

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Remote Meeting via ZOOM Webinar

July 9, 2026

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

Members' Present

Jimmy Atkins

Jeanine Bunn

Angela Byrne

Abigail Coggin

Christy Edwards

Kedrione Harris

Nathan Lewis

Zach Miller

Dr. Franklin Perry

Stephanie Rogers

Jane Rookard

Dr. Brandon Seigler

Brian Sirmans

Carol Williams

Dr. Judi Wilson

Vonda Woodall

Members Absent

Dr. Holley Roberts

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: (Jane Rookard / Nathan Lewis) To approve the agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PSC ACTION: Approved

V. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Good afternoon to our commissioners, staff and guests. I trust everyone had a great July 4th weekend. While some might consider the Summer as a slow time for educators, that rarely is the case. School districts are working to close out their school year, and at the same time, beginning the planning for the new year that is just ahead. We have important roles in assisting our Pre-K-12 systems, RESA's, and our Post secondary institutions (TCSG and USG) as they prepare for the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

Since we last met in June, many of our team members attended the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC). The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) is considered one of the top agencies in the country and we have individuals who hold leadership roles in this

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organization. The meeting was informative and time well spent with our colleagues from around the country. While we had folks at the national conference, I attended and presented to the South Georgia Superintendent Summit where I gave the superintendents an update on the information the GaPSC is unpacking from the legislative session. Of particular interest to them was the work of the Task Force developing the standards for the Georgia Literacy Coaching Endorsement, SB 150 what is commonly referred to as the Return-to-Work bill, and the task force working on the revision of the Tiered leadership certification process.

As we all know, the Georgia General Assembly was called back into session to address a couple of points of business that had not been resolved before Sine Die. During the time, the legislators were at the Capitol, a Joint Committee meeting of the House and Senate Education Committees was held. Education Chairmen, Senator Billy Hickman and Representative Chris Erwin, requested an update from the GADOE, GOESW, GaPSC, GSU Literacy Center, and the RESA network, to discuss the progress that was being made on the implementation of HB 1193 (Georgia Literacy Act). One of the primary topics I discussed was the work of our task force addressing the Literacy Coaching Endorsement. I shared the work of the task force to date, discussing the draft rule, the assessment discussions, and the proposed timeline for the completion of the project. Dr. Becky Pennington is leading the task force developing the endorsement, and we anticipate having it ready for your initiation in October. This work will be pushed out for public comment (hopefully in November) and brought before the Commission for your official review and consideration by the December meeting. If the work is approved by the Commission at that meeting, we hope to push the information out to our Education Preparation Programs in January of 2027, so they can begin to consider and decide if they want to build out an endorsement program for submission.

During my portion of the presentation, I thanked the General Assembly and the Governor for their support of the new Education Literacy Specialists who will be hired, supporting, and evaluating the literacy work with our Education Preparation Programs.

This endorsement is unlike any endorsement the agency has ever developed. To use an old expression, we are “building the plane as we fly it.” The task force is made up of expert individuals from public and private universities, Georgia school districts, RESAs, as well as representatives from GADOE and GOEWS. On June 24, we served as the host site for Georgia Southern, Valdosta St., Georgia St., Kennesaw St., and West Ga. University deans to discuss the launch of the new literacy center to be housed at Ga Southern. These five universities will serve as host sites and support training and professional development of literacy educators across Georgia.

We continue to collaborate with the Georgia Department of Education and the Georgia Teacher Retirement System with addressing the reauthorization of SB 150, or as it is commonly called, the Return-to-Work Bill. FAQs for SB 150 can be found on our agency website. The high needs areas for all school districts have been determined by the GADOE and approved by the GaPSC and TRS.

Our team continues to work diligently on the SaaS project platform upgrade. We are pushing to make progress and our projected go live date is in November.

From the Education Preparation Division, we are looking at a reorganization with the addition of our new Education Literacy Specialists. Dr. PaQuita Morgan will assume the responsibilities of Assistant Division Director, and Dr. Melissa McDowell will now serve as Director of Program Approval for Traditional Preparation.

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Roles and responsibilities are changing for three other Ed Prep staff members. Dr. Bobbi Ford is now Principal Strategist, Rene' Mason is the Lead Non-Traditional Specialist, and Dr. Becky Pennington is the Lead Literacy Specialist. These staff changes reflect the expertise of staff and make way for the addition of four new Literacy-Focused Education Specialists, approved in the FY27 budget. The Ed Prep team are interviewing now to fill these four positions, and we anticipate bringing the new specialists on board in September.

We are also making progress with the Educational Leadership Task Force, which will recommend changes to the Preparation and Certification Rules for the field. With a goal of streamlining entry into the profession, the task force is recommending significant changes to the rules, and we anticipate having those rules ready for your initiation in October.

From the certification division that closed out their EOY data reports for FY26 on June 30, 2026, the Certification Division processed over 102,099 applications and receives approximately 900 new certification applications each week, 14,978 new educators, issued 64,315 certificate fields for the first time, renewed 67,005 educator certificates. Staff are currently processing applications within a two-week timeframe and there are currently 1,510 cases that are in process of being reviewed. The Certification staff also responded to a total of 36,020 phone calls and 60,955 emails in FY26. On average, staff respond to approximately 3,000 educators every month.

Some numbers that may be of interest, the busiest month of the year in terms of call volume was July 2025 with 4,410 phone calls. The slowest month was November 2025 with 2,043 calls. The new School Safety and Anti-Gang endorsement which became effective in 2024 and is one of our newest certificates has been issued to 58 educators. Kudos to all of our staff working in the Certification Division for another successful year!

This is Dr. Wilson's official announcement of her retirement from some 35 years in education with the last 22 serving at August University. She will officially be retiring from the Commission and this will be her last official meeting as a Commissioner for the GaPSC. Dr. Wilson has served with distinction, and it has been a real pleasure getting to know her not only as a college administrator and dean, but as a great student advocate! Dr. Wilson, we will miss you and know that you are always welcome to visit with us at the Twin Towers! I know that Dr. Wilson would like to address the Commission, so at this time we would ask that she turn on her camera so she can speak to the group.

Chairman Sirmans, unless there are any comments or questions from the Commissioners that concludes my report.

VI. RULES INIATION

Anne Marie Fenton presented the rules for Initiation. The proposed rules were previewed for Commissioners at the June 11, 2026, Commission meeting, except for the proposed rule 505-2-.201 Lifeguarding and Aquatic Safety Micro-Endorsement. The rule is proposed to permit educators holding Health and Physical Education (P-12) certification and this micro-endorsement to provide instruction in lifeguarding and aquatic safety courses.

Certification

505-2-.08. Provisional Certificate-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.08 Provisional Certificate dated October 15, 2024, be AMENDED to clarify that an individual may not obtain the academic content concentration in Special

Education Reading solely through passage of an assessment.

505-2-.11. International Exchange Certificate-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.11 International Exchange Certificate, dated January 1, 2026, be AMENDED to clarify the requirement for completion of the Literacy Assessment as a condition of certificate conversion.

Rule 505-2-.26. Certification and Licensure Assessments-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.26 Certification and Licensure Assessments, dated July 1, 2025, be AMENDED to clarify that an individual may not obtain the academic content concentration in Special Education Reading solely through passage of an assessment, and the Literacy assessment is required as a condition of International Exchange certificate conversion.

Rule 505-2-.34. Add a Field-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.08, Add a Field dated July 1, 2025, be AMENDED to allow a test-in option for Elementary Grades P-5.

505-2-.46. Military Support Certificate-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.46 Military Support Certificate, dated July 1, 2025, be AMENDED to comply with updates to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), 50 U.S.C. § 4025a, effective December 23, 2024, and the requirements of the Settlement Agreement in *United States v. Georgia Secretary of State, GaPSC, and Georgia State Board of Pharmacy* (effective March 26, 2026). The amendments: update definitions to align with the SCRA and the Settlement Agreement; remove the prior two-year teaching requirement for SCRA applicants; restate the SCRA license portability requirements consistent with federal law; establish a Non-Renewable Professional Military Support certificate as an interim credential when an SCRA application cannot be processed within thirty (30) days; clarify that the Provisional certificate may be re-issued annually for up to three (3) years; add a validity provision for the Non-Renewable certificate.

505-2-.106. Academic Content Concentrations-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.106, Academic Content Concentrations dated April 15, 2019, be AMENDED to clarify that an individual may not obtain the academic content concentration in Special Education Reading solely through passage of an assessment.

505-2-.198. Artificial Intelligence for Educators Endorsement-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.198 Artificial Intelligence for Educators Endorsement, be INITIATED to create an endorsement that will strengthen and enhance educators' competencies to effectively and ethically utilize artificial intelligence in education and education-adjacent settings.

505-2-.199. Artificial Intelligence for Educators Micro-Endorsement-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.199 Artificial Intelligence for Educators Micro-Endorsement, be INITIATED to create a micro-endorsement that will strengthen and enhance educators' capacity to understand and apply AI in education.

505-2-.200. Safety and Hunter Education Endorsement-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.200 Safety and Hunter Education Endorsement, be INITIATED to create an endorsement that will expand access to hunter safety education courses in grades 6-12 taught by certified instructors.

505-2-.201. Lifeguarding and Aquatic Safety Micro-Endorsement-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.201 Lifeguarding and Aquatic Safety Micro-Endorsement be INITIATED to establish a micro-endorsement that permits educators holding Health and Physical Education (P-12) certification and this micro-endorsement to provide instruction in lifeguarding and aquatic safety courses.

Educator Preparation

505-3-.14. Elementary Education (P-5) Program-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.14 Elementary Education (P-5) Program, dated July 1, 2023, be AMENDED to add the requirements set forth in the Math Matters Act (HB1030), passed in the 2026 legislative session.

505-3-.27. Mathematics Education Program-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.27 Mathematics Education Program, dated August 15, 2023, be AMENDED to add the requirements set forth in the Math Matters Act (HB1030), passed in the 2026 legislative session.

505-3-.64. Instructional Technology Program-It is proposed that GaPSC 505-3-.64 Instructional Technology Program dated January 1, 2021, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number be INITIATED. The new rule addresses the following standards adapted from the standards published in 2024 by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE).

505-3-.68. School Nutrition Director Program-It is proposed that GaPSC 505-3-.68 School Nutrition Director Program dated May 15, 2014, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED. The new rule incorporates updated program content standards recommended by a GaPSC task force comprised of subject matter experts.

505-3-.92. K-5 Mathematics Endorsement-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.92 K-5 Mathematics Endorsement, dated January 1, 2024, be AMENDED to add the requirements set forth in the Math Matters Act (HB1030), passed in the 2026 legislative session.

505-3-.112. Dyslexia Endorsement-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.112 Dyslexia Endorsement, dated August 15, 2023, be AMENDED to update the definition of dyslexia, published in 2025 by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA), and to make non-substantive clarifications.

MOTION: (Stephanie Rogers / Nathan Lewis) To (1) amend the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective October 15, 2026, as follows: 505-2-.08; 505-2-.11, 505-2-.26, 505-2-.34, 505-2-.46, and 505-2-.106, (2) initiate the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective October 15, 2026, as follows: 505-2-.198, 505-2-.199, 505-2-.200, and 505-2-.201; (3) repeal the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2026, as follows: 505-3-.64, and 505-3-.68; (4) initiate the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2026, follows: 505-3-.64, and 505-3-.68; and (5) amend the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2026, as follows: 505-3-.14, 505-3-.27, 505-3-.92, and 505-3-.112.

PSC ACTION: Approved

These rules will be posted for a 30-day public comment and come back before you at the September 10th Commission meeting for your adoption consideration. If adopted, the rules will become effective October 15, 2026.

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 66 ***Probable Cause*** cases during the July 8, 2026, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
25-12-1039	1,4,5a6	Reprimand	Accept
26-4-1862	1,4,5a6	NPC	Accept
26-4-1901	1,4,5a6	Reprimand	Accept
26-4-1903	1,4,5a6	NPC	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
26-5-2152	5a5,5a6	NPC	Accept
26-5-2154	1,4,5a6	Reprimand	Accept
24-5-2190	2,5,9	30 days	Accept
24-6-2246	3,9	Susp 1 yr	Accept
24-6-2299	9,10	NPC	Accept
24-6-2339	2, 10	5 days	Accept
24-6-2348	4, 10	5 days	Accept
24-6-2350	4, 10	5 days	Accept
24-6-2398	2, 9	10 days	Accept
24-8-243	2, 4, 9	Reprimand	Accept
24-9-384	1,9	NPC	Accept
24-11-878	2,9	NPC	Accept
25-4-1706	2, 4, 9	Warning	Accept
25-5-1896	2, 9	NPC	Accept
25-5-1949	4, 9	Reprimand	Accept
25-5-1950	4, 9	NPC	Accept
25-5-1951	1,2,8,9	CCE*	Accept
25-5-1997	2,9	NPC	Accept
25-5-2040	1, 2, 4, 9	10 days	Accept
25-7-92	4,9	NPC	Accept
25-9-501	2,9	10 days	Accept
25-10-640	4,5,9,10	2 days	Accept
25-11-727	1,2,9	15 days	Accept
25-11-759	1,4,5a6, 5a7 (2008-2020), 8, 9	10 days	Accept
25-11-797	2,9	5 days Suspension	Accept
25-11-803	2,9	1 yr Suspension	Accept
25-12-1208	1,4,5a6,8,9	10 days	Accept
26-1-1364	4,7,9	NPC	Accept
26-1-1365	2,4,7,9	20 days Suspension	Accept
26-1-1366	4,8,9	NPC	Accept
26-1-1387	9	CCE	Accept
26-2-1463	1,2,9	Revoke	Accept
26-2-1486	9	90 days Suspension	Accept
26-2-1524	2,4,8,9	2 days Suspension	Accept
26-3-1623	4,9	5 days Suspension	Accept
26-3-1723	2,8,9	3 days Suspension	Accept
26-3-1725	2,9	Reprimand	Accept
26-3-1728	1,2,9	CCE	Accept
26-3-1737	2,4,9	2 days Suspension	Accept
26-3-1742	2,9	Revoke	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
26-3-1744	2,9	10 days Suspension	Accept
26-3-1751	4,5,9	10 days Suspension	Accept
26-3-1757	5,9	20 days Suspension	Accept
26-4-1782	2,9	5 days Suspension	Accept
26-4-1795	3,9	90 days Suspension	Accept
26-4-1842	4,9	Reprimand	Accept
26-4-1850	2,9	5 days	Accept
26-4-1880	2,9	Reprimand	Accept
26-4-1887	2,9	3 days Suspension	Accept
26-4-1890	2,9	10 days Suspension	Accept
26-4-1906	1,4,5a6,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
26-4-1910	1,9	CCE	Accept
26-4-1918	2,9	Reprimand	Accept
26-4-1920	9	90 days Suspension	Accept
26-4-1926	2,9	2 days Suspension	Accept
26-4-1927	2,8,9	3 days Suspension	Accept
26-4-1940	1,8,9	Revoke	Accept
26-4-1943	3,9	1 year Suspension	Accept
26-4-1945	1,9	5 days Suspension	Accept
26-4-1949	1,9	CCE	Accept
26-5-2021	2,9	15 days Suspension	Accept
26-5-2147	2,9	10 days Suspension	Accept

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

<u>CASE</u>	<u>PREVIOUS SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
26-5-2036	Revocation	Deny
26-5-2033	Revocation	Grant

3. Chair Harris reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 9 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
25-7-165	Suspension 1 year	Accept
25-8-262	Revoke	Accept
25-11-931	Reprimand	Accept
26-2-1410	Suspension 5 days	Accept
26-2-1447	Suspension 5 days	Accept
26-2-1459	Suspension 1 year	Accept
26-2-1557	Suspension 5 days	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
26-3-1666	Suspension 1 year	Accept
26-5-2145	Reprimand	Accept

4. Chair Harris reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 14 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
19-10-631	Warning	Accept
20-3-1352	110 days retroactive	Accept
21-7-6	Reprimand	Accept
24-3-1755	Warning	Accept
25-3-1445	10-day retroactive	Accept
25-3-1539	Warning	Accept
25-3-1611	5-day Suspension retroactive	Accept
25-4-1710	20-day Suspension	Accept
25-7-71	Reprimand	Accept
25-7-133	Warning	Accept
25-8-263	3-day Suspension	Accept
25-12-1024	3-day Suspension	Accept
25-12-1026	Reprimand	Accept
26-1-1359	Reprimand	Accept

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There were *zero* cases in the *Other Business Report*.

PSC ACTION:

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 109 new complaints received during the months of May, June and July 2026.

7. VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of 2 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>
25-10-665	9	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
26-6-2182	5a6	Voluntary Surrender	Accept

8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

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

26-6-2321	26-6-2331	26-7-1	26-7-44	26-7-54	26-7-64
26-6-2322	26-6-2332	26-7-35	26-7-45	26-7-55	26-7-65
26-6-2323	26-6-2333	26-7-36	26-7-46	26-7-56	26-7-66
26-6-2324	26-6-2334	26-7-37	26-7-47	26-7-57	26-7-67
26-6-2325	26-6-2335	26-7-38	26-7-48	26-7-58	
26-6-2326	26-6-2336	26-7-39	26-7-49	26-7-59	
26-6-2327	26-6-2337	26-7-40	26-7-50	26-7-60	
26-6-2328	26-6-2338	26-7-41	26-7-51	26-7-61	
26-6-2329	26-6-2339	26-7-42	26-7-52	26-7-62	
26-6-2330	26-6-2340	26-7-43	26-7-53	26-7-63	

9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting an *Investigative Extension* to the following 451 cases:

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS						
24-3-1621	25-4-1771	25-7-113	25-11-772	25-12-1102	26-2-1418	26-3-1643
24-3-1671	25-4-1767	25-7-116	25-11-800	25-12-1098	26-2-1420	26-3-1654
24-5-2037	25-4-1770	25-7-124	25-11-799	25-12-1114	26-2-1429	26-3-1650
24-5-2064	25-4-1779	25-8-178	25-11-833	25-12-1119	26-2-1437	26-3-1653
24-6-2313	25-4-1783	25-8-179	25-11-834	25-12-1123	26-2-1438	26-3-1661
24-6-2349	25-4-1791	25-8-198	25-11-829	25-12-1161	26-2-1436	26-3-1659
24-6-2429	25-4-1799	25-8-204	25-11-832	25-12-1154	26-2-1414	26-3-1663
24-7-58	25-4-1801	25-8-214	25-11-842	25-12-1153	26-2-1424	26-3-1662
24-8-236	25-4-1798	25-8-218	25-11-845	25-12-1163	26-2-1431	26-3-1668
24-8-277	25-4-1805	25-8-223	25-11-852	25-12-1142	26-2-1415	26-3-1676
24-9-418	25-5-1844	25-8-226	25-11-859	25-12-1126	26-2-1458	26-3-1677
24-9-429	25-5-1863	25-8-228	25-11-863	25-12-1136	26-2-1478	26-3-1679
24-9-433	25-5-1865	25-8-237	25-11-870	25-12-1143	26-2-1479	26-3-1673
24-9-479	25-5-1873	25-8-251	25-11-871	25-12-1159	26-2-1487	26-3-1675
24-9-493	25-5-1880	25-8-264	25-11-873	25-12-1176	26-2-1490	26-3-1674
24-9-510	25-5-1891	25-8-283	25-11-875	25-12-1178	26-2-1491	26-3-1672
24-10-565	25-5-1897	25-8-305	25-11-878	25-12-1175	26-2-1494	26-3-1711
24-10-632	25-5-1909	25-8-311	25-11-883	25-12-1186	26-2-1510	26-3-1708
24-10-648	25-5-1908	25-8-310	25-11-916	25-12-1187	26-2-1505	26-3-1707
24-11-704	25-5-1937	25-9-334	25-11-890	25-12-1200	26-2-1502	26-3-1710
24-11-711	25-5-1941	25-9-331	25-11-910	25-12-1205	26-2-1504	26-3-1701
24-11-769	25-5-1983	25-9-370	25-11-888	25-12-1198	26-2-1497	26-3-1712
24-11-759	25-5-1985	25-9-378	25-11-884	25-12-1199	26-2-1522	26-3-1692
24-11-712	25-5-1988	25-9-375	25-11-907	26-1-1222	26-2-1515	26-3-1704
24-11-729	25-5-1987	25-9-382	25-11-896	26-1-1221	26-2-1533	26-3-1716

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS						
24-11-720	25-5-1996	25-9-384	25-11-913	26-1-1224	26-2-1535	26-3-1721
24-11-867	25-5-2002	25-9-392	25-11-904	26-1-1220	26-2-1530	26-4-1810
24-11-893	25-5-2009	25-9-414	25-11-919	26-1-1241	26-2-1534	26-4-1805
24-11-892	25-5-2017	25-9-451	25-11-894	26-1-1232	26-2-1546	26-4-1816
24-11-881	25-5-2039	25-9-457	25-11-938	26-1-1251	26-2-1542	26-4-1813
24-12-989	25-6-2057	25-9-466	25-11-941	26-1-1247	26-2-1538	26-4-1821
25-1-1067	25-6-2066	25-9-464	25-11-932	26-1-1260	26-2-1551	26-4-1817
25-1-1060	25-6-2065	25-9-492	25-11-953	26-1-1258	26-2-1547	26-4-1808
25-1-1095	25-6-2069	25-9-495	25-11-946	26-1-1264	26-2-1555	26-4-1818
25-1-1111	25-6-2073	25-9-496	25-11-942	26-1-1273	26-2-1552	26-4-1815
25-1-1107	25-6-2092	25-9-498	25-11-968	26-1-1282	26-2-1554	26-4-1820
25-1-1127	25-6-2094	25-9-497	25-11-969	26-1-1280	26-2-1562	26-4-1803
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25-4-1686	25-7-105	25-11-774	25-12-1077	26-2-1400	26-3-1636	
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25-4-1711	25-7-106	25-11-767	25-12-1091	26-2-1411	26-3-1642	
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25-4-1722	25-7-114	25-11-769	25-12-1099	26-2-1446	26-3-1647	

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*.

11. FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF LAW

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 35 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>
21-10-506	90-day Suspension	90-day Suspension	Accept

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

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstentions: Brian Sirmans, NS case 25-3-1445; Jeanine Bunn PID case 26-5-2161; Dr. Franklin Perry PID case 25-6-2269, PCE cases 26-1-1364, 26-1-1365, 26-1-1366; Abigail Coggin PCE cases 26-4-1887, 26-4-1890; Kedrione Harris PID case 26-6-2269, Petition case 26-5-2036, NCO case 20-3-1352, Jane Rookard PID cases 26-6-2238; 26-6-2239, 26-6-2243; and Angela Byrne PCE case 24-5-2190.

B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee

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

Atlanta Metropolitan State College a) The April 8, 2026, Progress Report is satisfactory in addressing the areas for improvement (AFIs) in Standard 5.2 and Standard 6.6 cited during the Fall 2025 Developmental Approval Review. The Committee recommends removal of the AFIs for the Educator Preparation Provider (EPP). b)

The April 8, 2026 Progress Report demonstrates incremental progress; however, the Committee recommends the AFIs in Standard 2.1 and Standard 2.2 remain for the EPP. c) The Committee recommends the submission of a progress report due July 8, 2027, addressing the remaining areas for improvement.

Griffin RESA-The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the EPP, and the following fifteen educator preparation programs reviewed during the Spring 2026 Continuing Approval Review: 1) Alt Prep for Educational Leadership Tier I (P-12) [Certification-only]; 2) Alt Prep for Educational Leadership Tier II (P-12) [Certification-only]; 3) Coaching Endorsement; 4) Computer Science Endorsement; 5) Dyslexia Endorsement; 6) Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation & Pedagogy (GaTAPP); 7) Gifted In-Field Endorsement; 8) K-5 Math Endorsement; 9) K-5 Science Endorsement; 10) Multi-Tiered System of Supports Facilitator Endorsement; 11) One-Year Elementary Certification-only Program; 12) Online Teaching Endorsement; 13) Reading Endorsement; 14) STEM Education Endorsement; 15) Teacher Leader Endorsement. The Committee recommends the submission of a progress report due July 8, 2027, addressing all areas for improvement cited during the Spring 2026 Continuing Approval Review.

Columbus State University-The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Personalized Learning Endorsement.

University of Georgia-The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Interventional Specialist Endorsement.

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

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by Vice-Chair Rookard.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Vonda Woodall- Endorsements

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Our next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 4 pm. 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, August 12, 2026. Chair Sirmans called for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

PSC ACTION: Approved