	Suspension 2 years	Suspension 60 days & 12 months monitoring	Accept

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

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstentions: Derek Easterling – PID 22-10-519, PCE 22-4-1266, 22-8-248, Dr. Franklin Perry – PCA 22-8-243, Jordan Frobos –PCE 21-5-1113, Clearance 22-9-311, Jane Rookard – PID 22-10-527, PCE 22-9-394, Clearance 22-1-740, 22-9-464, Beth Townsend – PID 22-10-543, PCE 22-8-127

**B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee**

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

<b>Educator Preparation and Certification Committee Report</b>		
<b>November 9, 2022</b>		
	<b>EPP</b>	<b>November 2022 Detailed</b>
		<b>Approval Recommendations</b>
1.	<b>Georgia Gwinnett College</b>	The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the EPP, and the following eleven educator preparation programs reviewed during the Fall 2022 Continuing Approval Review.

<b>Educator Preparation and Certification Committee Report</b> <b>November 9, 2022</b>		
	EPP	<b>November 2022 Detailed</b> <b>Approval Recommendations</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree]</li> <li>• Chemistry (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree]</li> <li>• Elementary Education (P-5) [Baccalaureate degree]</li> <li>• English (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree]</li> <li>• ESOL Endorsement Program</li> <li>• History (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree]</li> <li>• Mathematics (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree]</li> <li>• Middle Grades (4-8) -- Language arts, Math, Science, Social science [Baccalaureate degree]</li> <li>• Political Science (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree]</li> <li>• Reading Endorsement</li> <li>• Special Education General Curriculum (P-12) [Baccalaureate degree]</li> </ul> <p>The Committee recommends the submission of a progress report due November 13, 2023, addressing the Area for Improvement (AFI) in Standard 5.5.</p>
2.	<b>North Georgia RESA</b>	The Committee recommends granting the request to defer the Fall 2024 Continuing Approval Review to Spring 2026.
3.	<b>Spelman College</b>	<p>Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the EPP, and the following ten educator preparation programs reviewed during the Fall 2022 Continuing Approval Review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]</li> <li>• Elementary Education (P-5) [Baccalaureate degree]</li> <li>• English (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]</li> <li>• History (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]</li> <li>• Mathematics (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]</li> <li>• Music (P-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]</li> <li>• Physics (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]</li> <li>• Political Science (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]</li> <li>• Spanish (P-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]</li> <li>• Urban Education Endorsement</li> </ul> <p>The Committee recommends the submission of a progress report due November 13, 2023, addressing the AFIs in Standards 5.1</p>

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the Educator Ethics Review Committee report as present by Dr. Holley Roberts.

**PSC ACTION:**    Approved

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**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Sirmans wished all Commissioners born in November a happy birthday. Our next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am. We will meet remotely and in-person at our office at 200 Piedmont Avenue, 17<sup>th</sup> floor, West tower, Suite 1716 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, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm. Chair Sirmans called for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved