

**MINUTES**  
**In Person Meeting**  
**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION**  
**200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1716, Atlanta, GA 30334**  
January 8, 2026

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

**Members Present**

Jeanine Bunn	Zach Miller	Brian Sirmans
Angela Byrne	Dr. Holley Roberts	Carol Williams
Abigail Coggin	Stephanie Rogers	Dr. Judi Wilson
Christy Edwards	Jane Rookard	Vonda Woodall

**Members Absent**

Jimmy Atkins	Kedrione Harris
Nathan Lewis	Dr. Franklin Perry
Dr. Brandon Seigler	

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Sirmans called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. VISITORS**

Chair Sirmans welcomed the following visitors:

- Don Splinter, Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL)
- Josh Stephens, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Robin Ayers, Office of the Attorney General
- Jehae Kim, Office of the Attorney General

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the agenda.

**MOTION:** (Jane Rookard / Jeanine Bunn) To approve the agenda.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the December 11, 2026, minutes.

**V. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Happy New Year! It is great to connect with everyone again. It is hard to believe that we can now acknowledge our 1<sup>ST</sup> anniversary of service together. January 2 marks the beginning of my second year, and I continue to learn new things every day! With this milestone, I felt it was appropriate to provide the Commission with a year in review.

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Coming on board, my initial focus was to gather transition data through an environmental scan and develop a 90 Day plan. I felt good about that initial progress working through my first three months and we continue to review data and activities in partnership with the Governor's office. I would like to offer a special thank you to our Commission Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs, and our commissioners as a group. I know you have work schedules to deal with too in addition to your Commissioner responsibilities. I also want to thank my Division Directors. Of course, I cannot leave out our executive assistant, Ms. Renee Shaat, and all that she does to keep us scheduled and on track.

We continue to hold director's meetings on a weekly basis on a hybrid basis of face-to-face and virtual meetings. We meet individually and collectively with most of those meetings being in person. I continue to be pleased with these leaders and the amazing work they do and lead daily. As with any organization, over time, agencies will have leadership transitions and the GaPSC is no exception to that rule. Our Director of Ethics relocated with her family to another state, and it is my pleasure to make the public announcement that Ms. Anne Marie Fenton will be removing the interim status from her title. She will officially be the new Director of Ethics while continuing to lead Assessment, Rules and Communications. I also want to mention that Dr. Kelli Young will be retiring as our Director of Certification. Kelli has been one of our longest-term and highly valued leaders in our organization. We are not completely letting her go and she will be assisting with Special Projects and assisting the new director as we begin the search process for her successor. I know you will want to join with me in wishing her well in this transition.

Of course, the legislative session will be cranking back up in the coming days and once again I will be attending the House and Senate Education and Appropriation Committee meetings when appropriate, particularly when policy issues may have an impact on our agency. I have already been requested to present to the Senate Youth and Education Committee as they focus on recruitment and retention. Several of our directors will also attend these sessions. I very much appreciate their presence and believe it speaks volumes about the "great customer service" our agency provides to our stakeholders. I suspect we will be tracking many bills that may impact on our agency in this year's session.

Ms. Fortenberry, our Director of Business Operations, and I have discussed our budget proposal and will work closely with the Office of Planning and Budgeting (OPB). Our budget will remain very flat with basically no predicted changes in the Amended FY26 Budget or the proposed FY 27 budget.

With the year 2025 in our rear-view mirror, we have had many highlights that were accomplished by the GaPSC. Here are a few that I think are noteworthy and want to celebrate with you:

- As mentioned earlier, an Environmental Scan was conducted, and several suggestions were implemented based on feedback from the staff. One example is that we host quarterly information sessions that have been held to share updates with the staff across all divisions, improving understanding and communication. This communication helps keep staff informed and a part of the team that is bigger than their specific responsibilities.
- Two new investigator slots have been hired in our Ethics division and that support is beginning to help with our backlog of cases. Working closer with the AG's office, our intent is to become even more efficient and timelier with our caseloads.
- In spite of personnel retirements and life transitions, the agency operations have not suffered any major disruption.
- We have held two face-to-face Commission meetings this year and have provided professional learning opportunities for our commission. We have welcomed four new Commissioners as terms have

concluded. I wanted to share that Commissioner Marc Kaufmann has completed his term, and we very much appreciated his service. We will begin working with the Governor's office to fill this vacancy.

- We established guidance documents for the Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence for Educators. Perhaps one of the first documents of its type, this work has been very well received by local districts, educational program providers, and educational agencies across the country.
- We continue to address literacy issues in partnership with our Education Preparation Providers across the state. Our EPP division is working on new endorsements to be offered to those Georgia educators who desire to improve their literacy skills and other needed content areas. Another example of a new endorsement is for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM).
- We launched a new GACE program with our new testing supplier that included involvement by Georgia educators and those who prepare educators in the development. With this launch came many enhancements for examinees, including an innovative testlet model that has been well-received, lower costs with no additional testing fees, and the development of two new Literacy Assessments required per HB538.
- All our EPPs aligned their programs to the *Foundations of Reading, Literacy, and Language Standards* and are now required to have evidence that teacher candidates are meeting those standards appropriate for their field of preparation. Our EPP division hosted a statewide summit for the recruitment of teachers with an emphasis on HBCU's. We will be hosting another summit in April of the New Year.

Perhaps the most challenging work for me this year has been with the creation of the Strategic Plan for the Recruitment and Retention of Educators as requested by SR 237. The GaPSC was charged with leading this initiative and the final report was given to our state's policy makers on December 1. We believe the work has provided a framework that can help guide Georgia over the next five years in addressing the need for teachers and educational leaders.

In closing, I would like to wish one of our newest commissioners, Ms. Angela Byrne, a Happy Birthday that is coming up on January 21. Chairman Sirmans, unless we have any questions, this concludes my report for January 2026.

## **VI. RULES INITIATION**

Anne Marie Fenton presented the rules for initiation that were previewed for you at the December 11<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. If initiated today, and adopted by you on March 12<sup>th</sup>, after a 30 day public comment, the rules will become effective April 15, 2026.

### **Educator Preparation**

**505-3-.44. Art Education Program**-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.44 Art Education Program dated October 15, 2015, be AMENDED to reflect changes in the standards, which are adapted from the standards published in 2025 by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

**505-3-.45. Dance Education Program**-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.45 Dance Education Program dated August 15, 2023, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED. The new rule incorporates standards adapted from the standards published in 2025 by the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASC).

**505-3-.46. Drama Education Program**-It is proposed that GaPSC 505-3-.46 Drama Education Program dated August 15, 2023, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED. The new rule incorporates standards adapted from the standards published in 2025 by the National Association of

Schools of Theatre (NAST).

**505-3-.50. Music Education Program**-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.50 Music Education Program dated August 15, 2024, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED. The new rule incorporates standards adapted from the standards published in 2025 by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

**505-3-.78. Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership Tier 1 Program**-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-78 Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership Tier I Program, dated January 1, 2025, be AMENDED to allow for the deactivation of single-field programs in the fields of Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership Tier I after the dual-field program is approved.

**505-3-.79. Teacher Leadership and Educational Leadership Tier I Program**-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-79 Teacher Leadership and Educational Leadership Tier I Program, dated January 1, 2025, be AMENDED to allow for the deactivation of single-field programs in the fields of Teacher Leadership and Educational Leadership Tier I after the dual-field program is approved.

**MOTION:** (Abigail Coggin / Jane Rookard) To (1) repeal the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective April 15, 2026, as follows: 505-3-.45, 505-3-.46, and 505-3-.50; (2) initiate the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective April 15, 2026, as follows: 505-3-.45, 505-3-.46, and 505-3-.50; and 3) amend the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective April 15, 2026, as follows: 505-3-.44, 505-3-.78, and 505-3-.79.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Vice Chair Abigail Coggin of the Educator Ethics Review Committee (EERC) gave a preliminary review of the cases.

