

MINUTES
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION RETREAT
Holiday Inn Atlanta Perimeter Hotel
4386 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA
December 12, 2013

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) held a retreat on December 12 and 13, 2013, at the Holiday Inn Atlanta Perimeter Hotel.

Members Present

Julia Bernath	David Johnson	Carol Rivera
Lauren Eckman	Scott Justus	Sheryl Stalvey
Dr. Penny Elkins	Kamila Luigs	Dr. Lawrence Walters
Dr. Adrian Epps	Valerie Mateen	Pam Walker
Phil Jacobs	Christy McGill	Pam Williams
	Terrie Ponder	

Members Absent

Bettina Polite Tate
Heath Garrett

1:30 – 3:00 Tiered Certification, location: Centennial 3 & 4, Presented by Dr. David Hill and Tom Higgins - The presentation was entitled Georgia's Tiered Certification System. The Commissioners were given the following:

- *DRAFT* GaPSC Tiered Certification
- Exceptions Sub-Group: Possible Exceptions to Consider for Presentation to the Tiered Certification Task Force
- The Effective Principal

3:00 – 4:30 Teacher & Leader Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures, location: Centennial 3 & 4, Presented by Penney McRoy – The presentation was entitled Teacher & Leader Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures. The Commissioners were given the following:

- 10 Recommended Policy Actions from Our Responsibility, Our Promise
- Definition of Learner-Ready Teachers/Definition of School-Ready Principals
- Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures (PPEMs)
- Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures (PPEMs) Frequently Asked Questions

4:30 – 5:15 GACE Sample Test Questions – This presentation was combined with the Dinner Presentation at 7:30 p.m.

5:15 – 6:00 Break

6:00 – 7:30 Social Activity – Kelly Henson (location: Hospitality Suite 532)

7:30 – 9:00 Dinner Presentations/Discussion, GACE Sample Test Questions/The First Two Months of Our New GACE Testing Program, location: Centennial 2, Presented by Anne Marie Fenton – The

presentation was entitled Your GACE Assessment. The combined session on “GACE Sample Questions,” and “The First Two Months of Our New GACE Testing Program” provided 1) an overview of the progress made on meeting the needs of the GACE assessment program with the transition to the new testing supplier; 2) a focus on GACE Program Admission Assessment standard setting decisions, resulting data, and opportunities for growth; 3) an examination of GACE content assessment data and program implications; and 4) an opportunity to review and practice sample GACE questions.

Friday, December 13th (All meetings and meals in Centennial 3 & 4)

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast, Collaboration with the Department of Early Care and Learning: The Professional Development Registry, Presented by Kelli Young and Krystal Doherty – The presentation was entitled The Professional Development Registry – Vision and Growth in Process.

8:30 – 9:30 Changes in the Performance Based Leadership Preparation Program, Presented by Dr. David Hill – The presentation was entitled Proposal for Redesign of Education Leadership Preparation. A hand-out was given to the Commissioners entitled DRAFT: Redesign of Educational Leadership Preparation in Georgia for School and District Level Leaders.

9:30 – 9:45 Commission Security: What Should I Do If? Presented by John Grant

9:45 – 10:15 Break (Snacks and drinks available from 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

10:15 – 11:00 Educator Ethics – Frequent Violations and Standard Ethics Sanctions As well As Other Ethics Material and Issues, Presented by Paul Shaw – Pam Williams gave an update on the progress of the Ethics Task Force that is meeting with ETS to develop Ethics Modules to be used in conjunction with the GACE test.

11:00 – 12:00 Professional Learning, Presented by Dr. David Hill – The presentation was entitled Redesign of Professional Learning. The Commissioners were given the following:

- The House Study Committee on Professional Learning Summary
- Summary of Guskey’s Levels of Professional Development
- Professional Learning Communities – Characteristics, Structural Conditions, and Supports

12:00 -2:30 Lunch/Discussion on Selected Educator Preparation Topics, Presented by Penney McRoy, Dr. Angie Gant, Julie Beck, Anne Marie Fenton, Phyllis Payne and Dr. Cyndy Stephens –The presentation was entitled: Educator Preparation: Transforming the Profession. The Commissioners were given the following:

- Certified Personnel Vacancies by Field
- Regional Education Service Agencies Certified Personnel Vacancies
- GaPSC/ETS – Educator Ethics Training and Assessment Project
- edTPA Overview
- edTPA School Flyer

2:30 – 2:45 Wrap Up and Closing – Kelly Henson thanked all the Commissioners for their time and for being interactive during the sessions.