

# MINUTES

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

### Remote Meeting via ZOOM Webinar

April 9, 2026

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

#### **Members Present**

Angela Byrne	Zach Miller	Dr. Brandon Seigler
Abigail Coggin	Dr. Franklin Perry	Brian Sirmans
Kedrione Harris	Stephanie Rogers	Dr. Judi Wilson
Nathan Lewis	Jane Rookard	

#### **Members Absent**

Jimmy Atkins	Christy Edwards
Jeanine Bunn	Vonda Woodall
Dr. Holley Roberts	Carol Williams

#### **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.

#### **II. VISITORS**

Chair Sirmans welcomed the visitors.

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

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the agenda.

**MOTION:** (Kedrione Harris / Zach Miller) To approve the agenda.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

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

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the March 12, 2026 minutes.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

#### **V. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The big news in our report for the Commission is that we have navigated through the legislative session with Sine Die taking place, and the FY 26 legislative session being completed, on April 2. I am pleased to report that the FY 2027 budget did yield some positive results. While our general budget was completely flat when compared to the previous year, we did receive funding for additional EPP evaluation specialist positions. We are extremely thankful for these positions due to the increased work responsibilities required by several new legislative bills particularly HB 1193, the Georgia Early Literacy Act, and HB 1107, the Excellent Teacher Preparation Act. For example, we will be moving towards evaluating EPPs with a special focus on literacy every four years instead of the past practice of program evaluations every seven years.

5/22/2026

Page 2

As we shared with you last month, we continued to track pieces of legislation that will impact us. SB 150 Return to Work, and HB 1030 Math Matters, SR 545 Student Teaching Study Committee are just a few more. Many of these education bills (approximately 37) are aligned with Georgia's Strategic Plan for Educator Recruitment and Retention. We again worked with the sponsors of these bills and offered our friendly amendments to the language and functionality of the bills. Senate Resolution 237 and the resulting Georgia Strategic Plan will continue to impact the work of our agency. We will continue to work with other agencies and educational associations to select and implement recommended strategies to positively impact the recruitment and retention of teachers/educators. We created a Progress Monitoring tool that we will update and share with the Commission and other interested stakeholders about the impact of this work and the impact it had on the FY26 legislative session.

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Mike Brunswick our new Lead Investigator, has hit the ground running, filling the position as Mr. David Pumphrey begins his retirement. Under the Ethics Director direction of Ms. Anne Marie Fenton, we continue to review our Ethics operational procedures and are looking at possible considerations that will improve our efficiency and effectiveness. For example, GaPSC's Ethics Division focused eight business days, from April 21-30th, on a "Backlog Blitz" by working older cases. In those eight business days, 51 cases were closed. This effort is part of our ongoing focus on one of the Ethics Division's goals of reducing the backlog.

Our evaluation team continues working closely with Evaluation Systems, the GACE testing supplier, on several initiatives: a) continuous enhancements to the data analysis tool our educator preparation providers use to analyze their data, based on the input from users; b) compiling annual pass rate data for federal Title II reporting for all our state-approved EPPs, which is due near the end of April; c) conducting several content-focused GACE preparation webinars on Teacher Leadership, Educational Leadership, How to Register, and others. Upcoming webinars will focus on the middle grades content assessment preparation. All webinars are posted on the GACE website. d) Both ES and GaPSC are committed to outstanding customer service; any reported, specific customer service issues are promptly addressed.

The Teacher Pipeline Summit will be held later this month, on April 23rd, from 8:00-4:00 at Fort Valley State University. With support from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the Summit seeks to address the challenges impacting Georgia's teacher pipeline. The purpose of the Summit is to engage stakeholders from around the state in identifying actionable tactics that will inform a cohesive state-wide plan aimed at elevating the teaching profession and recruiting more educators, particularly more educators from Georgia's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). All Commissioners are welcome to attend. I know that some of you have registered but if not and you would like to participate, please let Ms. Shaat or Dr. McRoy know if you would like to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

This week, Education Specialist, Dr. Becky Pennington will begin facilitating the Literacy Coaching Endorsement Task Force. As we mentioned earlier, HB1193, which passed in this year's legislative session, requires us to develop a Literacy Coaching Endorsement by the end of the year. Becky is working closely with the Literacy Coaching Coordinating Council on this project, and we fully expect to meet the timeline specified in the bill by requesting your initiation of the new endorsement rule in October.

Chair Sirmans unless there are any questions, my report is complete.

## VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Chair Kedrione Harris of the Educator Ethics Review Committee (EERC), gave a preliminary review of the cases.

- Chair Harris reported that the Committee reviewed 91 *Probable Cause* cases during April 9, 2026, 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>
25-12-1209	1,4,5a6	NPC	Accept
26-1-1236	1, 5a6	NPC	Accept
26-1-1329	1,4,5a6	NPC	Accept
26-1-1346	1,4,5a6	Deny	Accept
26-1-1351	4,5a2,5a6	Deny	Accept
26-2-1419	1,5a6	NPC	Accept
26-2-1427	1, 4, 5a6, 9	Reprimand	Accept
26-2-1498	1,5a6	Reprimand	Accept
19-3-1240	1,2,9,5a7	Revoke	Accept
23-6-1741	1, 4, 8, 9	Suspension 45 days	Accept
23-10-767	1,4,7,8,9	Suspension 45 days	Accept
24-10-597	1,4,5a2, 5a6,5a7 (2008-2022),8,9,9 (2008-2022),10 (2008-2018)	Revoke	Accept
24-10-657	1,4,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
24-11-804	1,4,5a6,8,9	CCE	Accept
24-11-826	1,4,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
24-11-842	1,4,a56,8,9	Revoke	Accept
24-12-1012	1,4,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
24-12-1013	4,5a5,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
24-12-1014	1,4,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
24-3-1611	1,4,5,9	Revoke	Accept
24-7-128	4,8,9,5a5,5a6	Revoke	Accept
24-8-162	1,4,5a2, 5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
24-8-316	1,4,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
24-9-361	1,4,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
24-9-370	1,4,5a2,5a6,8,9	Suspension 60 days	Accept
25-10-557	1,2,9,5a6	CCE	Accept
25-10-567	2,8,9,5a6	Suspension 20 days	Accept
25-10-568	2, 4, 8, 9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-10-627	1,9,5a6	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-1-1214	1,4 5a6, 5a7 (2009-2018), 8,9, 9 (2009-2018), 10 (2009-2018)	Revoke	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
25-1-1225	1,4,5a6,8,9	CCE	Accept
25-11-836	1,9	CCE	Accept
25-11-966	2,9	CCE	Accept
25-11-970	2,4,9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-11-974	2,9	Suspension 15 days	Accept
25-11-980	4,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-11-993	2,9	Suspension 3 days	Accept
25-12-1053	7,9	NPC	Accept
25-12-1072	1,2,9	CCE	Accept
25-12-1078	9	NPC	Accept
25-12-1094	1,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-12-1096	1,2,9	CCE	Accept
25-12-1097	2,4,8,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-12-1101	1,2,9	CCE	Accept
25-12-1111	2,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-12-1113	9	Reprimand	Accept
25-12-1116	9	Warning	Accept
25-12-1117	2,4,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
25-12-1122	1, 2, 9	CCE	Accept
25-12-1141	2,4,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-12-1164	2,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
25-12-1167	2,4,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-12-1179	2,9	Suspension 3 days	Accept
25-12-1181	4,7,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-12-1183	2,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-12-1184	8,9	Warning	Accept
25-12-1185	2,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-3-1475	1,2,4,5a6,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-4-1743	1,4,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
25-4-1780	1, 9	NPC	Accept
25-4-1817	1,4,5a6,8,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
25-4-1823	1,4,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
25-5-1859	2, 4, 7, 9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-6-2154	9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
25-7-151	1,4,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
25-8-225	9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
25-8-263	2, 8, 9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-8-295	9	NPC	Accept
25-9-480	1,9	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
25-9-483	4,8,9	NPC	Accept
25-9-503	7,9	NPC	Accept
26-1-1216	2, 8, 9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
26-1-1223	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
26-1-1225	2,4,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
26-1-1230	1,2,9	NPC	Accept
26-1-1231	2,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
26-1-1245	2, 9	Reprimand	Accept
26-1-1249	3,9	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
26-1-1259	1, 2, 9	CCE	Accept
26-1-1262	2,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
26-1-1263	2,9	NPC	Accept
26-1-1274	3,9	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
26-1-1275	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
26-1-1281	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
26-1-1300	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
26-1-1310	1,4,5a6,5a7 (2006-2022), 8,9, 10 (2006-20210)	Reprimand	Accept
26-1-1339	1,4,5a6,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
26-1-1347	3,9	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
26-1-1359	1,4,5a6,8,9	Suspension 15 days	Accept
26-2-1461	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
26-2-1464	2, 4, 9	Reprimand	Accept

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

<u>CASE</u>	<u>PREVIOUS SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
26-1-1358	VS - May 23, 2022	Deny

3. Chair Harris 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>
24-10-617	Suspension 20 days	Accept
25-6-2199	Suspension 1 year	Accept
25-7-85	Suspension 1 year	Accept
25-10-531	Reprimand	Accept
25-10-553	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-10-594	Reprimand	Accept
25-10-635	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-10-690	Suspension 3 days	Accept
25-11-827	Suspension 1 year	Accept
25-11-876	Suspension 20 days	Accept
25-11-906	Suspension 3 days	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
25-12-1007	Reprimand	Accept
25-12-1020	Reprimand	Accept
25-12-1064	Suspension 10 days	Accept
26-1-1267	Reprimand	Accept
26-1-1357	Reprimand	Accept

4. Chair Harris reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 13 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
19-6-1855	Susp 5 days	Accept
19-12-881	Reprimand	Accept
23-1-914	Susp 3 years	Accept
23-4-1314	Reprimand	Accept
23-7-1	Susp 68 days	Accept
23-7-98	Warning	Accept
24-5-2155	Susp 3 days	Accept
24-6-2323	Warning	Accept
24-11-778	Susp 3 days	Accept
24-11-869	Susp 2 years	Accept
25-3-1546	Susp 92 days	Accept
25-4-1808	Susp 20 days	Accept
25-7-126	Susp 5 days	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>
25-6-2147	Supplemental complaint	Investigate
26-2-1519	Supplemental complaint	Investigate
23-9-603	No effective service.	Hold New App
24-9-372	No effective service.	Hold New App
24-10-666	Failure to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
24-11-794	No effective service.	Hold New App
24-11-802	Failure to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
24-11-817	Failure to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
25-4-1754	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
25-4-1756	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
25-4-1833	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
25-11-865	No effective service.	Hold New App
26-1-1270	No effective service.	Hold New App

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 130 new complaints received during the months of March and April 2026.

**7. VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 3 *Voluntary Surrenders* 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>
24-3-1737	1, 2, 8, 9, 5a7	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
25-9-409	9	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
26-2-1492	1, 2, 9	Voluntary Surrender	Accept

**8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 73 *Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations* consisting of the following:

26-3-1639	26-3-1726	26-3-1736	26-3-1746	26-3-1756	26-4-1766	26-4-1776	26-4-1796
26-3-1640	26-3-1727	26-3-1737	26-3-1747	26-3-1757	26-4-1767	26-4-1777	26-4-1797
26-3-1641	26-3-1728	26-3-1738	26-3-1748	26-3-1758	26-4-1768	26-4-1778	26-4-1798
26-3-1642	26-3-1729	26-3-1739	26-3-1749	26-3-1759	26-4-1769	26-4-1779	
26-3-1717	26-3-1730	26-3-1740	26-3-1750	26-3-1760	26-4-1770	26-4-1780	
26-3-1718	26-3-1731	26-3-1741	26-3-1751	26-3-1761	26-4-1771	26-4-1781	
26-3-1722	26-3-1732	26-3-1742	26-3-1752	26-3-1762	26-4-1772	26-4-1782	
26-3-1723	26-3-1733	26-3-1743	26-3-1753	26-4-1763	26-4-1773	26-4-1783	
26-3-1724	26-3-1734	26-3-1744	26-3-1754	26-4-1764	26-4-1774	26-4-1794	
26-3-1725	26-3-1735	26-3-1745	26-3-1755	26-4-1765	26-4-1775	26-4-1795	

**9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting an *Investigative Extension* to the following 422 cases:

<u>WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS</u>							
24-1-1254	24-12-1021	25-4-1783	25-6-2110	25-8-283	25-10-612	25-11-852	25-12-1039
24-2-1577	25-1-1060	25-4-1787	25-6-2113	25-8-305	25-10-621	25-11-859	25-12-1040
24-3-1621	25-1-1067	25-4-1791	25-6-2114	25-8-310	25-10-624	25-11-863	25-12-1055
24-3-1671	25-1-1095	25-4-1798	25-6-2121	25-8-311	25-10-625	25-11-870	25-12-1056
24-4-1867	25-1-1107	25-4-1799	25-6-2132	25-9-331	25-10-628	25-11-871	25-12-1057
24-4-1937	25-1-1111	25-4-1801	25-6-2133	25-9-334	25-10-630	25-11-873	25-12-1059
24-5-2029	25-1-1125	25-4-1805	25-6-2147	25-9-338	25-10-633	25-11-875	25-12-1060
24-5-2037	25-1-1127	25-4-1814	25-6-2148	25-9-347	25-10-637	25-11-878	25-12-1069
24-5-2064	25-1-1137	25-5-1844	25-6-2179	25-9-370	25-10-638	25-11-883	25-12-1071

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS							
24-5-2080	25-1-1138	25-5-1845	25-6-2196	25-9-375	25-10-640	25-11-884	25-12-1085
24-5-2142	25-1-1168	25-5-1863	25-6-2198	25-9-378	25-10-643	25-11-886	25-12-1126
24-5-2180	25-1-1170	25-5-1865	25-6-2201	25-9-382	25-10-644	25-11-888	25-12-1142
24-5-2190	25-2-1275	25-5-1873	25-6-2207	25-9-384	25-10-650	25-11-890	25-12-1175
24-6-2246	25-2-1276	25-5-1876	25-6-2212	25-9-392	25-10-657	25-11-894	25-12-1198
24-6-2299	25-2-1277	25-5-1880	25-7-2	25-9-414	25-10-658	25-11-896	25-12-1199
24-6-2313	25-2-1312	25-5-1889	25-7-19	25-9-424	25-10-665	25-11-904	25-12-1200
24-6-2339	25-2-1322	25-5-1891	25-7-47	25-9-425	25-10-670	25-11-907	25-12-1205
24-6-2348	25-2-1331	25-5-1896	25-7-61	25-9-427	25-10-675	25-11-910	25-12-1208
24-6-2349	25-2-1348	25-5-1897	25-7-62	25-9-429	25-10-687	25-11-913	26-1-1232
24-6-2350	25-2-1357	25-5-1908	25-7-89	25-9-442	25-10-699	25-11-916	26-1-1233
24-6-2398	25-2-1363	25-5-1909	25-7-88	25-9-449	25-10-700	25-11-919	26-1-1240
24-6-2429	25-2-1368	25-5-1923	25-7-92	25-9-451	25-10-702	25-11-928	26-1-1302
24-7-31	25-2-1424	25-5-1937	25-7-97	25-9-455	25-11-708	25-11-931	26-1-1303
24-7-58	25-2-1425	25-5-1941	25-7-101	25-9-457	25-11-727	25-11-932	26-1-1316
24-8-236	25-2-1436	25-5-1949	25-7-103	25-9-464	25-11-748	25-11-935	26-1-1319
24-8-243	25-3-1469	25-5-1950	25-7-105	25-9-465	25-11-751	25-11-937	26-1-1320
24-8-277	25-3-1524	25-5-1951	25-7-106	25-9-466	25-11-754	25-11-938	26-1-1324
24-9-384	25-3-1548	25-5-1963	25-7-110	25-9-467	25-11-755	25-11-941	26-1-1337
24-9-418	25-3-1549	25-5-1964	25-7-113	25-9-475	25-11-757	25-11-942	26-1-1340
24-9-429	25-3-1576	25-5-1983	25-7-114	25-9-492	25-11-758	25-11-946	26-1-1342
24-9-425	25-3-1589	25-5-1985	25-7-116	25-9-495	25-11-759	25-11-953	26-1-1354
24-9-433	25-3-1592	25-5-1987	25-7-122	25-9-496	25-11-760	25-11-967	26-1-1362
24-9-479	25-3-1608	25-5-1988	25-7-124	25-9-497	25-11-762	25-11-968	26-2-1407
24-9-493	25-3-1609	25-5-1996	25-7-138	25-9-498	25-11-763	25-11-969	26-2-1413
24-9-510	25-3-1621	25-5-1997	25-8-175	25-9-501	25-11-766	25-11-975	26-2-1414
24-10-565	25-3-1629	25-5-2002	25-8-178	25-10-505	25-11-767	25-11-976	26-2-1415
24-10-623	25-3-1644	25-5-2009	25-8-179	25-10-518	25-11-769	25-11-978	26-2-1416
24-10-624	25-3-1652	25-5-2017	25-8-183	25-10-522	25-11-772	25-11-984	26-2-1423
24-10-632	25-4-1687	25-5-2035	25-8-184	25-10-525	25-11-773	25-12-1000	26-2-1424
24-10-648	25-4-1686	25-5-2039	25-8-190	25-10-538	25-11-774	25-12-1001	26-2-1426
24-11-704	25-4-1701	25-5-2040	25-8-193	25-10-542	25-11-779	25-12-1002	26-2-1428
24-11-711	25-4-1706	25-6-2057	25-8-198	25-10-550	25-11-785	25-12-1003	26-2-1429
24-11-712	25-4-1710	25-6-2065	25-8-203	25-10-558	25-11-787	25-12-1006	26-2-1430
24-11-720	25-4-1711	25-6-2066	25-8-204	25-10-559	25-11-797	25-12-1008	26-2-1431
24-11-729	25-4-1718	25-6-2069	25-8-214	25-10-560	25-11-799	25-12-1017	26-2-1432
24-11-759	25-4-1722	25-6-2070	25-8-215	25-10-579	25-11-800	25-12-1019	26-2-1436
24-11-769	25-4-1741	25-6-2073	25-8-218	25-10-587	25-11-803	25-12-1025	26-2-1437
24-11-867	25-4-1749	25-6-2086	25-8-223	25-10-597	25-11-829	25-12-1026	26-2-1438
24-11-878	25-4-1753	25-6-2092	25-8-226	25-10-601	25-11-832	25-12-1027	26-2-1439
24-11-881	25-4-1767	25-6-2094	25-8-228	25-10-605	25-11-833	25-12-1029	26-2-1440
24-11-892	25-4-1770	25-6-2097	25-8-237	25-10-603	25-11-834	25-12-1033	26-2-1442
24-11-893	25-4-1771	25-6-2100	25-8-251	25-10-606	25-11-842	25-12-1036	
24-12-989	25-4-1779	25-6-2101	25-8-264	25-10-608	25-11-845	25-12-1038	

**10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 17 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

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

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 32 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:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL SANCTION</u>	<u>ALJ SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
23-10-617	Suspension 20 days	NPC	Accept
23-10-618	Suspension 20 days	NPC	Accept

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

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstentions: Dr. Franklin Perry – PID - 26-3-1669, Abigail Coggin – PID - 26-2-1552; 26-2-1554; 26-2-1555, Jane Rookard – PCE - 25-10-567; 25-10-568; 25-12-1078; 25-9-480; 26-1-1245; Angela Byrne – PID 26-3-1663

**B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee**

Dr. Penney McRoy presented the report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee.

- Georgia Gwinnett College – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Pedagogy-only Program (4-8, 6-12, P-12) [Master of Arts in Teaching degree], reviewed during the Spring 2026 Developmental Group Approval Review.
- iteachU.S. – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the EPP, the Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP) program, and the One Year Elementary Certification-only Program reviewed during the Spring 2026 Developmental Approval Review.
- Paulding County Schools – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the EPP, and the Gifted In-Field Education Endorsement reviewed during the Spring 2026 Developmental Approval Review.
- Piedmont University – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Speech-Language Associate Program (P-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only] reviewed during the Spring 2026 Developmental Approval Group Review.
- Truett McConnell University – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the English Education (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree] and History Education (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree] Programs reviewed during the Spring 2026 Developmental Approval Group Review.
- University of North Georgia – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Elementary Agriculture Education (P-5) Endorsement.
- GaPSC Approval Decision Options – The Committee recommends granting approval of the revised Approval Decision Options.

5/22/2026

Page 10

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the Educator Preparation and Certification Committee report as presented by Dr. Penney McRoy.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstention: Zach Miller – GaPSC Approval Decision Options

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Our next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, at 4 pm. We will meet remotely and the information will be posted on our website under Commission Information. The Educator Ethics Review Committee will meet at 4:30 pm and the Educator Preparation and Certification Committee will meet at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. Chair Sirmans called for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved