

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Two Piedmont Avenue

Atlanta, Georgia

September 12, 2013

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present

Julia Bernath

Lauren Eckman

Dr. Penny Elkins

Dr. Adrian Epps

Heath Garrett

Phil Jacobs

Scott Justus

Kamila Luigs

Valerie Mateen

Christy McGill

Terrie Ponder

Sheryl Stalvey

Bettina Polite Tate

Dr. Lawrence Walters

Pam Walker

Pam Williams

Members Absent

David Johnson

I. COMMISSION WORK SESSION

Executive Secretary, Kelly Henson, reviewed the following:

- Title IIA – We will transition the state’s Title IIA work back to the Georgia Department of Education effective July 1, 2014. This is a financial decision. We are very proud of the work that we have done. I would especially like to recognize Anne Mare Fenton and Chuck McCampbell for all of their hard work.
- Commission Retreat – The retreat has been scheduled for December 13th and December 14th. We have not decided on a hotel, but it will be a hotel in the perimeter. I will keep you posted. For those of you that do live far away, a hotel room will be provided on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

Chair Elkins recognized the significant work that is going on around the state through the Commission. This work includes the PPEM, Tiered Certification and Leadership. Many of the Commissioners are on those task forces and we really appreciate your time and dedication. The Woodrow Wilson Fellowship grant for preparation of STEM teachers in Georgia will announce the schools that were chosen to receive this award in the next week or two. As a result of this Fellowship, we are hoping that Georgia will be a leader in developing new certification For STEM educators.

We are so to say good-by to Stephanie Leggett, Bill Haskin and Alice Clements. Whenever we say good-by we also get to say hello to new Commissioners. I would like to welcome Terrie Ponder and Lauren Eckman. Terrie Ponder is a Social Studies teacher at Carrollton Junior High School and she was also a 2014 Georgia Teacher of the year top ten finalist. Lauren Eckman serves on more than one of the Task Forces that I had mentioned previously. She is a teacher of the blind and visually impaired at the Georgia Scademy for the Blind. She also served as the 2013 Georgia Teacher of the Year.

I would like to welcome back Larry Walters, Bettina Tate and Valerie Mateen. They have been reappointed for a second term.

II. CALL TO ORDER

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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 Dr. Elkins called for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: (Kami Luigs /Pam Walker) To approve the agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Elkins called for approval of the minutes from the July 11, 2013, Commission meeting.

PSC ACTION:

V. VISITORS

Chair Dr. Elkins welcomed the visitors.

- Margaret Elliott, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Paula Dohoney, Georgia Regents University
- Clyde Reese, ETS
- Janet Cook, ETS
- Jan Ruthven, ETS
- Linda Fortson, Warren Fortson Law Office
- Tayia Donald, Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)
- John Hooper, Georgia School Superintendents Association
- Steven Laser, ETS

VI. EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

Chair Elkins and Kelly Henson presented the following employees with service awards:

Barbara Corbin - 5 Years – Barbara began her career with the PSC in 2008 as an Information Specialist, two years later was promoted to a Certification Evaluator Trainee and is currently a Certification Evaluator 1. From the moment she joined the agency, Barbara quickly became a welcomed addition to the Certification team with her positive attitude, cheerful demeanor and infectious laugh. Barbara approaches each customer with a commitment to seeing the issue through to the end and, as a result of her dedication, she receives the highest number of customer commendations for her assistance out of the entire Certification staff. When the Certification Division implemented an HR Line to provide telephone assistance to school system personnel, Barbara was the first staff member approached to take on this responsibility and she did so with no hesitation. We are fortunate to have Barbara on our staff and wish her many more years of success with the PSC.

Rachelle Brevil – 10 Years - Rachelle began her career with PSC in 2002 as a temporary employee with the Certification Division. In July 2003, she was hired permanently as a Clerk II. Rachelle was always helpful and courteous to co-workers and a welcome addition to the certification team. In 2005 she was promoted to an

Information Specialist. In 2007 she was promoted to a Certification Evaluator Trainee and she is now a Certification Evaluator II and the leader of our Front End Team. She excels in her current role and does so with a focus on the customer and unparalleled enthusiasm for her work. We are so fortunate to have Rachelle and wish her many more years of continued success with the PSC.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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 76 *Probable Cause* cases during its September 12, 2013, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
13-3-915	1	NPC
13-4-970	1	Deny
13-4-974	1	Reprimand
13-5-1134	1	NPC
13-5-1135	10	Reprimand
13-6-1145	1, 10	NPC
13-7-7	1	Reprimand
11-6-1192	2, 5,10	Suspension - 20 days
11-9-401	4,7,9,10 DOE.	Suspension - 2 yrs
12-5-1241	2,10	Suspension - 2 yrs
12-5-1251	2,10	Suspension - 2 yrs
12-5-1266	1, 2, 10	Revoke
12-6-1290	10, 11	Suspension - 2 yrs
12-6-1301	10, 11	NPC
12-7-7	1, 4, 9	Suspension - 5 days
12-7-38	1, 4, 9	Reprimand
12-7-75	1,4,9,10	Suspension - 2 yrs
12-7-77	1, 10	Revoke
12-7-96	3,5,10	Suspension - 2 yrs
12-7-131	1,4,9	Reprimand
12-8-243	1, 2, 10	Revoke
12-8-267	1, 10	Suspension - 1 yr
12-8-296	4,10	Revoke
12-8-299	2,10	Suspension - 60 days
12-10-413	1,2,10	Suspension - 10 days
12-10-484	1,2,10	Revoke
12-11-515	4,10	Suspension - 1 yr

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
12-11-525	10	Reprimand
12-11-548	1,2,10	Suspension - 10 days
12-11-554	1,9	NPC
13-1-689	3, 10	Suspension - 1 yr
13-2-737	1, 4, 9, 10	Reprimand
13-3-840	1,10	NPC
13-3-842	1, 10	Suspension - 1 yr
13-3-845	1, 4, 9, 10	Reprimand
13-3-850	4,10	Suspension - 90 days
13-3-851	4,10	Suspension - 20 days
13-3-852	4,10	Suspension - 20 days
13-3-853	4,10	Suspension - 20 days
13-3-872	1, 5, 10	Suspension - 1 yr
13-3-880	4, 10, 11	Suspension - 2 yrs
13-3-881	4, 10, 11	Suspension - 2 yrs
13-3-901	1,4, 9, 10	Suspension - 1 yr
13-3-902	4,10	Suspension - 2 yrs
13-4-930	1,4, 10	Suspension - 1 yr
13-4-934	3,10	Suspension - 1 yr
13-4-941	1,4, 9, 10	Reprimand
13-4-949	1, 4, 9	Reprimand
13-4-977	1, 10	Revoke
13-4-993	1,4, 9, 10	Reprimand
13-4-999	1,2,10	Revoke
13-4-1000	3, 10	Suspension - 30 days
13-4-1005	2,10	Suspension - 1 yr
13-5-1033	9, 10, 11	Suspension - 2 yrs
13-5-1034	4,10	Suspension - 2 yrs
13-5-1035	4,10	Suspension - 1 yr
13-5-1042	1, 4, 9	Reprimand
13-5-1051	1,9, 10	Reprimand
13-5-1054	4,10, 11	Suspension - 2 yrs
13-5-1069	1, 10	Reprimand
13-5-1079	1, 9, 10	NPC
13-5-1094	10, 11	Suspension - 2 yrs
13-5-1098	9,10	Suspension - 90 days
13-5-1111	1,10	Revoke
13-5-1127	4, 10, 11	NPC
13-6-1144	1, 4, 9	Reprimand
13-6-1192	4,10	Suspension - 20 days
13-6-1196	4, 10	Suspension - 30 days

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
13-6-1201	1,10	Extend pending criminal case
13-6-1203	2,4,10	Revoke
13-6-1227	4,5,10	Suspension - 1 yr
13-6-1232	4,5,10	Suspension - 1 yr
13-6-1238	4,10	Suspension - 10 days
13-6-1245	7,10	Suspension - 20 days
13-7-1	5,10	Suspension - 1 yr
13-7-2	5,10	Suspension - 90 days

2. Ms. Walker reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 3 *Petitions Issues* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>PREVIOUS SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMEND</u>
13-5-1093	Revocation-March 2004	Grant
13-6-1161	Voluntary Surrender-Feb. 2009	Deny
13-6-1177	Voluntary Surrender-July 2001	Grant (Rule Wavier)

3. Ms. Walker reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 16 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
12-4-1159	Reprimand	Accept
12-6-1305	Revocation	Accept
12-8-302	Suspension - 10 days	Accept
12-11-542	Suspension - 1 year	Accept
12-12-584	Reprimand	Accept
12-12-623	Reprimand	Accept
13-1-648	Reprimand	Accept
13-1-653	Suspension - 1 year	Accept
13-1-665	Reprimand	Accept
13-1-670	Reprimand	Accept
13-2-733	Suspension - 5 days	Accept
13-2-748	Reprimand	Accept
13-2-753	Suspension - 20 days	Accept
13-2-793	Reprimand	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
13-3-825	Reprimand	Accept
13-4-955	Suspension - 90 days	Accept

4. Ms. Walker reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 47 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMEND</u>
9-12-654 & 10-3-934	Suspension - 20 days	Accept
10-12-600	Suspension - 3 years	Accept
11-1-674	Suspension - 34 days	Accept
11-8-110	Suspension - 2 yrs	Accept
11-8-250	Suspension - 10 days	Accept
11-8-255	NPC	Accept
11-8-264	Suspension - 30 days	Accept
11-9-275	Suspension - 20 days	Accept
11-10-481	Suspension - 1 yr & 163 days	Accept
11-12-679	NPC	<i>Reject</i>
12-1-724	Suspension - 45 days	Accept
12-1-735	NPC	Accept
12-1-776	Suspension - 1 year	Accept
12-2-858	Suspension - 60 days	Accept
12-3-1025	NPC	Accept
12-3-1031	Suspension - 1 year	Accept
12-3-1049	Suspension - 180 days	Accept
12-4-1147	Suspension - 90 days	Accept
12-4-1151	Suspension - 180 days	Accept
12-5-1215	Suspension - 3 years	Accept
12-5-1278	Suspension - 65 days	Accept
12-6-1331	Suspension - 30 days	Accept
12-7-11	Reprimand	Accept
12-7-68	Suspension - 1 yr	Accept
12-7-109	Suspension - 1 year	Accept
12-7-157	NPC	Accept
12-7-159	NPC	Accept
12-7-160	NPC	Accept
12-7-162	NPC	Accept
12-7-163	Reprimand	Accept
12-7-177	NPC	Accept
12-7-180	NPC	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMEND</u>
12-7-190	Suspension - 1 yr	Accept
12-8-253	Reprimand	Accept
12-9-331	Suspension - 20 days	Accept
12-9-375	Reprimand	Accept
12-9-382	Suspension - 90 days	Reject
12-10-425	Suspension - 5 days	Accept
12-10-429	Suspension - 69 days	Reject
12-11-528	NPC	Accept
13-1-687	Suspension - 90 days	Accept
13-3-895	NPC	Accept
13-3-896	NPC	Accept
13-3-897	NPC	Accept
13-3-898	NPC	Accept
13-3-899	NPC	Accept
13-3-900	NPC	Accept

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
PCE 13-2-771	9, 10	Susp 20 days	Extend

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 77 new complaints received during the months of July and September 2013.

7. **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER/VOLUNTARY DENIAL**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 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 RECOMMENDATION</u>
11-11-598	5, 10	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
12-11-538	2, 4, 10	Voluntary Surrender	Accept

8. **EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 59 Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations consisting of the following:

13-7-31	13-7-39	13-7-48	13-8-68	13-8-104	13-8-134	13-9-143	13-9-187
13-7-32	13-7-40	13-7-51	13-8-69	13-8-105	13-8-135	13-9-144	13-9-188
13-7-33	13-7-41	13-7-52	13-8-98	13-8-106	13-8-136	13-9-180	13-9-189
13-7-34	13-7-42	13-7-53	13-8-99	13-8-107	13-8-137	13-9-182	
13-7-35	13-7-43	13-7-54	13-8-100	13-8-108	13-9-138	13-9-183	
13-7-36	13-7-44	13-7-55	13-8-101	13-8-131	13-9-139	13-9-184	
13-7-37	13-7-45	13-8-56	13-8-102	13-8-132	13-9-140	13-9-185	
13-7-38	13-7-46	13-8-57	13-8-103	13-8-133	13-9-142	13-9-186	

9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting and *Investigative Extension* to the following 271 cases:

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS							
10-9-331	12-1-733	12-8-261	12-12-590	13-2-756	13-4-1007	13-5-1056	13-6-1195
10-12-553	12-1-764	12-8-263	12-12-591	13-2-757	13-4-1012	13-5-1057	13-6-1198
10-12-562	12-2-885	12-8-264	12-12-592	13-2-759	13-4-1013	13-5-1061	13-6-1199
11-6-1227	12-2-891	12-8-269	12-12-593	13-2-761	13-4-1015	13-5-1064	13-6-1202
11-8-119	12-2-896	12-9-336	12-12-594	13-2-772	13-4-1016	13-5-1065	13-6-1205
11-8-130	12-2-901	12-9-346	12-12-595	13-2-773	13-4-1017	13-5-1076	13-6-1206
11-8-200	12-3-974	12-9-358	12-12-597	13-2-774	13-4-1018	13-5-1080	13-6-1207
11-9-284	12-3-978	12-10-419	12-12-599	13-2-776	13-4-1019	13-5-1082	13-6-1208
11-9-298	12-3-1026	12-10-434	12-12-600	13-2-778	13-4-1025	13-5-1087	13-6-1209
11-9-304	12-4-1120	12-10-441	12-12-606	13-2-780	13-4-1028	13-5-1088	13-6-1210
11-9-337	12-4-1133	12-10-444	12-12-607	13-2-784	13-4-925	13-5-1089	13-6-1226
11-9-343	12-4-1137	12-10-446	12-12-610	13-2-786	13-4-927	13-5-1096	13-6-1229
11-9-355	12-4-1140	12-10-477	12-12-613	13-2-787	13-4-928	13-5-1097	13-6-1230
11-9-358	12-4-1141	12-10-480	13-1-633	13-2-788	13-4-933	13-5-1104	13-6-1231
11-9-359	12-5-1280	12-10-482	13-1-634	13-2-789	13-4-937	13-5-1108	13-6-1234
11-9-392	12-6-1328	12-11-505	13-1-637	13-2-801	13-4-944	13-5-1112	13-6-1237
11-9-396	12-6-1329	12-11-507	13-1-639	13-2-802	13-4-953	13-5-1114	13-6-1239
11-9-397	12-7-12	12-11-510	13-1-640	13-3-832	13-4-980	13-6-1139	13-6-1240
11-9-398	12-7-48	12-11-514	13-1-642	13-3-833	13-4-981	13-6-1141	13-6-1241
11-9-399	12-7-71	12-11-516	13-1-643	13-3-838	13-4-982	13-6-1149	13-6-1243
11-9-402	12-7-72	12-11-518	13-1-646	13-3-841	13-4-983	13-6-1151	13-6-1244
11-9-418	12-7-76	12-11-523	13-1-650	13-3-854	13-4-984	13-6-1158	13-6-1247
11-9-419	12-7-81	12-11-529	13-1-655	13-3-859	13-4-985	13-6-1159	13-6-1249
11-9-420	12-7-89	12-11-530	13-1-658	13-3-861	13-4-987	13-6-1160	13-6-1255
11-9-421	12-7-111	12-11-531	13-1-663	13-3-865	13-4-994	13-6-1162	13-6-1265
11-9-424	12-7-112	12-11-540	13-1-679	13-3-867	13-4-996	13-6-1168	13-6-1274
11-9-455	12-7-153	12-11-545	13-1-691	13-3-869	13-5-1032	13-6-1176	13-7-9
11-9-456	12-7-155	12-11-547	13-1-696	13-3-878	13-5-1040	13-6-1178	13-7-10

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS							
11-9-457	12-7-207	12-11-552	13-1-704	13-3-891	13-5-1043	13-6-1179	13-7-14
11-9-458	12-7-211	12-11-555	13-1-719	13-3-894	13-5-1046	13-6-1180	13-7-21
11-9-459	12-8-227	12-12-561	13-2-721	13-3-904	13-5-1047	13-6-1184	13-7-23
11-11-600	12-8-228	12-12-565	13-2-723	13-3-905	13-5-1049	13-6-1185	13-7-25
11-12-702	12-8-259	12-12-567	13-2-725	13-3-907	13-5-1050	13-6-1193	13-7-30
11-12-710	12-8-260	12-12-570	13-2-755	13-3-917	13-5-1052	13-6-1194	

10. **APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 30 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

11. **FINAL DECISION**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed the Final Decision below and voted to recommend the following action for approval by the Professional Standards Commission:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL SANCTION</u>	<u>ALJ SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
10-6-1418	Suspension 1 year	Suspension 60 days	Accept

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

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 16 cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The report also advised that there were 4 cases closed without an appeal for a review hearing before the Commission.

Chair Walker called for approval of the Educator Ethics Review Committee report as presented by Pam Walker excluding case # 12-8-302.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Lauren Eckman-all cases, Terrie Ponder-all cases, Kamila Luigs – case #'s 13-4-934, 11-9-401, 13-4-970, Dr. Larry Walters – case # 13-5-1111, Pam Walker – case #'s 13-7-29, 12-5-1251 and 12-5-1241, Valerie Mateen – case # 13-6-1201, Pam Williams – case # 13-6-1196 and 12-11-528, Dr. Penny Elkins – case # 13-6-1196 and 12-11-528, Scott Justus – case # 13-6-1196 and 12-11-528

Probable Cause Case # 13-4-1005

MOTION: (Valerie Mateen / Bettina Tate) To Accept the EERC's recommendation of a 1 Year Suspension.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Opposed: Phil Jacobs, Kami Luigs

Probable Cause Case # 12-11-548

MOTION: (Valerie Mateen / Scott Justus) To Accept the EERC's recommendation of a 10 Day Suspension.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Opposed: Phil Jacobs, Kami Luigs, Christy McGill

B. Educator Preparation/Certification Standing Committee

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

1. For EPP 10105, the Committee recommends rescinding the July 2013 approval action/decision where the request was made for the submission of a Transition Plan from the President of the institution by September 1, 2013. Additionally, the Committee requested the submission of a Progress Report by November 1, 2013 addressing the areas for improvement cited during the 2011 review. Furthermore, deferral of the Spring 2014 GaPSC Initial Performance Review was granted.
2. For EPP 10105, the Committee recommends the submission of a Progress Report by March 1, 2014 addressing the areas for improvement cited during the 2011 review. The Committee recommends deferral of the Spring 2014 GaPSC Initial Performance Review to Spring 2015.

	Unit Number	September 2013 Detailed Approval Recommendations
1.	10105	For EPP 10105, the Committee recommends rescinding the July 2013 approval decision where the request was made for the submission of a Transition Plan from the President of the institution by September 1, 2013. Additionally, the Committee recommended the submission of a Progress Report by November 1, 2013 addressing the areas for improvement cited during the 2011 review. Furthermore, the Committee recommended deferral of the Spring 2014 GaPSC Initial Performance Review.
2.	10105	The Committee recommends the submission of a Progress Report by March 1, 2014 addressing the areas for improvement cited during the 2011 review. The Committee recommends deferral of the Spring 2014 GaPSC Initial Performance Review to Spring 2015.

Chair Elkins called for approval of the Educator Preparation/Certification Committee report as presented by Chair Epps.

PSC ACTION: Approved

VIII. RULES TO ADOPT AND PREVIEW

Anne Marie Fenton will need a motion to adopt rules for Educator Preparation and a second. The motion is –

MOTION: (Dr. Adrian Epps / Sheryl Stalvey) To (1) **amend** the current rules in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective October 15, 2013, follows: 505-2-.10, 505-2.39, and 505-2-.96; (2) **rescind** the current rule in Chapter 505-3 Educator Preparation, effective October 15, 2013, as follows: 505-3-.82; and (3) adopt the current rule in Chapter 505-3 Educator Preparation, effective October 15, 2013, as follows: 505-3-.82.

ACTION: Approved

IX. GACE PRESENTAION

Anne Marie thanked the employees from PSC and ETS for collaborating together to make the transition to ETS. She introduced Clyde Reese, ETS who gave the presentation on GACE Standard Setting. He also addressed questions/concerns that Commissioners had.

X. GACE STANDARD SETTING

The next order of business is the GACE Standard Setting. Kelly Henson will present each GACE Standard Setting recommendation.

1. We wish to initiate the standard setting process for the 43 GACE content assessments. We propose that for all tests composing these assessments – EXCEPT GACE American Sign Language Test II – two passing scores be set:
 - Professional: at a value equal to the passing score recommended by the GACE Standard Setting Panel
 - Induction: at a value equal to two conditional standard errors of measurement lower than the passing score recommended by the GACE Standard Setting Committee.

MOTION: (Pam Walker / Bettina Tate) To set the Professional and Induction passing scores on the GACE content and support services assessments as described.

ACTION: Approved
Abstention: Pam Williams

2. We wish to initiate the standard setting process for the GACE American Sign Language Test II. We propose that the passing score be set at 3, one score level lower than the passing score recommended by the GACE Standard Setting Committee.

MOTION: (Bettina Tate / Phil Jacobs) To set the passing score on the GACE American Sign Language Test II at 3, one score level lower than the passing score recommended by the GACE Standard Setting Committee?

ACTION: Approved
Abstention: Pam Williams

3. We wish to initiate the standard setting process for the GACE Program Admission assessment (formerly Basic Skills Assessment). We propose that for each of the three tests composing this assessment, the passing score be set at a value equal to two conditional standard errors of measurement lower than the passing score recommended by the GACE Standard Setting Committee.

MOTION: (Julia Bernath / Kami Luigs) To set the passing scores on each test comprising the GACE Program Admission Assessment at a value that is equal to two conditional standard errors of measurement lower than the passing score recommended by the GACE Standard Setting Committee?

ACTION: Approved
Abstention: Pam Williams

4. We propose that beginning with the October 2013 GACE administration and up until the GaDOE-adopted statewide teacher evaluation is consistently in place, but no earlier than 2014, all examinees who pass the GACE assessment at either the Induction level or Professional level have met the Georgia Special Requirement in Rule 505-2-.20 to pass the content knowledge assessment(s) appropriate to the field of certification.

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MOTION: (Valerie Mateen /Dr. Adrian Epps) Until the GaDOE-adopted statewide teacher evaluation is in place, but no earlier than 2014, examinees who pass the GACE assessment at the Induction level have met the content assessment requirement outlined in Rule 505-2-.20 Special Georgia Requirements.

ACTION: Approved
Abstention: Pam Williams

5. We propose that after the GaDOE-adopted statewide teacher evaluation measure is consistently in place, but no earlier than 2014, examinees who pass the GACE assessment at the Induction level must meet the content knowledge assessment requirement outlined in Special Georgia Requirements by either 1) passing the GACE assessment at the Professional level within three (3) years of employment in a public school in Georgia, or 2) achieving no fewer than two (2) proficient ratings and one exemplary rating on GaDOE-adopted statewide teacher evaluation measure within three (3) years of employment in a public school in Georgia.

MOTION: (Scott Justus / Dr. Adrian Epps) After the GaDOE-adopted statewide teacher evaluation measure is in place, but no earlier than 2014, examinees who pass the GACE assessment at the Induction level must meet the content knowledge assessment requirement outlined in Special Georgia Requirements by either 1) passing the GACE assessment at the Professional level within three (3) years of employment in a public school in Georgia , or 2) achieving no fewer than two (2) proficient ratings and one exemplary rating on GaDOE-adopted statewide teacher evaluation measure within three (3) years of employment in a public school in Georgia.

ACTION: Approved
Abstention: Pam Williams

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Elkins called for the meeting to be adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

PSC ACTION: Approved