1. Vice Chair Coggin reported that the Committee reviewed 69 *Probable Cause* cases during the January 7, 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>
25-9-369	4,9,5a6	Deny	Accept
25-9-463	4,9	Deny	Accept
25-10-523	1, 4,5a6, 5a7	NPC	Accept
25-10-531	1,4,5a6	Reprimand	Accept
25-11-712	1, 5a6	NPC	Accept
25-11-952	1, 5a6	NPC	Accept
25-11-982	4, 5a2, 5a6	Reprimand	Accept
25-12-1035	4, 5a2, 5a6	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-327	1, 2, 9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
23-10-800	1, 2, 9	NPC	Accept
24-5-2096	4, 9	NPC	Accept
24-8-223	1,4,5a6,8,9	CCE	Accept

<b>CASE</b>	<b>STANDARDS VIOLATED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>EERC RECOMMENDATION</b>
24-8-276	2, 9	Susp 1 yr	Accept
24-8-296	4,5a5,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
24-8-301	1,4,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
24-11-705	2, 9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
24-11-715	2, 4, 9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
24-11-736	1,2,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
24-12-920	1, 3, 9	CCE	Accept
24-12-987	4, 9	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
25-1-1080	1, 2, 9, 5a6	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-1-1109	3, 9	Reprimand	Accept
25-1-1119	3, 9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-2-1403	2, 9	NPC	Accept
25-2-1429	1, 2, 8, 9, 5a6	CCE	Accept
25-3-1499	9	NPC	Accept
25-3-1500	1, 4, 9	CCE	Accept
25-3-1623	2, 9	NPC	Accept
25-4-1804	9	NPC	Accept
25-5-1980	1, 9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-5-1981	1, 9	Suspension 20 days	Accept
25-5-2046	2,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-6-2153	2, 9	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
25-6-2210	3,4,9	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
25-7-57	4,5,9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-7-102	2,4,6,9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-7-109	2,9	Suspension 20 days	Accept
25-8-212	9	NPC	Accept
25-8-235	3,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-9-374	9	Suspension 20 days	Accept
25-9-381	9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-9-386	2,6,7,9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-9-387	3,9	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
25-9-390	9	NPC	Accept
25-9-393	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-9-398	1,9	CCE	Accept
25-9-402	1,9	Suspension 2 yrs	Accept
25-9-408	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-9-410	4,9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-9-411	4,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-9-417	9	Warning	Accept
25-9-420	9	Warning	Accept
25-9-445	1,2,4,9	Suspension 20 days	Accept
25-9-469	2,4,7,9,10	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-9-470	2,9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-9-477	8,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
25-9-480	1,9	CCE	Accept
25-9-484	1,4,8,9	CCE	Accept
25-9-485	9	Warning	Accept
25-9-488	1,2,9	CCE	Accept
25-9-491	2,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
25-10-527	2, 9	Reprimand	Accept
25-10-528	2, 9	Reprimand	Accept
25-10-529	2, 9	Reprimand	Accept
25-10-540	2,9	Revoke	Accept
25-10-545	1,2,9	CCE	Accept
25-10-566	1,4,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-10-572	5,9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-10-573	5,9	Suspension 30 days	Accept

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

<u>CASE</u>	<u>PREVIOUS SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
25-6-2195	Denial - July 13, 2023	Grant

3. Vice Chair Coggin reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 14 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
24-2-1420	Suspension 90 days	Accept
24-7-115	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-4-1681	Reprimand	Accept
25-4-1772	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-6-2120	Denial	Accept
25-7-3	Suspension 1 year	Accept
25-7-40	Reprimand	Accept
25-7-136	Reprimand	Accept
25-7-167	Reprimand	Accept
25-8-316	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-8-323	Suspension 1 year	Accept
25-8-325	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-9-328	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-10-511	Reprimand	Accept

4. Vice Chair Coggin 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 RECOMMEND</u>
21-6-1341	NPC	Accept
21-11-544	Susp 3 days	Accept
22-2-899	Reprimand	Accept
23-7-25	Reprimand	Accept
23-1-108	NPC	Accept
24-1-1370	Susp 5 days	Accept
24-6-2330	Warning	Accept
25-1-1203	Reprimand	Accept
25-3-1581	Susp 10 days	Accept
25-8-201	Susp 3 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>
25-5-1893	Supplemental complaint	Investigate

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 151 new complaints received during the months of December 2025 and January 2026.

**7. VOLUNTARY SURRENDER/VOLUNTARY DENIAL**

There were no Voluntary Surrenders.

**8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 88 *Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations* consisting of the following:

25-11-793	25-12-1090	25-12-1101	25-12-1112	25-12-1123	25-12-1159	25-12-1178	25-12-1195
25-12-1078	25-12-1091	25-12-1102	25-12-1113	25-12-1124	25-12-1160	25-12-1179	25-12-1210
25-12-1079	25-12-1092	25-12-1103	25-12-1114	25-12-1136	25-12-1161	25-12-1180	25-12-1211
25-12-1080	25-12-1093	25-12-1104	25-12-1115	25-12-1141	25-12-1162	25-12-1181	26-1-1212
25-12-1081	25-12-1094	25-12-1105	25-12-1116	25-12-1143	25-12-1163	25-12-1182	26-1-1213
25-12-1082	25-12-1095	25-12-1106	25-12-1117	25-12-1144	25-12-1164	25-12-1183	26-1-1214
25-12-1083	25-12-1096	25-12-1107	25-12-1118	25-12-1149	25-12-1165	25-12-1184	26-1-1215
25-12-1084	25-12-1097	25-12-1108	25-12-1119	25-12-1152	25-12-1166	25-12-1185	26-1-1216
25-12-1087	25-12-1098	25-12-1109	25-12-1120	25-12-1153	25-12-1167	25-12-1186	26-1-1217
25-12-1088	25-12-1099	25-12-1110	25-12-1121	25-12-1154	25-12-1176	25-12-1187	26-1-1218
25-12-1089	25-12-1100	25-12-1111	25-12-1122	25-12-1156	25-12-1177	25-12-1188	26-1-1219

**9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting an *Investigative Extension* to the following 456 cases:

<b>WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS</b>							
23-2-1039	24-10-666	25-1-1256	25-4-1718	25-5-1996	25-7-85	25-8-267	25-10-603
23-2-1090	24-10-668	25-1-1259	25-4-1722	25-5-1997	25-7-88	25-8-270	25-10-612
23-3-1191	24-10-673	25-1-1261	25-4-1734	25-5-2002	25-7-89	25-8-278	25-10-613
24-1-1254	24-11-704	25-1-1269	25-4-1741	25-5-2009	25-7-92	25-8-283	25-10-655
24-1-1377	24-11-711	25-2-1275	25-4-1749	25-5-2017	25-7-97	25-8-295	25-10-670
24-2-1577	24-11-712	25-2-1276	25-4-1750	25-5-2031	25-7-101	25-8-305	25-10-673
24-3-1621	24-11-720	25-2-1277	25-4-1753	25-5-2035	25-7-103	25-8-310	25-10-675
24-3-1671	24-11-729	25-2-1306	25-4-1754	25-5-2039	25-7-105	25-8-311	25-10-676
24-4-1867	24-11-759	25-2-1308	25-4-1756	25-5-2040	25-7-106	25-8-315	25-10-677
24-4-1937	24-11-769	25-2-1310	25-4-1767	25-6-2057	25-7-110	25-8-317	25-10-678
24-5-2029	24-11-794	25-2-1312	25-4-1770	25-6-2059	25-7-113	25-8-319	25-10-683
24-5-2037	24-11-800	25-2-1322	25-4-1771	25-6-2061	25-7-114	25-8-326	25-10-684
24-5-2064	24-11-802	25-2-1330	25-4-1779	25-6-2062	25-7-116	25-9-331	25-10-687
24-5-2080	24-11-803	25-2-1331	25-4-1780	25-6-2063	25-7-122	25-9-334	25-10-688
24-5-2142	24-11-804	25-2-1348	25-4-1783	25-6-2064	25-7-124	25-9-338	25-10-693
24-5-2180	24-11-809	25-2-1357	25-4-1787	25-6-2065	25-7-127	25-9-343	25-10-694
24-5-2190	24-11-817	25-2-1363	25-4-1791	25-6-2066	25-7-134	25-9-346	25-10-695
24-6-2246	24-11-826	25-2-1368	25-4-1792	25-6-2069	25-7-138	25-9-347	25-10-696
24-6-2299	24-11-832	25-2-1384	25-4-1798	25-6-2070	25-7-151	25-9-349	25-11-748
24-6-2313	24-11-842	25-2-1391	25-4-1799	25-6-2073	25-7-153	25-9-353	25-11-749
24-6-2339	24-11-848	25-2-1413	25-4-1801	25-6-2086	25-7-160	25-9-359	25-11-750
24-6-2348	24-11-867	25-2-1424	25-4-1805	25-6-2092	25-7-165	25-9-362	25-11-751
24-6-2349	24-11-878	25-2-1425	25-4-1814	25-6-2094	25-7-171	25-9-424	25-11-753
24-6-2350	24-11-881	25-2-1436	25-4-1817	25-6-2097	25-8-172	25-9-425	25-11-754
24-6-2398	24-11-892	25-3-1441	25-4-1823	25-6-2100	25-8-175	25-9-427	25-11-755
24-6-2429	24-11-893	25-3-1445	25-4-1831	25-6-2101	25-8-178	25-9-430	25-11-757
24-7-31	24-11-894	25-3-1452	25-4-1832	25-6-2110	25-8-179	25-9-436	25-11-758
24-7-58	24-12-943	25-3-1453	25-4-1833	25-6-2111	25-8-183	25-9-437	25-11-759
24-7-106	24-12-948	25-3-1461	25-4-1838	25-6-2113	25-8-184	25-9-438	25-11-760
24-7-128	24-12-989	25-3-1469	25-5-1844	25-6-2114	25-8-186	25-9-440	25-11-762
24-8-162	24-12-1012	25-3-1478	25-5-1845	25-6-2121	25-8-190	25-9-442	25-11-763
24-8-236	24-12-1013	25-3-1524	25-5-1859	25-6-2132	25-8-193	25-9-446	25-11-766
24-8-241	24-12-1014	25-3-1548	25-5-1863	25-6-2133	25-8-198	25-9-449	25-11-767
24-8-243	24-12-1020	25-3-1549	25-5-1865	25-6-2147	25-8-199	25-9-450	25-11-769
24-8-276	24-12-1021	25-3-1563	25-5-1873	25-6-2148	25-8-200	25-9-451	25-11-770
24-8-277	24-12-1024	25-3-1576	25-5-1875	25-6-2154	25-8-203	25-9-455	25-11-771
24-8-316	25-1-1044	25-3-1579	25-5-1876	25-6-2163	25-8-204	25-9-457	25-11-773
24-8-326	25-1-1060	25-3-1589	25-5-1880	25-6-2170	25-8-210	25-9-458	25-11-774
24-8-341	25-1-1067	25-3-1592	25-5-1885	25-6-2175	25-8-214	25-9-467	25-11-775
24-9-361	25-1-1079	25-3-1593	25-5-1889	25-6-2179	25-8-215	25-10-505	25-11-778
24-9-370	25-1-1084	25-3-1608	25-5-1891	25-6-2196	25-8-217	25-10-508	25-11-779
24-9-372	25-1-1095	25-3-1609	25-5-1893	25-6-2198	25-8-218	25-10-512	25-11-781
24-9-384	25-1-1107	25-3-1610	25-5-1896	25-6-2199	25-8-221	25-10-516	25-11-782
24-9-418	25-1-1111	25-3-1621	25-5-1897	25-6-2201	25-8-223	25-10-518	25-11-783
24-9-425	25-1-1125	25-3-1629	25-5-1908	25-6-2207	25-8-225	25-10-522	25-11-785
24-9-429	25-1-1127	25-3-1631	25-5-1909	25-6-2212	25-8-226	25-10-524	25-11-787

<b>WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS</b>							
24-9-433	25-1-1137	25-3-1644	25-5-1923	25-7-1	25-8-227	25-10-526	25-11-788
24-9-479	25-1-1138	25-3-1652	25-5-1937	25-7-2	25-8-228	25-10-533	25-11-789
24-9-493	25-1-1168	25-4-1672	25-5-1941	25-7-9	25-8-234	25-10-551	25-11-790
24-9-510	25-1-1170	25-4-1676	25-5-1949	25-7-19	25-8-237	25-10-575	25-11-791
24-10-526	25-1-1174	25-4-1686	25-5-1950	25-7-37	25-8-239	25-10-579	
24-10-565	25-1-1208	25-4-1687	25-5-1951	25-7-38	25-8-240	25-10-584	
24-10-597	25-1-1209	25-4-1701	25-5-1963	25-7-47	25-8-251	25-10-593	
24-10-623	25-1-1214	25-4-1703	25-5-1964	25-7-61	25-8-253	25-10-594	
24-10-624	25-1-1225	25-4-1706	25-5-1983	25-7-62	25-8-261	25-10-597	
24-10-632	25-1-1244	25-4-1710	25-5-1985	25-7-65	25-8-262	25-10-599	
24-10-648	25-1-1245	25-4-1711	25-5-1987	25-7-73	25-8-263	25-10-600	
24-10-657	25-1-1246	25-4-1713	25-5-1988	25-7-75	25-8-264	25-10-601	

**10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 21 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

**11. 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.

**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 RECOMMENDATION</b>
22-5-1428	Denial	Denial	<b>Accept</b>
25-4-1660	Denial	Denial	<b>Accept</b>

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the Educator Ethics Review Committee report as present by Vice Chair Abigail Coggin.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstentions: Abigail Coggin - PID cases-25-11-920; 25-11-921; 25-12-1058, Jane Rookard - PID cases 25-11-827; 25-12-995; 25-12-996; 25-12-997, PCE cases 25-7-102; 25-9-480, Christy Edwards – PID cases 25-11-968; 25-11-974; 25-11-979, NCO cases 22-2-899; 23-1-108

**B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee**

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

Floyd County Schools- The Committee recommends Continuing Approval of the EPP and the following endorsement programs reviewed during the Fall 2025 Continuing Approval: ESOL Endorsement, Gifted In-Field Endorsement, K-5 Math Endorsement, Online Teaching Endorsement, Reading Endorsement

Mercer University-The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the EPP and the following educator preparation programs reviewed during the Fall 2025 Continuing Approval Review: Autism Endorsement,

Biology (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only],

- Autism Endorsement
- Biology (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
- Birth through Kindergarten (B-K) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
- Chemistry (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
- Coaching Endorsement
- Computer Science (P-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
- Computer Science Endorsement
- Curriculum and Instruction (P-12) [Doctoral degree]
- Dyslexia Endorsement
- Educational Leadership Tier I (P-12) [Certification-only; Master's degree]
- Educational Leadership Tier II (P-12) [Certification-only; Education Specialist degree; Doctoral degree]
- Elementary Education (P-5) [Certification-only; Master's of Arts in Teaching degree]
- English (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
- ESOL Endorsement
- Gifted Endorsement Program
- Health and Physical Education (P-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
- History (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
- K-5 Math Endorsement
- K-5 Science Endorsement
- Mathematics (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
- Middle Grades (4-8) -- Language arts, Math, Reading, Science, Social science [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
- Music (P-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
- Online Teaching Endorsement
- Pedagogy-only Program (4-8, 6-12, P-12) [Certification-only; Master's of Arts in Teaching degree]
- Personalized Learning Endorsement
- Physics (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
- Political Science (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
- Preschool Special Education Endorsement
- Reading Endorsement
- School Counselor (P-12) [Master's degree]
- Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education (P-5) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]
- STEM Education Endorsement
- Teacher Leader (P-12) [Certification-only; Education Specialist degree]
- Teacher Leader Endorsement
- World Languages (P-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Certification-only]

Fulton County Schools-The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Gifted In-field Endorsement.

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the Educator Preparation and Certification Committee report as presented

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by Chair, Dr. Holley Roberts.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstentions: Stephanie Rogers

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Our next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. We will meet remotely and the information will be posted on our website under Commission Information. On February 11, 2026, the Educator Ethics Review Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. and the Educator Preparation and Certification Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. Chair Sirmans called for the meeting to be adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved