

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Remote Meeting via ZOOM Webinar

June 11, 2026

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, June 11, 2026.

Members Present

Jimmy Atkins

Zach Miller

Brian Sirmans

Jeanine Bunn

Dr. Franklin Perry

Carol Williams

Angela Byrne

Dr. Holley Roberts

Dr. Judi Wilson

Abigail Coggin

Stephanie Rogers

Vonda Woodall

Christy Edwards

Jane Rookard

Members Absent

Kedrione Harris

Dr. Brandon Seigler

Nathan Lewis

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 / Abigail Coggin) To approve the agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the May 14, 2026 minutes.

PSC ACTION: Approved

V. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The close of May and the first full week of June have been very busy times for the team at the Professional Standards Commission. We continue to unpack the new bills signed into legislation especially those that impact the GaPSC. Multiple meetings have been held with the Literacy Coaching Endorsement task force group working to comply with HB 1193, the Georgia Literacy Act. The group is making good progress, but we determined that we needed to have a sub-group address the area of assessment measures for both content knowledge and competency-based performance. This group continues to address all standards that will ultimately come to the full Commission for your review and consideration. The feedback, suggestions, and subsequent recommendations have only made the endorsement document clearer and stronger. The creation of

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this endorsement is really unlike any endorsement work the Educator Preparation Program has ever done. We are confident that we will meet the expectations of the legislation to be ready for EPPs to consider in 2027. Special thanks go Dr. Penney McRoy and Dr. Becky Pennington for helping to lead this work.

Another bill that we have been working on is Senate Bill 150, or what we have routinely called the Return-to-Work bill. We collaborated with the Education Chairmen, Senator Hickman and Rep. Erwin, Dr. Jason Branch from the Teacher Retirement System, and the team at the State Department of Education to ensure that we had consistent interpretation for the requirements of the bill. We have posted a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document on our website along with the other agencies so that all school districts in Georgia will have clarity in what is required should they need to hire a retired educator. The bill maintains the structure needed to protect the TRS system but allows some additional flexibility for local school districts to identify their local high needs areas rather than just the RESA district's average.

The work on the Tier I and II leadership certification revision continues. This task force has had several meetings, and good progress is being made on the possible revision of this important certification initiative. Of course, this will come back with a recommendation for the commission to consider.

I would like to welcome Dr. Nate Thomas to the team, as our new Director of Certification. Dr. Thomas' first day was June 1, and he has started the work of getting settled in and meeting with the program managers to begin to learn more about the form and function of the office. Our certification division has been incredibly busy with a huge rush of applications for initial certification, re-certification, upgrades, etc. As of Tuesday afternoon, we had more than 3800 new applications with roughly 2000 on hold. Even with that volume, we are still looking at approximately a two-week turnaround. Kudos to the entire Certification team for giving Dr. Thomas a warm welcome and for their tireless efforts to complete the important work with our agency's certification responsibilities.

Part of the administrative team attended the GASPA conference, the Georgia School Personnel Association. All GaPSC divisions presented updates to the human resource professionals from around the state. Kudos to all staff for a job well done. In addition to our directors, and program managers, several of our staff members had a booth at the conference representing our agency with attendees and other vendors.

As I close, it is very important to the Ethics division, Ms. Fenton, and to me to acknowledge that after 16 years with GaPSC (come November) and almost 24 (23.7) total years with the state, the Ethics Division's Chief Case Administrator Nancy Teele is retiring at the end of June. Before coming to GaPSC, Nancy worked with both the Office of the Attorney General and the Georgia Medical Board. Nancy has served the Ethics Division, this agency and Georgia education exceptionally well. Best wishes to Nancy as she moves into her next chapter.

VI. RULES PREVIEW

We Anne Marie Fenton stated that we are starting a new rules cycle today with a rules preview of rules that will come before the Commission for their consideration to initiate at the July 9, 2026, Commission meeting.

If initiated in July, the rules will be posted for a 30-day public comment and come back before the Commission

at the September 10th, Commission meeting for adoption consideration. If adopted, the rules will become effective October 15, 2026.

Dr. Kelli Young will preview the proposed Certification Rules:

- 505-2-.08 Provisional Certificate
- 505-2-.11 International Exchange Certificate
- 505-2-.26 Certification and Licensure Assessments
- 505-2-.34 Add a Field
- 505-2-.46 Military Support Certificate
- 505-2-.106 Academic Content Concentrations
- 505-2-.198 Artificial Intelligence for Educators Micro-Endorsement
- 505-2-.200 Safety and Hunter Education Endorsement
- 505-2-.201 Lifeguarding and Aquatic Safety Micro-Endorsement

Dr. Penney McRoy previewed the proposed Educator Preparation Rules:

- 505-3-.14 Elementary Education Program
- 505-3-.19 Middle Grades Education Program
- 505-3-.27 Mathematics Education Program
- 505-3-.92 K-5 Mathematics Endorsement Program
- 505-3-.64 Instructional Technology Program
- 505-3-.68 School Nutrition Director Program
- 505-3-.112 Dyslexia Endorsement

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 75 **Probable Cause** cases during the June 10, 2026, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the committee:

CASE	STANDARDS VIOLATED	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
26-4-1801	1, 5a6	NPC	Accept
22-10-585	1,8	Reprimand	Accept
23-6-1757	2, 9	Revoke	Accept
24-10-623	2, 3, 7, 9	NPC	Accept
24-10-624	2, 3, 9	NPC	Accept
25-2-1312	3, 9	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
25-2-1357	8,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-3-1549	2, 9	Suspension 3 days	Accept
25-3-1652	2, 9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
25-4-1710	3, 9	Suspension 1 YR	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
25-4-1753	2, 9	Warning	Accept
25-4-1787	3, 9	Suspension 1 yr susp	Accept
25-5-1845	10	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-5-1876	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-7-103	1,4,5a6,5a7 (2003-2018),8,9,10 (2003-2018)	NPC	Accept
25-7-138	4,5a2,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
25-7-153	1,4,8,9,5a6	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
25-8-175	3,9	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
25-8-183	2, 9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-8-184	2, 9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
25-8-190	1,4,5a6,8,9	CCE	Accept
25-8-203	1,4,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
25-8-215	3,9	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
25-9-424	1,4,5a6,8,9	Revoke	Accept
25-9-465	2,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
25-9-475	1,4,5,9	CCE	Accept
25-10-587	2,4,8,9	NPC	Accept
25-10-633	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-10-702	4, 5, 9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
25-11-931	1,4,5a6,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
25-11-935	1, 4, 5, 9	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
25-12-1182	2,4,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
26-1-1261	3, 9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
26-1-1322	1,2,3,9	CCE	Accept
26-1-1334	6,9	Reprimand	Accept
26-1-1363	2,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
26-1-1373	2,9	Suspension 3 days	Accept
26-1-1389	1,4,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
26-2-1395	2,9	Suspension 2 days	Accept
26-2-1396	1,9	Suspension 2 days	Accept
26-2-1398	2,9	Suspension 2 days	Accept
26-2-1410	7,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
26-2-1445	9	Suspension 2 days	Accept
26-2-1450	2,4,9	NPC	Accept
26-2-1451	2,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
26-2-1454	2,9	Suspension 2 days	Accept
26-2-1467	4,9	NPC	Accept
26-2-1484	2,9	Reprimand	Accept
26-2-1528	4,8,9,5a2,5a4	Reprimand	Accept
26-2-1536	9,10	NPC	Accept
26-2-1537	2,5,9	Suspension 2 years	Accept
26-2-1539	2,9	Reprimand	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
26-2-1543	1,9,5a6	CCE	Accept
26-2-1553	1,4,8,9,5a6	Reprimand	Accept
26-2-1557	2,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
26-2-1561	3,9	Suspension 1 yr	Accept
26-3-1576	1,9	CCE	Accept
26-3-1593	2,9	Reprimand	Accept
26-3-1619	4,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
26-3-1620	1,9	CCE	Accept
26-3-1631	9	NPC	Accept
26-3-1632	2,9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
26-3-1637	2,9	NPC	Accept
26-3-1638	2,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
26-3-1639	2,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
26-3-1641	2,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
26-3-1648	1,5,9	Revoke	Accept
26-3-1651	2,4,9	Revoke	Accept
26-3-1652	2,9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
26-3-1664	1,8,9	NPC	Accept
26-3-1665	2,9	Suspension 3 days	Accept
26-3-1671	2,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
26-3-1680	1,2,9	CCE	Accept
26-3-1722	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
26-5-2145	1,4,5a6,8,9	Reprimand	Accept

2. Vice Chair Coggin 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 RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
25-12-1085	Revocation	Deny
26-3-1644	Revocation	Deny
26-5-2155	Denial	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 RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
25-4-1817	Suspend 10 days	Accept
25-6-2063	Reprimand	Accept
25-7-1	Suspend 1 year	Accept
25-7-70	Reprimand	Accept
25-9-467	Reprimand	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
25-11-970	Suspend 30 days	Accept
25-11-993	Suspend 3 days	Accept
25-12-1056	Suspend 90 days	Accept
26-1-1272	Suspend 20 days	Accept
26-1-1293	Suspend 30 days	Accept
26-1-1302	Reprimand	Accept
26-1-1332	Suspend 5 days	Accept
26-2-1421	Reprimand	Accept
26-3-1709	Reprimand	Accept

4. Vice Chair Coggin reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 17 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
19-8-324	3 yrs Retro Suspension	Accept
21-6-1328	NPC	Accept
24-2-1504	Reprimand	Accept
24-3-1751	20 days Suspension	Accept
24-4-1788	Reprimand	Accept
24-5-2022	Reprimand	Accept
24-5-2105	10 days	Accept
24-11-708	Reprimand	Accept
25-2-1433	3 yr Suspension	Accept
25-3-1619	20 days Suspension	Accept
25-3-1643	Warning	Accept
25-5-1948	3 days	Accept
25-5-1965	Reprimand	Accept
25-9-444	61 days retro	Accept
25-11-798	NPC	Accept
25-11-974	15 day Suspension	Accept
26-2-1403	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 FACTS</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
25-9-347	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
25-10-650	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
25-10-675	Unable to effect service	Hold New Application
25-10-687	Unable to effect service	Hold New Application
25-11-748	Failure to respond	Hold New Application

<u>CASE</u>	<u>FINDINGS OF FACTS</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
25-11-751	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
25-11-754	Unable to effect service	Hold New Application
25-11-758	Failure to respond	Hold New Application
25-11-760	Unable to effect service	Hold New Application
25-11-762	Unable to effect service	Hold New Application
26-4-1809	Unable to effect service	Hold New Application

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 132 new complaints received during the months of April, May, and June 2026.

7. VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee did not review any Voluntary Surrenders.

8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of 41 *Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations* consisting of the following:

26-5-2047	26-5-2052	26-5-2057	26-5-2062	26-5-2067	26-5-2159	26-6-2164	26-6-2169
26-5-2048	26-5-2053	26-5-2058	26-5-2063	26-5-2082	26-5-2160	26-6-2165	26-6-2170
26-5-2049	26-5-2054	26-5-2059	26-5-2064	26-5-2156	26-5-2161	26-6-2166	26-6-2171
26-5-2050	26-5-2055	26-5-2060	26-5-2065	26-5-2157	26-5-2162	26-6-2167	26-6-2172
26-5-2051	26-5-2056	26-5-2061	26-5-2066	26-5-2158	26-6-2163	26-6-2168	26-6-2199
							26-6-2200

9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting an *Investigative Extension* to the following 492 cases:

<u>WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS</u>						
24-3-1621	25-3-1644	25-6-2207	25-10-643	25-12-1055	26-1-1372	26-3-1611
24-3-1671	25-4-1686	25-6-2212	25-10-644	25-12-1057	26-1-1374	26-3-1615
24-5-2037	25-4-1687	25-7-101	25-10-657	25-12-1059	26-1-1376	26-3-1617
24-5-2064	25-4-1710	25-7-105	25-10-658	25-12-1060	26-1-1379	26-3-1621
24-5-2190	25-4-1711	25-7-106	25-10-665	25-12-1069	26-1-1380	26-3-1622
24-6-2246	25-4-1718	25-7-110	25-10-699	25-12-1071	26-1-1385	26-3-1623
24-6-2299	25-4-1722	25-7-113	25-10-700	25-12-1073	26-1-1387	26-3-1625
24-6-2313	25-4-1753	25-7-114	25-11-708	25-12-1077	26-1-1388	26-3-1626
24-6-2348	25-4-1767	25-7-116	25-11-766	25-12-1085	26-1-1390	26-3-1627
24-6-2349	25-4-1770	25-7-122	25-11-767	25-12-1088	26-2-1400	26-3-1633
24-6-2350	25-4-1771	25-7-124	25-11-769	25-12-1091	26-2-1409	26-3-1636
24-6-2398	25-4-1779	25-7-2	25-11-772	25-12-1093	26-2-1411	26-3-1640
24-6-2429	25-4-1783	25-7-47	25-11-773	25-12-1098	26-2-1412	26-3-1642

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS						
24-7-58	25-4-1787	25-7-61	25-11-774	25-12-1099	26-2-1413	26-3-1643
24-8-236	25-4-1791	25-7-88	25-11-785	25-12-1102	26-2-1414	26-3-1645
24-8-243	25-4-1798	25-7-89	25-11-787	25-12-1114	26-2-1415	26-3-1647
24-8-277	25-4-1799	25-7-92	25-11-799	25-12-1119	26-2-1416	26-3-1650
24-9-384	25-4-1801	25-7-97	25-11-800	25-12-1123	26-2-1418	26-3-1653
24-9-418	25-4-1805	25-8-175	25-11-803	25-12-1126	26-2-1420	26-3-1654
24-9-429	25-5-1844	25-8-178	25-11-829	25-12-1136	26-2-1424	26-3-1659
24-9-433	25-5-1845	25-8-179	25-11-832	25-12-1142	26-2-1429	26-3-1661
24-9-479	25-5-1863	25-8-190	25-11-833	25-12-1143	26-2-1431	26-3-1662
24-9-493	25-5-1865	25-8-198	25-11-834	25-12-1153	26-2-1436	26-3-1663
24-9-510	25-5-1873	25-8-204	25-11-842	25-12-1154	26-2-1437	26-3-1668
24-10-565	25-5-1876	25-8-214	25-11-845	25-12-1159	26-2-1438	26-3-1672
24-10-632	25-5-1880	25-8-218	25-11-852	25-12-1161	26-2-1446	26-3-1673
24-10-648	25-5-1889	25-8-223	25-11-859	25-12-1163	26-2-1458	26-3-1674
24-11-704	25-5-1891	25-8-226	25-11-863	25-12-1175	26-2-1478	26-3-1675
24-11-711	25-5-1896	25-8-228	25-11-870	25-12-1176	26-2-1479	26-3-1676
24-11-712	25-5-1897	25-8-237	25-11-871	25-12-1178	26-2-1486	26-3-1677
24-11-720	25-5-1908	25-8-251	25-11-873	25-12-1186	26-2-1487	26-3-1679
24-11-729	25-5-1909	25-8-264	25-11-875	25-12-1187	26-2-1490	26-3-1685
24-11-759	25-5-1937	25-8-283	25-11-878	25-12-1188	26-2-1491	26-3-1689
24-11-769	25-5-1941	25-8-305	25-11-883	25-12-1198	26-2-1494	26-3-1692
24-11-867	25-5-1949	25-8-310	25-11-884	25-12-1199	26-2-1497	26-3-1701
24-11-878	25-5-1950	25-8-311	25-11-888	25-12-1200	26-2-1502	26-3-1704
24-11-881	25-5-1951	25-9-331	25-11-890	25-12-1205	26-2-1504	26-3-1707
24-11-892	25-5-1983	25-9-334	25-11-894	25-12-1208	26-2-1505	26-3-1708
24-11-893	25-5-1985	25-9-370	25-11-896	26-1-1220	26-2-1510	26-3-1710
24-12-989	25-5-1987	25-9-375	25-11-904	26-1-1221	26-2-1515	26-3-1711
25-1-1060	25-5-1988	25-9-378	25-11-907	26-1-1222	26-2-1519	26-3-1712
25-1-1067	25-5-1996	25-9-382	25-11-910	26-1-1224	26-2-1522	26-3-1716
25-1-1095	25-5-1997	25-9-384	25-11-913	26-1-1232	26-2-1530	26-3-1721
25-1-1107	25-5-2002	25-9-392	25-11-916	26-1-1241	26-2-1533	26-4-1803
25-1-1111	25-5-2009	25-9-414	25-11-919	26-1-1247	26-2-1534	26-4-1804
25-1-1125	25-5-2017	25-9-442	25-11-928	26-1-1251	26-2-1535	26-4-1805
25-1-1127	25-5-2039	25-9-451	25-11-932	26-1-1258	26-2-1538	26-4-1806
25-1-1137	25-5-2040	25-9-457	25-11-938	26-1-1260	26-2-1542	26-4-1807
25-1-1138	25-6-2057	25-9-464	25-11-941	26-1-1264	26-2-1546	26-4-1808
25-1-1168	25-6-2065	25-9-466	25-11-942	26-1-1273	26-2-1547	26-4-1810
25-1-1170	25-6-2066	25-9-492	25-11-946	26-1-1276	26-2-1551	26-4-1813
25-2-1275	25-6-2069	25-9-495	25-11-953	26-1-1277	26-2-1552	26-4-1815
25-2-1276	25-6-2070	25-9-496	25-11-967	26-1-1280	26-2-1554	26-4-1816
25-2-1277	25-6-2073	25-9-497	25-11-968	26-1-1282	26-2-1555	26-4-1817
25-2-1312	25-6-2092	25-9-498	25-11-969	26-1-1292	26-2-1562	26-4-1818
25-2-1322	25-6-2094	25-10-525	25-11-976	26-1-1295	26-2-1571	26-4-1820
25-2-1331	25-6-2097	25-10-538	25-11-978	26-1-1296	26-2-1572	26-4-1821
25-2-1348	25-6-2100	25-10-542	25-11-984	26-1-1299	26-3-1573	26-4-1824
25-2-1363	25-6-2101	25-10-550	25-12-1000	26-1-1301	26-3-1574	26-4-1825

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS						
25-2-1424	25-6-2110	25-10-558	25-12-1001	26-1-1319	26-3-1577	26-4-1826
25-2-1425	25-6-2113	25-10-559	25-12-1002	26-1-1320	26-3-1578	26-4-1831
25-2-1436	25-6-2114	25-10-560	25-12-1003	26-1-1323	26-3-1581	26-4-1832
25-3-1524	25-6-2121	25-10-605	25-12-1006	26-1-1327	26-3-1582	26-4-1833
25-3-1548	25-6-2132	25-10-606	25-12-1008	26-1-1340	26-3-1588	26-4-1834
25-3-1576	25-6-2133	25-10-621	25-12-1017	26-1-1342	26-3-1601	26-4-1837
25-3-1589	25-6-2147	25-10-624	25-12-1019	26-1-1348	26-3-1602	26-4-1838
25-3-1592	25-6-2148	25-10-625	25-12-1025	26-1-1352	26-3-1603	
25-3-1608	25-6-2179	25-10-628	25-12-1027	26-1-1362	26-3-1605	
25-3-1609	25-6-2196	25-10-630	25-12-1029	26-1-1364	26-3-1607	
25-3-1621	25-6-2198	25-10-638	25-12-1038	26-1-1366	26-3-1608	
25-3-1629	25-6-2201	25-10-640	25-12-1040	26-1-1367	26-3-1609	

10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 19 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

11. FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF LAW

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 33 cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge.

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

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstentions: Vonda Woodall-PCE cases 26-2-1445; 26-3-1619, Abigail Coggin-PID case 26-5-2066, Jane Rookard-PID case 26-5-2018, NCO case 24-4-1788, Christy Edwards-PCE case 26-2-1543, Zach Miller-OB case 25-10-650, PCE cases- 25-2-1357; 25-9-465; 25-9-475; 25-10-587; 25-10-633; 25-10-702

B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee

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

- Albany State University – The Committee recommends granting the request for a one-year deferral of the Spring 2028 Continuing Approval Review to Fall 2029.
- Metro RESA – The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) and the following sixteen educator preparation programs reviewed during the Spring 2026 Continuing Approval Review: a) Alt Prep for Educational Leadership Tier I (P-12) [Certification only]; b) Alt Prep for Educational Leadership Tier II (P-12) [Certification only]; c) Coaching Endorsement; d) Dyslexia Endorsement; e) ESOL Endorsement; f) Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation & Pedagogy (GaTAPP); g) Gifted In-Field Endorsement; h) Intervention Specialist Endorsement; i) K-5 Math Endorsement; j) K-5 Science Endorsement; l) Multi-Tiered System of Supports Facilitator Endorsement; m) One Year Elementary Certification-only Program; n) Online Teaching Endorsement; o) Reading Endorsement; p) STEM Education Endorsement; and q) Teacher Leader Endorsement. The

Committee recommends the submission of a progress report due by December 10, 2026, addressing all areas for improvement cited during the Spring 2026 Continuing Approval Review.

- Morehouse College – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the following three educator preparation programs reviewed during the Spring 2026 First Continuing Approval Review: a) Health and Physical Education (P-12) [Baccalaureate degree]; b) History Education (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree]; and c) Science Education (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree].
- North Georgia RESA – The Committee recommends Continuing Approval of the EPP, and the following eight preparation programs reviewed during the Spring 2026 Continuing Approval Review: a) Coaching Endorsement; b) Dyslexia Endorsement; e) ESOL Endorsement; f) Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation & Pedagogy (GaTAPP); g) Gifted In-Field Endorsement; h) One Year Elementary Certification-only Program; i) Online Teaching Endorsement; and j) Reading Endorsement. The Committee recommends the submission of a progress report due June 10, 2027, addressing the Areas for Improvement (AFIs) cited during the Spring 2026 Continuing Approval Review.
- Reinhardt University – The Committee recommends Continuing Approval of the EPP, and the following ten educator preparation programs reviewed during the Spring 2026 Continuing Approval Review: a) Biology Education (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree]; b) Dyslexia Endorsement; c) Elementary Education (P-5) [Baccalaureate degree; Master’s of Arts in Teaching degree]; d) English Education (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree]; e) Middle Grades Education (4-8) – Language Arts, Math, Reading, Science, Social Science [Baccalaureate degree]; f) Music Education (P-12) [Baccalaureate degree]; g) Pedagogy-only Program (4-8, 6-12, P-12) [Certification-only; Master’s of Arts in Teaching degree]; h) Reading Endorsement; and i) Secondary Mathematics Education (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree]. The Committee recommends the submission of a progress report due by September 10, 2026, to address the AFI cited during the Spring 2026 Continuing Approval Review.
- University of North Georgia – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Special Education General Curriculum (P-12) [Baccalaureate degree; Master’s of Arts in Teaching degree] reviewed during the Spring 2026 Developmental Approval Group Review.
- Mercer University – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Urban Education Endorsement.
- West Georgia RESA – The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the K-5 Mathematics Endorsement.

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

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstentions: Zach Miller, North GA RESA, Jane Rookard, Reinhardt University.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Our next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2026, 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, July 8, 2026. Chair Sirmans called for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

PSC ACTION: Approved