

# MINUTES

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Two Piedmont Avenue

Atlanta, Georgia

June 8, 2017

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at 12:30 p.m.

### Members Present

Dr. Jim Barrett	Henry Kelly	Sheryl Stalvey
Lauren Eckman	Kamila Luigs	Susan Thayer
Leon Grant, III	Amanda Miliner	Christy Van Meter
Rodney Green	Teri Schneider	Dr. Martha Venn
Dr. Isiah Hill, Jr.	David Smith	

### Members Absent

Christy McGill	Scott Justus
Diane McClearen	

## **I. WORK SESSION**

- a) Rita Haecker and Tayia Donald, Georgia Association of Educators, gave a presentation on Teacher Recruitment
- b) Paquita Morgan and Kelli young gave a presentation on “Teacher Leadership – A Progress report and a look at the Lead Professional certificate”
- c) Anne Marie shared the vision, mission, and mission priorities of the Georgia Teacher Leadership Virtual Learning Community (GTL-VLC), which is aimed at embracing the potential of teacher leadership in Georgia. Its purpose is to provide a collaborative avenue of discussion focused on continuous improvement, capacity, effective implementation of the performance assessment, and targeted topics focused on state policy, collaborative initiatives and effective practice. The group meets virtually the third Tuesday of each month.
- d) Anne Marie Fenton presented six certification rules and one ethics rule that will come before the Commission for their consideration for initiation in July. Kelli Young previewed the following certification rules:

- 505-2-.154 SUPERINTENDENT
- 505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD
- 505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
- 505-2-.02 CLASSIFICATION
- 505-2-.36 RENEWAL RULE

Paul Shaw previewed the following ethics rule:

- 505-6-.01 THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS

- e) The Chair’s Bright Spot report was given by Dr. Marti Venn on Augusta State University. Enjolia Farrington had shared in the Certification/Educator Preparation Division Committee meeting that Augusta State University hosted a Georgia Future Educators Signing Day where high school students sign letter of intent to become teachers. Augusta State University partnered with Georgia Department of

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Education on creating the signing ceremonies. Dr. Judy Wilson, Associate Dean for the College of Education, said that over 20 students participated and that it was a memorable event in her career.

## **II. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Luigs called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and a moment of silence.

## **III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chair Luigs called for approval of the agenda.

**MOTION:** (Amanda Miliner / Jim Barrett) To approve the agenda.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

## **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Luigs called for approval of the minutes from the May 11, 2017, Commission meeting.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

## **V. VISITORS**

Chair Luigs welcomed the visitors.

- Leonard Williams, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Gayle Wooten, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Linda Fortson, Fortson Law Office
- Emily Jones, Office of Planning and Budget
- Paige Tompkins, Georgia Association of Colleges for Teacher Ed (GACTE) & UGA
- Linda Fortson, Warren Fortson Law Office
- Deborah White, Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL)
- Tayia Donald, Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)
- Rita Haecker, Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Vice Chair Susan Thayer of the Educator Ethics Review Committee (EERC), gave a preliminary review of the Cases.

1. Vice Chair Thayer reported that the Committee reviewed 41 ***Probable Cause*** cases during June 8, 2017, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
17-2-1007	1, 4	Reprimand
17-3-1150	1, 5a7	Deny
17-3-1157	5a2	Reprimand
17-3-1176	1	NPC
15-9-465	1, 10, 5a7	Revoke
15-10-522	2, 4, 10	Suspension - 1 year
16-1-738	1, 2, 10	Revoke
16-5-1363	1,4,9,10	Suspension - 20 days
16-7-41	4, 5a2,9	Revoke
16-8-228	1, 10	Revoke
16-9-324	10	Reprimand
16-9-492	4,5a2,9,10	Suspension - 20 days
16-11-734	2,10	NPC
16-12-811	5a2	NPC
17-1-906	1,4,9,10	Suspension - 20 days
17-1-948	1,4,9,10	Suspension - 20 days
17-1-950	2, 10	Suspension - 20 days
17-1-959	2,10,9	Suspension - 45 days
17-2-990	2,10	Suspension - 30 days
17-2-994	1,2,10,5a7	Revoke
17-2-999	1,9,10	Suspension - 1 year
17-2-1019	8,10	NPC
17-2-1058	2, 10	Suspension - 90 days
17-2-1059	4,5,10	Revoke
17-2-1083	2, 4,10,5a7	Revoke
17-2-1090	7, 10	Suspension - 20 days
17-2-1091	3, 10	Suspension - 1 year
17-2-1092	2, 10	NPC
17-2-1095	4, 10, 11	Suspension - 90 days
17-2-1096	1, 2, 9, 10	Revoke
17-3-1109	10	Reprimand
17-3-1126	2, 10	Revoke
17-3-1127	5,10	Suspension - 45 days
17-3-1132	3, 10	Suspension - 1 year
17-3-1141	1,4,9,10, 5a7	Revoke
17-3-1166	1,4,9,10	Suspension - 20 days
17-3-1194	2, 10	Revoke
17-3-1207	1, 10,5a7	Revoke
17-4-1282	5a2, 5a3, 9, 10	Reprimand
17-4-1297	4,7,10,11	Suspension - 90 days

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
17-4-1329	1,4,9,10	Suspension - 1 year

2. Vice Chair Thayer 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>
17-3-1209	Revocation	Grant
17-4-1258	VS	Deny

3. Vice Chair Thayer reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 10 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
16-7-111	Suspension - 20 days	Accept
16-10-612	Reprimand	Accept
16-10-624	Reprimand	Accept
16-12-794	Suspension - 1 year	Accept
17-2-988	Suspension - 20 days	Accept
17-2-1010	Reprimand	Accept
17-1-946	Reprimand	Accept
17-2-1066	Reprimand	Accept
17-3-1159	Reprimand	Accept
17-3-1217	Reprimand	Accept

4. Vice Chair Thayer reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 20 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
14-9-214	NPC	Accept
14-9-221	Suspension - 2 years	Accept
15-5-1016	Suspension - 20 days	Accept
15-8-239	Suspension - 19 days	Accept
15-9-326	Suspension - 20 days	Accept
15-12-714	Suspension - 60 days	Accept
16-1-817	Revocation	Accept
16-3-1011	Suspension - 90 days	Accept
16-5-1381	Suspension - 10 days	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
16-5-1389	NPC	Accept
16-7-60	NPC	Accept
16-9-329	NPC	Accept
16-9-331	NPC	Accept
16-9-341	Suspension - 1 year	Accept
16-9-350	NPC	Accept
16-9-351	NPC	Accept
16-9-352	NPC	Accept
16-11-654	NPC	Accept
16-11-657	NPC	Accept
16-11-732	Reprimand	Accept

#### 5. OTHER BUSINESS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Other Business Report* as follows:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>Findings of Fact</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
16-9-445	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
16-11-754	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
17-1-895	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
PCE 17-4-1260	Expand investigation	Expand Investigation

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 94 new complaints received during the months of May and June 2017.

#### 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>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
17-3-1254	2, 10	Accept
17-4-1264	2, 10	Accept
17-4-1301	2, 10	Accept

#### 8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 87 *Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations* consisting of the following:

17-6-1504	17-6-1515	17-6-1526	17-6-1537	17-6-1548	17-6-1559	17-6-1570	17-6-1581
17-6-1505	17-6-1516	17-6-1527	17-6-1538	17-6-1549	17-6-1560	17-6-1571	17-6-1582
17-6-1506	17-6-1517	17-6-1528	17-6-1539	17-6-1550	17-6-1561	17-6-1572	17-6-1583
17-6-1507	17-6-1518	17-6-1529	17-6-1540	17-6-1551	17-6-1562	17-6-1573	17-6-1584
17-6-1508	17-6-1519	17-6-1530	17-6-1541	17-6-1552	17-6-1563	17-6-1574	17-6-1585
17-6-1509	17-6-1520	17-6-1531	17-6-1542	17-6-1553	17-6-1564	17-6-1575	17-6-1586
17-6-1510	17-6-1521	17-6-1532	17-6-1543	17-6-1554	17-6-1565	17-6-1576	17-6-1587
17-6-1511	17-6-1522	17-6-1533	17-6-1544	17-6-1555	17-6-1566	17-6-1577	17-6-1588
17-6-1512	17-6-1523	17-6-1534	17-6-1545	17-6-1556	17-6-1567	17-6-1578	17-6-1589
17-6-1513	17-6-1524	17-6-1535	17-6-1546	17-6-1557	17-6-1568	17-6-1579	17-6-1590
17-6-1514	17-6-1525	17-6-1536	17-6-1547	17-6-1558	17-6-1569	17-6-1580	

### 9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting an *Investigative Extension* to the following 222 cases:

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS							
14-3-1227	15-9-390	16-5-1269	16-8-222	16-11-646	17-1-864	17-2-1067	17-3-1214
14-6-981	15-9-396	16-5-1276	16-8-291	16-11-663	17-1-869	17-2-1072	17-3-1215
14-10-321	15-10-510	16-5-1277	16-8-318	16-11-683	17-1-875	17-2-1078	17-3-1216
14-12-492	15-10-532	16-5-1278	16-9-385	16-11-686	17-1-880	17-2-1079	17-3-1220
14-12-493	15-11-592	16-5-1281	16-9-420	16-11-687	17-1-884	17-2-1082	17-3-1223
15-3-733	15-11-599	16-5-1289	16-9-430	16-11-692	17-1-885	17-2-1086	17-3-1224
15-3-761	15-11-604	16-5-1329	16-9-450	16-11-715	17-1-888	17-3-1114	17-3-1225
15-3-821	15-11-621	16-5-1335	16-9-453	16-11-728	17-1-889	17-3-1116	17-3-1231
15-3-836	15-12-658	16-5-1365	16-9-461	16-11-740	17-1-898	17-3-1124	17-3-1232
15-4-947	15-12-682	16-5-1367	16-9-466	16-11-745	17-1-907	17-3-1135	17-3-1235
15-5-957	16-1-730	16-5-1371	16-9-468	16-11-747	17-1-912	17-3-1137	17-3-1236
15-5-982	16-1-732	16-6-1416	16-9-476	16-11-748	17-1-914	17-3-1139	17-3-1237
15-5-1003	16-1-735	16-6-1491	16-9-480	16-11-751	17-1-915	17-3-1142	17-3-1238
15-5-1045	16-1-738	16-6-1512	16-9-489	16-11-755	17-1-916	17-3-1144	17-3-1240
15-6-1093	16-1-836	16-6-1513	16-9-490	16-11-756	17-1-918	17-3-1152	17-3-1242
15-6-1094	16-2-849	16-6-1517	16-9-491	16-12-793	17-1-921	17-3-1153	17-3-1244
15-6-1095	16-2-859	16-6-1526	16-9-493	16-12-796	17-1-928	17-3-1158	17-3-1246
15-6-1100	16-2-883	16-6-1529	16-10-555	16-12-805	17-1-940	17-3-1160	17-3-1247
15-6-1107	16-2-919	16-6-1543	16-10-559	16-12-809	17-1-947	17-3-1161	17-3-1252
15-6-1129	16-3-994	16-6-1557	16-10-573	16-12-810	17-1-951	17-3-1162	
15-6-1173	16-3-995	16-6-1566	16-10-576	16-12-812	17-2-967	17-3-1163	
15-6-1203	16-3-1010	16-6-1568	16-10-584	16-12-815	17-2-986	17-3-1167	
15-7-18	16-4-1133	16-7-28	16-10-614	16-12-829	17-2-998	17-3-1168	
15-7-35	16-4-1199	16-7-94	16-10-615	16-12-832	17-2-1002	17-3-1170	
15-7-55	16-4-1211	16-7-99	16-10-617	16-12-844	17-2-1003	17-3-1174	
15-7-83	16-4-1214	16-7-113	16-10-622	16-12-845	17-2-1014	17-3-1189	
15-8-208	16-4-1215	16-8-152	16-10-632	16-12-846	17-2-1018	17-3-1210	
15-8-234	16-4-1222	16-8-157	16-10-633	17-1-848	17-2-1053	17-3-1211	
15-9-371	16-5-1258	16-8-181	16-10-635	17-1-849	17-2-1060	17-3-1213	

**10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 13 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

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

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 13 cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The report also advised that there were 3 cases closed without an appeal for a review hearing before the Commission.

**12. FINAL DECISIONS**

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 2 cases where decisions were rendered by the Administrative Law Judge.

<u>CASE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL SANCTION</u>	<u>ALJ SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
15-9-330	1 year	1 year	Accept
15-12-669	90 days	90 days	Accept

Chair Luigs called for approval of the Educator Ethics Review Committee report as presented by Vice Chair Susan Thayer.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstentions: Teri Schneider – 16-5-1363, Christy Van Meter – 17-2-1095, 17-2-1096, Susan Thayer, 17-5-1383, 17-5-1415, 17-5-1426, 17-5-1432, Kami Luigs – 17-5-1402 thru 17-5-1413, 17-5-1365 thru 17-5-1372, 17-5-1375, 17-5-1421, 17-5-1422, 17-5-1430, 15-8-239, 16-9-324, 15-10-522

**B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee**

Committee Chair, Dr. Marti Venn, presented the report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee.

		<b>June 2017 Detailed Approval Recommendations</b>	<b>Additional Action Required</b>
1.	Developmental Approval Review (Group Review Method)	The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the following Educator Preparation Programs: <b>Augusta University</b> Art Education (P-12; Initial; M.A.T.) STEM Education Endorsement <b>Central Savannah River Area RESA</b> K-5 Mathematics Endorsement <b>Chattahoochee-Flint RESA</b> K-5 Mathematics Endorsement	

		June 2017 Detailed Approval Recommendations	Additional Action Required
		<p><b>Covenant College</b> ESOL Endorsement</p> <p><b>Georgia College and State University</b> Teacher Leadership (P-12; Initial; Ed.S.)</p> <p><b>Georgia College and State University</b> Curriculum and Instruction (P-12; Initial; M.Ed.)</p> <p><b>Georgia State University</b> Dual Immersion Early Childhood Education Endorsement</p> <p><b>Georgia State University</b> Instructional Technology (P-12: Initial; Certification-only)</p> <p><b>Georgia State University</b> STEM Education Endorsement</p> <p><b>Mercer University</b> STEM Education Endorsement</p> <p><b>Middle Georgia RESA</b> Student Support Team Coordinator Endorsement</p> <p><b>Middle Georgia RESA</b> STEM Education Endorsement</p> <p><b>Middle Georgia State University</b> Reading Endorsement</p> <p><b>Oconee RESA</b> Teacher Support and Coaching Endorsement</p> <p><b>Piedmont College</b> Autism Education Endorsement</p> <p><b>Piedmont College</b> STEM Education Endorsement</p> <p><b>Reinhardt University</b> History Education (6-12; Initial; Baccalaureate)</p> <p><b>Spelman College</b> Music Education (P-12; Initial; Baccalaureate)</p> <p><b>University of West Georgia</b> Autism Education Endorsement</p> <p><b>University of West Georgia</b> Special Education Adapted Curriculum (P-12; Initial; Baccalaureate)</p>	



		June 2017 Detailed Approval Recommendations	Additional Action Required
		University of West Georgia STEM Education Endorsement	
2.	Georgia Southern University	The Committee recommends granting the request for a two year deferral of the Spring 2020 GaPSC/CAEP Continuing Approval Review.	

Chair Luigs called for approval of the Educator Preparation / Certification Report as presented by Chair Venn.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Luigs called for the meeting to be adjourned at 12:48 pm.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved