

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Remote Meeting via ZOOM Webinar

February 12, 2026

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, February 12, 2026.

Members Present

Jimmy Atkins	Kedrione Harris	Carol Williams
Angela Byrne	Jane Rookard	Dr. Judi Wilson
Abigail Coggin	Dr. Franklin Perry	Vonda Woodall
Christy Edwards	Brian Sirmans	

Members Absent

Dr. Brandon Seigler	Zach Miller
Dr. Holley Roberts	Stephanie Rogers
Nathan Lewis	Jeanine Bunn

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: (Dr. Judi Wilson / Kedrione Harris) To approve the agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the January 8, 2026, minutes as presented.

PSC ACTION: Approved

V. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Barrow gave the following report:

It is great to connect with everyone again. With the legislative session kicking off in January it has been incredibly busy as the General Assembly is again, back in town. This will mark Governor Kemp's last year in office, and I would be remiss if I did not express our agencies' appreciation for his support of the GaPSC and of education in general. We have been fortunate to have a Governor that understood the importance of Education and how it impacts our state's future. Thank you, Governor Kemp.

Of course, the Governor starts the ball rolling with the legislative session with the Eggs and Issues Breakfast and then with the State of the State address. Both of these meetings were interesting and gave a good preview of

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some of the main priorities that will be discussed in this 40-day legislative period. Of particular note, the Governor mentioned his priority of having more post-secondary articulation agreements with all educational agencies and that lines up with our TCSG and USG institutions and will help with work-force development. (This has already been done with the field of nursing, and we are hoping that we will also see the field of education as another primary field of focus.)

I have continued to meet individually and collectively with our agency directors. We have set our weekly meeting schedule, establishing a hybrid model of face-to-face and virtual meetings. We have carved out time to discuss pending legislation that may have relevance for our agency. I continue to be very pleased with these leaders and the amazing work they do.

I have been attending the House and Senate Education committees, Appropriations, and other Committee meetings when appropriate, particularly when a bill may have an impact on the GaPSC. Several of our directors also attend or watch these sessions virtually. I have very much appreciated their presence.

I presented to the Senate Youth and Education Committee this past Tuesday as they focused on recruitment and retention, sharing educator pipeline data and examples of how our agency supports that pipeline. We had a chance to specifically focus on the work the GaPSC has led. Addressing SR 237, I believe it speaks volumes about the sense of urgency this collaborative effort generated in helping to create a state-wide plan for the recruitment and retention of educators. There will be individual bills that are discussed that support recommendations that were made as part of SR 237. We have a legislative liaison, Ms. Peyton Weems, who is watching and reporting on bills that impact our agency.

Ms. Fortenberry, our Director of Business Operations, and I had a meeting with Senate Appropriation Committee this Wednesday. Our budget is very flat with basically no changes in the Amended FY26 budget or the proposed FY 27 budget. However, one nice recommendation for our staff includes a one-time \$2,000 salary stipend for state employees. We are very appreciative to Governor Kemp and his acknowledgement of the dedicated service of all state employees and hope the General Assembly will also support this measure.

In spite of the weather, the GaPSC was well-represented at the Winter Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL) Conference, held in Athens, February 1 & 2. I presented to the full conference of about 500 leaders on GaPSC Updates, sharing educator pipeline data, coming enhancements, and reminders. Of particular interest to all participants is the State's vacancy data. Our one-time snapshot on December 2, 2025, with 100% of all public-school systems reporting, we have 5,358 vacancies throughout the state. We definitely want and can do better than this in Georgia and part of the reason we are so passionate about the SR 237 work and Georgia's Strategic Plan for Recruitment and Retention.

Commissioner Sirmans, unless there are questions, that concludes my report.

There were no questions or comments.

VI. RULES PREVIEW

Anne Marie Fenton introduced the rules for preview and Dr. Penney McRoy presented them.

Commissioners initiated rules at the January 8th Commission meeting; those are currently posted for public comment through Feb. 18th are scheduled to come back to you for adoption consideration in March.

In addition, we are beginning a new rules cycle by previewing the Educator Preparation rules that will come before you for your initiation consideration also at the March 12th Commission Meeting. Penney McRoy will preview the Educator Preparation rules that will come before the Commission for their initiation consideration at the March 12, 2026, meeting.

Educator Preparation Rules

505-3-.05 GEORGIA TEACHER ACADEMY FOR PREPARATION AND PEDAGOGY (GaTAPP)-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.05 Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP), dated August 15, 2023, be AMENDED to add the literacy assessment requirement, remove outdated language, add pre-schools to the list of acceptable employment settings, clarify mentor teacher requirements, clarify expectations for a flexible timeline, which can streamline the program for those who demonstrate proficiency in program competencies, and non-substantive formatting changes.

Rule 505-3-.114. Artificial Intelligence for Educators Endorsement-It is proposed that a new rule be created, titled Artificial Intelligence for Educators Endorsement for the purpose of preparing educators to effectively and ethically utilize artificial intelligence in education and education-adjacent settings. The rule also proposes to allow Educator Preparation Providers to offer a micro-endorsement titled, Foundations of Artificial Intelligence in Education based on successful completion of specified endorsement program components.

505-3-.110 URBAN EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.110 URBAN EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT, dated August 15, 2023, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and the same title be INITIATED. The new rule includes updated program content standards.

VII. 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.

1. Chair Harris reported that the Committee reviewed 96 **Probable Cause** cases during February 11, 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>
25-3-1579	1,5a6	Deny	Accept
25-10-575	1,5a6	NPC	Accept
25-10-593	1,4,5a6	Deny	Accept
25-10-609	4,5a2,5a6	Deny	Accept
25-11-744	1,4,5a2,5a6	Reprimand	Accept
25-11-898	5a2,5a6	NPC	Accept
25-11-900	5a2,5a6	Reprimand	Accept
25-11-914	1,4,5a6	Deny	Accept
25-11-926	1,4,5a6	Reprimand	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
25-11-983	1,5a6	Deny	Accept
25-11-986	1,4,5a6	NPC	Accept
23-2-1090	2,9	Reprimand	Accept
23-3-1191	1,5,9	CCE	Accept
23-12-1057	2,4,9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
24-1-1377	9	NPC	Accept
24-5-2113	1,4,8,9,5a6	Revoke	Accept
24-7-36	1,9,5a6	Suspension 5 days	Accept
24-8-241	2, 9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
24-11-894	2, 9	Reprimand	Accept
25-1-1079	9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-1-1084	2, 9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-2-1391	9	NPC	Accept
25-2-1420	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-3-1445	3, 9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
25-3-1578	2, 9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-3-1593	2, 9	Reprimand	Accept
25-3-1610	2, 8, 9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-3-1631	2,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-4-1676	3, 9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
25-4-1692	2, 9	NPC	Accept
25-4-1703	2, 9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
25-4-1792	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-5-1885	4, 5, 9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-5-1931	1, 2, 9	CCE	Accept
25-6-2111	1, 2, 9, 5a6	CCE	Accept
25-6-2146	2, 9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-7-117	8,9,5a2, 5a5	NPC	Accept
25-7-127	3,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-7-135	1,4,5a6,8,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
25-7-165	1,4,9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
25-8-172	2,4,7,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-8-227	2, 9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
25-8-240	4,9	NPC	Accept
25-8-278	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-8-303	2,9	Revoke	Accept
25-8-315	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-8-317	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-8-326	4,7,9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-9-379	9	NPC	Accept
25-9-405	2,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-9-412	2,9	CCE	Accept
25-9-413	4,8,9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-9-444	2,4,9	Suspension 1 year	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
25-9-472	9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-9-481	1,4,9	CCE	Accept
25-9-486	2,9	NPC	Accept
25-9-499	2,9	NPC	Accept
25-10-530	2,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-10-539	2,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-10-553	1,2,9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-10-588	2,4,8,9	NPC	Accept
25-10-604	2,7,9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-10-607	2,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-10-614	2,8,9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-10-617	2,5,7,9	Suspension 60 days	Accept
25-10-618	2, 9	Suspension 3 days	Accept
25-10-622	2,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-10-626	4,9	Revoke	Accept
25-10-632	2,9	NPC	Accept
25-10-635	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-10-636	2,5,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
25-10-639	3,9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
25-10-641	9	Reprimand	Accept
25-10-642	2,3,9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
25-10-651	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-10-652	2,4,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
25-10-659	2,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-10-666	3,9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-10-690	4,9	Suspension 3 days	Accept
25-10-703	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-11-704	2,8,9	NPC	Accept
25-11-705	2,8,9	NPC	Accept
25-11-706	2,8,9	NPC	Accept
25-11-711	9	NPC	Accept
25-11-728	4,9	NPC	Accept
25-11-747	1, 9	CCE	Accept
25-11-761	1,4,5a6,8,9	NPC	Accept
25-11-798	9	Warning	Accept
25-11-802	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-11-804	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-11-808	1,2,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
25-11-843	3, 9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
25-11-934	1,4,5a6,8,9	NPC	Accept
25-12-1007	1,4,5a6,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-12-1020	1,4,5a6,5a7,8,9,10(2008-2018)	Reprimand	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
25-12-1139	1,4,5a2,5a6, 8,9	Revoke	Accept

2. Chair Harris 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 RECOMMENDATION</u>
25-8-209	Denial - June 12, 2023	Grant
25-8-210	Revocation - September 21, 2021	Deny
25-12-1086	Denial - January 3, 2000	Grant

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

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
25-9-410	Sus 30 days	Accept
25-9-445	Suspension 20 days	Accept
25-9-470	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-11-982	Reprimand	Accept

4. Chair Harris reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 12 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
22-7-86	NPC	Accept
23-7-14	Warning	Accept
23-8-236	Warning	Accept
23-10-834	NPC	Accept
24-1-1362	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
24-5-2105	Suspension 5 days	Reject
24-5-2227	Suspension 3 years	Accept
25-1-1085	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-2-1421	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
25-5-959	Suspension 94 days	Accept
25-6-2077	Reprimand	Accept
25-10-572	Suspension 30 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 RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
25-5-1893	Unable to effect service.	Hold New App
25-10-647	Failure to respond.	Hold New App

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the ***Preliminary Investigative Determination Report*** consisting of 148 new complaints received during the months of January and February 2026.

7. VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of 1 ***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>
25-11-874	2, 4, 9	VS	Accept

8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 54 ***Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations*** consisting of the following:

26-1-1289	26-1-1301	26-1-1350	26-1-1373	26-1-1385	26-2-1398	26-2-1412	26-2-1452
26-1-1290	26-1-1322	26-1-1352	26-1-1374	26-1-1387	26-2-1399	26-2-1418	26-2-1453
26-1-1291	26-1-1323	26-1-1363	26-1-1375	26-1-1388	26-2-1400	26-2-1420	26-2-1454
26-1-1292	26-1-1326	26-1-1364	26-1-1376	26-1-1389	26-2-1401	26-2-1425	26-2-1455
26-1-1293	26-1-1327	26-1-1365	26-1-1377	26-1-1390	26-2-1402	26-2-1444	26-2-1456
26-1-1294	26-1-1332	26-1-1366	26-1-1378	26-1-1391	26-2-1403	26-2-1445	
26-1-1295	26-1-1333	26-1-1367	26-1-1379	26-1-1392	26-2-1404	26-2-1446	
26-1-1296	26-1-1334	26-1-1368	26-1-1380	26-1-1393	26-2-1405	26-2-1447	
26-1-1297	26-1-1335	26-1-1369	26-1-1381	26-2-1394	26-2-1406	26-2-1448	
26-1-1298	26-1-1347	26-1-1370	26-1-1382	26-2-1395	26-2-1409	26-2-1449	
26-1-1299	26-1-1348	26-1-1371	26-1-1383	26-2-1396	26-2-1410	26-2-1450	
26-1-1300	26-1-1349	26-1-1372	26-1-1384	26-2-1397	26-2-1411	26-2-1451	

9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting an ***Investigative Extension*** to the following 509 cases:

<u>WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS</u>							
23-2-1039	24-8-277	25-2-1436	25-5-1880	25-7-1	25-8-270	25-10-525	25-11-769
24-1-1254	24-8-316	25-3-1441	25-5-1889	25-7-2	25-8-283	25-10-526	25-11-772
24-10-526	24-8-326	25-3-1452	25-5-1891	25-7-9	25-8-295	25-10-537	25-11-773
24-10-565	24-8-341	25-3-1453	25-5-1896	25-7-19	25-8-305	25-10-538	25-11-774

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS							
24-10-597	24-9-361	25-3-1461	25-5-1897	25-7-37	25-8-310	25-10-542	25-11-779
24-10-623	24-9-370	25-3-1469	25-5-1908	25-7-38	25-8-311	25-10-546	25-11-785
24-10-624	24-9-372	25-3-1478	25-5-1909	25-7-47	25-8-319	25-10-550	25-11-787
24-10-632	24-9-384	25-3-1524	25-5-1923	25-7-61	25-9-331	25-10-557	25-11-788
24-10-648	24-9-418	25-3-1548	25-5-1937	25-7-62	25-9-334	25-10-558	25-11-797
24-10-657	24-9-425	25-3-1549	25-5-1941	25-7-65	25-9-338	25-10-559	25-11-799
24-10-666	24-9-429	25-3-1563	25-5-1949	25-7-73	25-9-346	25-10-560	25-11-800
24-10-668	24-9-433	25-3-1576	25-5-1950	25-7-75	25-9-347	25-10-567	25-11-803
24-10-673	24-9-479	25-3-1589	25-5-1951	25-7-85	25-9-349	25-10-568	25-11-884
24-11-704	24-9-493	25-3-1592	25-5-1963	25-7-88	25-9-359	25-10-579	25-11-885
24-11-711	24-9-510	25-3-1608	25-5-1964	25-7-89	25-9-362	25-10-587	25-11-886
24-11-712	24-12-943	25-3-1609	25-5-1983	25-7-92	25-9-368	25-10-594	25-11-888
24-11-720	24-12-989	25-3-1621	25-5-1985	25-7-97	25-9-370	25-10-597	25-11-890
24-11-729	24-12-1012	25-3-1629	25-5-1987	25-7-101	25-9-375	25-10-601	25-11-896
24-11-759	24-12-1013	25-3-1644	25-5-1988	25-7-103	25-9-377	25-10-603	25-11-897
24-11-769	24-12-1014	25-3-1652	25-5-1996	25-7-105	25-9-378	25-10-605	25-11-899
24-11-794	24-12-1020	25-4-1672	25-5-1997	25-7-106	25-9-382	25-10-606	25-11-904
24-11-800	24-12-1021	25-4-1686	25-5-2002	25-7-110	25-9-383	25-10-608	25-11-905
24-11-802	24-12-1024	25-4-1687	25-5-2009	25-7-113	25-9-384	25-10-612	25-11-907
24-11-803	25-1-1044	25-4-1701	25-5-2017	25-7-114	25-9-389	25-10-621	25-11-910
24-11-804	25-1-1060	25-4-1706	25-5-2031	25-7-116	25-9-392	25-10-624	25-11-913
24-11-809	25-1-1067	25-4-1710	25-5-2035	25-7-122	25-9-395	25-10-625	25-11-916
24-11-817	25-1-1095	25-4-1711	25-5-2039	25-7-124	25-9-414	25-10-627	25-11-925
24-11-826	25-1-1107	25-4-1713	25-5-2040	25-7-134	25-9-416	25-10-628	25-11-928
24-11-832	25-1-1111	25-4-1718	25-6-2057	25-7-138	25-9-424	25-10-630	25-11-929
24-11-842	25-1-1125	25-4-1722	25-6-2059	25-7-151	25-9-425	25-10-633	25-11-931
24-11-848	25-1-1127	25-4-1734	25-6-2061	25-7-153	25-9-427	25-10-637	25-11-932
24-11-867	25-1-1137	25-4-1741	25-6-2062	25-7-160	25-9-429	25-10-638	25-11-936
24-11-878	25-1-1138	25-4-1749	25-6-2063	25-7-171	25-9-430	25-10-640	25-11-937
24-11-881	25-1-1168	25-4-1750	25-6-2064	25-8-175	25-9-436	25-10-643	25-11-941
24-11-892	25-1-1170	25-4-1753	25-6-2065	25-8-178	25-9-438	25-10-644	25-11-942
24-11-893	25-1-1208	25-4-1754	25-6-2066	25-8-179	25-9-440	25-10-650	25-11-944
24-2-1577	25-1-1209	25-4-1756	25-6-2069	25-8-183	25-9-442	25-10-657	25-11-946
24-3-1621	25-1-1214	25-4-1767	25-6-2070	25-8-184	25-9-446	25-10-658	25-11-947
24-3-1671	25-1-1225	25-4-1770	25-6-2073	25-8-186	25-9-449	25-10-662	25-11-953
24-4-1867	25-1-1244	25-4-1771	25-6-2086	25-8-190	25-9-450	25-10-663	25-11-954
24-4-1937	25-1-1245	25-4-1779	25-6-2092	25-8-193	25-9-451	25-10-664	25-11-956
24-5-2029	25-1-1246	25-4-1780	25-6-2094	25-8-198	25-9-455	25-10-665	25-11-984
24-5-2037	25-1-1256	25-4-1783	25-6-2097	25-8-199	25-9-457	25-10-670	25-11-987
24-5-2064	25-1-1259	25-4-1787	25-6-2100	25-8-200	25-9-458	25-10-675	25-11-988
24-5-2080	25-1-1261	25-4-1791	25-6-2101	25-8-203	25-9-464	25-10-687	25-12-1006
24-5-2142	25-1-1269	25-4-1798	25-6-2110	25-8-204	25-9-465	25-10-699	25-12-1008
24-5-2180	25-2-1275	25-4-1799	25-6-2113	25-8-214	25-9-466	25-10-700	25-12-1010
24-5-2190	25-2-1276	25-4-1801	25-6-2114	25-8-215	25-9-467	25-10-702	25-12-1016
24-6-2246	25-2-1277	25-4-1805	25-6-2121	25-8-217	25-9-475	25-11-708	25-12-1017
24-6-2299	25-2-1306	25-4-1814	25-6-2132	25-8-218	25-9-483	25-11-711	25-12-1019

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS							
24-6-2313	25-2-1308	25-4-1817	25-6-2133	25-8-223	25-9-487	25-11-727	25-12-1023
24-6-2339	25-2-1310	25-4-1823	25-6-2147	25-8-225	25-9-492	25-11-748	25-12-1024
24-6-2348	25-2-1312	25-4-1831	25-6-2148	25-8-226	25-9-495	25-11-749	25-12-1025
24-6-2349	25-2-1322	25-4-1832	25-6-2154	25-8-228	25-9-496	25-11-751	25-12-1027
24-6-2350	25-2-1330	25-4-1833	25-6-2163	25-8-234	25-9-497	25-11-754	25-12-1029
24-6-2398	25-2-1331	25-4-1838	25-6-2170	25-8-237	25-9-498	25-11-755	25-12-1033
24-6-2429	25-2-1348	25-5-1844	25-6-2175	25-8-239	25-9-501	25-11-757	25-12-1037
24-7-31	25-2-1357	25-5-1845	25-6-2179	25-8-251	25-9-503	25-11-758	25-12-1038
24-7-58	25-2-1363	25-5-1859	25-6-2196	25-8-253	25-10-505	25-11-759	25-12-1039
24-7-106	25-2-1368	25-5-1863	25-6-2198	25-8-261	25-10-508	25-11-760	25-12-1060
24-7-128	25-2-1384	25-5-1865	25-6-2199	25-8-262	25-10-512	25-11-762	25-12-1085
24-8-162	25-2-1413	25-5-1873	25-6-2201	25-8-263	25-10-516	25-11-763	
24-8-236	25-2-1424	25-5-1875	25-6-2207	25-8-264	25-10-518	25-11-766	
24-8-243	25-2-1425	25-5-1876	25-6-2212	25-8-267	25-10-522	25-11-767	

10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 18 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

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

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstentions: Brian Sirmans - PCE case 25-3-1445, Stephanie Rogers – PCE case 25-10-626, Dr. Franklin Perry – PCA case 25-10-593, PID cases 26-1-1212, 26-1-1217, 26-1-1218, Abigail Coggin PID cases 25-12-1107, 25-12-1108, Kedrione Harris – PIDs 26-1-1268, 26-1-1269, Jane Rookard – PID cases 25-12-1078, 25-12-1099, 26-1-1245, 26-1-1247, 26-1-1271, Christy Edwards – PID cases 25-12-1156, 25-12-1160

B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee

Committee Vice Chair, Jane Rookard, presented the report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee.

- Andrews College-The Committee recommends Continuing Approval with Conditions for the EPP and the Elementary Education Program reviewed during the Fall 2025 First Continuing Approval Review. The Committee reviewed a letter from Andrew College dated February 5, 2026, requesting deactivation of the EPP and Elementary Education Program. As no candidates are enrolled in the program, the deactivation will be finalized this month and Andrew College will be removed from the list of approved EPPs and programs.
- First District RESA-The Committee makes the following recommendations for the October 30, 2025, Progress Report. As a result of satisfactory progress, the Committee recommends the removal of the following areas for improvement (AFIs) cited during the Spring 2025 Continuing Approval Review: Standards 4.1, Standard 4.2, Standard 4.3, Standard 5.2. As a result of incremental progress, the Committee recommends the following AFIs remain for the EPP and GaTAPP: Standard 3.3, Standard 5.1, Standard 5.3, Standard 5.4, Standard 1.2 (GaTAPP)
The Committee recommends the submission of a progress report due August 11, 2026, addressing all remaining AFIs. The progress report should include the disaggregation and analysis of data to show

evidence of candidate competency. The progress report should also demonstrate how the program uses the analysis of data to make program improvements, including how the EPP documents program improvements made for continuous improvement. The October 30, 2025, Progress Report referenced Level of Teaching Innovation (LoTI) levels from the EPiC framework. The progress report should include clarity of LoTI levels, and how LoTI is used to monitor candidate progress.

- Fort Vally State University – As a result of satisfactory progress evident in the October 28, 2025, Progress Report, the Committee recommends the AFIs in Standard 5.2 and Standard 5.3 cited during the Fall 2019 Continuing Approval Review are removed for the EPP.
- Henry County Schools – As a result of incremental progress evident in the October 20, 2025, Progress Report, the Committee recommends all AFIs remain for the EPP and the Gifted In-field Endorsement. As a result of the AFIs remaining, the Committee recommends the findings not met remain in Standard 1 and Standard 5 for the EPP and the Gifted In-filed Endorsement. A progress report is due August 11, 2026, addressing the remaining areas for improvement. The progress report should include the analysis of data, and evidence of the complete process for monitoring quality assurance from the collection of data to the analysis of data, to sharing data with stakeholders, and then using the analysis of data for program improvements. The progress report should also clarify where data are housed, who monitors the collection and analysis of data, and how it is tracked to assure candidate progress and program improvement.
- Northwest Georgia RESA - The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the EPP and the following educator preparation programs reviewed during the Fall 2025 Continuing Approval Review: Alternative Preparation for Educational Tier I Leadership Program (P-12) [Certification-only]; Alternative Preparation for Educational Tier II Leadership Program (P-12) [Certification-only]; Computer Science Endorsement; Culinary Arts Endorsement; Dyslexia Endorsement; ESOL Endorsement; Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation & Pedagogy; Gifted Endorsement; K-5 Mathematics Endorsement; One Year Elementary Certification-Only; Online Teaching Endorsement; PBIS Endorsement; Reading Endorsement; STEM Education Endorsement Program; Teacher Support and Coaching Endorsement; Work-Based Learning Endorsement Program. A progress report is due on February 11, 2027, addressing all AFIs cited during the Fall 2025 Continuing Approval Review.
- Metropolitan RESA – Th Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the STEAM Endorsement.
- Southwest Georgia RESA – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the ESOL Endorsement.

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the Educator Preparation and Certification Committee report as presented by Vice Chair Jane Rookard.

PSC ACTION: Approved

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Our next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 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, March 11, 2026. Chair Sirmans called for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

PSC ACTION: Approved