

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

2 Peachtree Street
5th Floor, PSC Boardroom

Atlanta, Georgia

September 13, 2007

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, September 13, 2007, at 9 a.m.

Members Present

Maria Bradley
Sallie Bullock
Stephen Dartt
Jean Ebron
Mary Gomez

Maria Miller
Lee Muns
Dr. Louisa Moffitt
Dr. Mary Outlaw
Rose Powell

Dr. Holly Robinson
Dr. Craig Smith
Jeannie Tucker
Hester Vasconcelos
Dr. Debbie Wilkes

Members Absent

Gary Bechtel
Dr. Wanda West

Pamela Greenway

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilkes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and a moment of silence.

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chair Wilkes recognized the visitors.

- Margaret Elliott, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Gayle Wooten, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Helen A. Cole, Lincoln Memorial University
- Fran Swantic, Lincoln Memorial University
- John Hooper, Ga. School Superintendents Assoc.
- Andy Matthews, Ga. Association of School Personnel Administrators
- Deloris James, Montgomery Co. School Systems
- Christopher Okpala
- Melvin Goldstein, Attorney
- Lydia Sartain, Attorney
- Felecia Lee, Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)
- Gary Bradley, Montgomery Co. School System
- Montgomery Burns, Montgomery Co. School System
- Sharon Strickland, Montgomery Co. School System
- Emmit & Harvie Warnock, Montgomery Co. School Systems
- Jodi Bass Downs

III. SERVICE AWARDS

Chair Wilkes presented the following with service awards:

Commaleta Singleton – 5 Years
Comfort Afolabi – 5 Years
Phil Blackwell – 10 Years

Dr. Winifred Nweke – 10 Years
Judy Franklin – 10 Years

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Wilkes called for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: (Miller / Robinson) To approve agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Wilkes called for approval of the minutes from the June 2007, Commission meeting.

PSC ACTION: Approved

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Commissioner Maria Miller, gave a preliminary review of the Cases.

1. Ms. Miller reported that the Committee reviewed 64 ***Probable Cause*** cases during its September 12, 2007, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	07-3-1094	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
2	07-6-1404	Action Taken Against Out of State Certificate	Reprimand
3	07-6-1428	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report	Reprimand
4	07-6-1434	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand
5	07-6-1435	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation	Reprimand
6	07-6-1439	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation	Reprimand
7	07-6-1440	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
8	07-6-1441	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand
9	07-6-1442	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Extend Probable Cause Determination **Letter of Intent

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
10	07-6-1450	Criminal Acts	No Probable Cause
11	07-6-1453	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand
12	07-6-1460	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand
13	07-6-1463	Criminal Acts	Extend Probable Cause Determination Pending Outcome of Criminal Case
14	07-6-1465	Criminal Acts	Revocation
15	07-6-1472	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Revocation
16	07-6-1475	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand
17	06-11-505	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year
18	07-1-749	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Contract Days
19	07-1-836	Misrepresentation or Falsification Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year
20	07-1-849	Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Contract Days
21	07-2-971	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year
22	07-3-1000	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
23	07-3-1038	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation
24	07-3-1105	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Contract Days
25	07-3-1108	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct Other Good and Sufficient Cause	Revocation
26	07-3-1115	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation
27	07-4-1122	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Revocation
28	07-6-1575	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Revocation
29	07-4-1129	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand
30	07-4-1130	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Contract Days
31	07-4-1174	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension for 5 Contract Days
32	07-4-1178	DOE Rule 160-3-1-.07 Alcohol or Drugs Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
33	07-4-1182	Professional Conduct	Extend Probable Cause Determination for Two Meetings
34	07-4-1183	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Contract Days
35	07-5-1205	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
36	07-5-1207	Improper Remunerative Conduct Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
37	07-5-1246	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 5 Contract Days
38	07-5-1247	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Reprimand
39	07-5-1276	Failure to Make a Required Report	No Probable Cause
40	07-5-1302	Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Contract Days
41	07-5-1305	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Contract Days
42	07-5-1308	Professional Conduct	Reprimand
43	07-5-1310	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand
44	07-5-1321	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation
45	07-5-1324	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand
46	07-5-1327	Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year
47	07-5-1337	Confidential Information DOE Rule 160-3-1-.07	Suspension for 5 Contract Days
48	07-5-1338	Confidential Information	No Probable Cause
49	07-5-1339	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 10 Contract Days
50	07-5-1342	Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Contract Days
51	07-5-1345	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand
52	07-5-1347	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	NO RECOMMENDATION
53	07-5-1348	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	NO RECOMMENDATION
54	07-6-1396	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation
55	07-6-1397	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Contract Days
56	07-6-1572	Confidential Information Professional Conduct DOE Rule 160-3-1-.07	Suspension for 20 Contract Days
57	07-6-1650	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 5 Contract Days
58	07-6-1651	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 10 Contract Days

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
59	07-6-1652	Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Reprimand
60	07-6-1655	Professional Conduct	Reprimand
61	07-6-1656	Professional Conduct	Suspension for 5 Contract Days
62	07-7-32	Professional Conduct	Reprimand
63	07-7-69	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Extend Probable Cause Determination Pending Outcome of Criminal Case
64	07-7-73	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Revocation

PSC ACTION: Approved

Case # 07-5-1347 and 07-05-1348

MOTION: (Dartt / Miller) To grant a 1 Year Suspension.

ACTION: Approved

Opposed: Rose Powell, Lee Muns, Jeanne Tucker, Jean Ebron, Mary Gomez, Maria Bradley

2. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 8 *Initial Decisions* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
04-8-170	Criminal Acts Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	Accept
04-12-780	Misrepresentation or Falsification Public Funds and Property	Revocation	Revocation	Accept
04-12-781	Misrepresentation or Falsification Public Funds and Property Failure to Make a Required Report	Revocation	Suspend – 6 Months	REVIEW

CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
05-1-1008	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	Accept
05-2-1212	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial	Reprimand	Accept
05-5-1589	Confidential Information Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspend – 1 Month	Warning Monitor – 2007/2008 School Year	REVIEW
05-11-539	Professional Conduct	Suspend – 5 Contract Days	No Probable Cause	REVIEW
06-1-827	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Suspend – 1 Year	Suspend – 1 Year	Accept

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Dr. Mary Outlaw – Case # 05-1-1008

3. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 3 *Petitions Issues* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE NUMBER	REQUEST	PREVIOUS SANCTION	PREVIOUS VIOLATION	RECOMM.
07-2-977	Right to Reapply	Revocation: 7/2/03	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Deny
07-7-61	Right to Reapply	Revocation: 04/8/04	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Deny
07-07-039	Right to Reapply	Revocation: 7/10/03	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Deny

PSC ACTION: Approved

4. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 18 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
1	07-1-679	Reprimand	Accept
2	07-2-918	Reprimand	Accept
3	07-2-972	Reprimand	Accept
4	07-2-976	Revocation	Accept
5	07-2-994	Reprimand	Accept
6	07-3-997	Suspension- 20 Contract Days Oct. 1, 2007 – Oct. 26, 2007	Accept

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
7	07-3-1084	Suspension- 90 Contract Days Sept. 28, 2007 – Feb. 26, 2008	Accept
8	07-4-1116	Suspension- 20 Contract Days Oct. 1, 2007 – Oct. 26, 2007	Accept
9	07-4-1170	Reprimand	Accept
10	07-5-1257	Suspension – 10 Contract Days Oct. 1, 2007 – Oct. 12, 2007	Accept
11	07-6-1386	Reprimand	Accept
12	07-6-1402	Reprimand	Accept
13	07-6-1405	Reprimand	Accept
14	07-6-1406	Reprimand	Accept
15	07-6-1410	Reprimand	Accept
16	07-6-1414	Reprimand	Accept
17	07-6-1419	Reprimand	Accept
18	07-6-1437	Reprimand	Accept

PSC ACTION: Approved

5. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 17 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
04-10-423	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Reprimand	No Probable Cause	Reject
05-3-1410	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Warning	No Probable Cause	Accept
05-5-1591	Alcohol or Drugs Professional conduct	Suspension – 1 Year	No Probable Cause	Reject
05-5-1597	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Reprimand	No Probable Cause	Accept
05-6-1820	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand	Reprimand	Accept
05-6-1883	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days	Suspension – 60 Contract Days	Accept
05-7-100	Misrepresentation or Falsification Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days	Suspension – 10 Contract Days	Accept
05-10-436	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	Accept
06-1-769	Public Funds and Property Improper Remunerative Conduct Professional Conduct	Suspension – 5 Contract Days	Reprimand	Accept

CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
06-1-837	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year	No Probable Cause	Accept
06-3-972	Professional Conduct	Reprimand	No Probable Cause	Accept
06-3-1020	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Alcohol or Drugs Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Revocation	Suspension – 2 Years	Accept
06-6-1335	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year	No Probable Cause	Reject
06-8-67	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days	Reprimand	Accept
06-8-131	Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days	Suspension – 20 Contract Days	Reject
06-12-655	Criminal Acts	Denial	Reprimand	Accept
07-2-899	Criminal Acts Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year	Suspension – 20 Contract Days	Reject

PSC ACTION: Approved

6. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 5 *Voluntary Surrender/Voluntary Denial* and brought the following recommendation on behalf of the Committee:

CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMM.
07-4-1181	Revocation	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Accept
07-5-1262	Revocation	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Accept
07-5-1258	Revocation	Abuse of Students Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Accept
07-6-1395	Revocation	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Accept
07-6-1655	Revocation	Professional Conduct	REJECT

PSC ACTION: Approved

7. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 84 new complaints received during the months of July, August and September 2007 excluding cases # 07-8-157 and 07-8-158.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Case # 07-8-159 and 07-8-160

MOTION: (Powell / Muns) To amend the recommendation to investigate the cases.

ACTION: Approved

Opposed: Stephen Dartt, Dr. Craig Smith, Rose Powell, Lee Muns

8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 51 Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations consisting of the following:

CASE #	Complaint Received	CASE #	Complaint Received
07-8-93	07-20-07	07-8-119	08-01-07
07-8-94	07-20-07	07-8-120	08-01-07
07-8-95	07-20-07	07-8-121	08-02-07
07-8-96	07-20-07	07-8-122	08-02-07
07-8-97	07-20-07	07-8-123	08-02-07
07-8-98	07-24-07	07-8-124	08-02-07
07-8-99	07-24-07	07-8-125	08-06-07
07-8-100	07-24-07	07-8-126	08-06-07
07-8-101	07-24-07	07-8-127	08-06-07
07-8-102	07-24-07	07-8-128	07-25-07
07-8-103	07-23-07	07-8-129	07-21-07
07-8-104	07-23-07	07-8-130	08-07-07
07-8-105	07-25-07	07-8-131	08-08-07
07-8-106	07-26-07	07-8-132	08-09-07
07-8-107	07-27-07	07-8-133	08-09-07
07-8-108	07-27-07	07-8-134	08-09-07
07-8-109	07-30-07	07-8-135	08-09-07
07-8-110	07-30-07	07-8-136	08-10-07
07-8-111	07-30-07	07-8-137	08-10-07
07-8-112	07-30-07	07-8-138	08-10-07
07-8-113	07-30-07	07-8-139	08-10-07
07-8-114	07-30-07	07-8-140	08-10-07
07-8-115	07-30-07	07-8-141	08-10-07
07-8-116	07-30-07	07-8-142	08-10-07
07-8-117	07-31-07	07-8-143	08-13-07
07-8-118	08-01-07		

PSC ACTION: Approved

9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting and *Investigative Extension* to the following 80 Written Complaint cases and 103 Application cases:

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS:

07-5-1304	07-6-1528	07-4-1185	07-6-1516	07-4-1169	07-5-1335	07-6-1586	07-6-1398
07-6-1527	07-6-1571	07-4-1195	07-6-1517	07-4-1173	07-5-1336	07-7-40	07-6-1595
07-6-1573	07-6-1580	07-5-1209	07-6-1529	07-4-1197	07-5-1350	07-7-71	07-6-1525
07-6-1594	07-6-1581	07-5-1248	07-6-1576	07-4-1201	07-6-1373	07-7-72	07-6-1526
07-3-1100	07-5-1593	07-5-1267	07-6-1578	07-4-1202	07-6-1393	07-5-1221	07-6-1582
07-5-1275	07-6-1647	07-5-1325	07-6-1648	07-5-1249	07-6-1519	07-5-1283	07-6-1645
07-5-1280	07-7-70	07-5-1329	07-7-37	07-5-1263	07-6-1520	07-5-1285	07-7-41
07-5-1282	07-2-934	07-6-1372	07-7-42	07-5-1281	07-6-1521	07-5-1326	07-7-43
07-5-1331	07-3-1101	07-6-1382	07-7-60	07-5-1287	07-6-1577	07-5-1340	07-7-63
07-6-1392	07-4-1118	07-6-1394	07-7-65	07-5-1309	07-6-1579	07-6-1360	07-7-66

APPLICATION CASE EXTENSIONS:

07-1-816	07-6-1473	07-6-1494	07-6-1538	07-6-1553	07-6-1600	07-6-1622	07-6-1658	07-7-11	07-7-55
07-3-1071	07-6-1474	07-6-1499	07-6-1539	07-6-1554	07-6-1604	07-6-1627	07-6-1659	07-7-38	07-7-57
07-3-1418	07-6-1477	07-6-1503	07-6-1540	07-6-1555	07-6-1605	07-6-1631	07-6-1660	07-7-45	07-7-67
07-6-1443	07-6-1484	07-6-1504	07-6-1541	07-6-1557	07-6-1608	07-6-1632	07-7-1	07-7-47	07-7-74
07-6-1446	07-6-1485	07-6-1505	07-6-1542	07-6-1558	07-6-1609	07-6-1633	07-7-2	07-7-48	
07-6-1447	07-6-1487	07-6-1506	07-6-1543	07-6-1561	07-6-1610	07-6-1639	07-7-3	07-7-49	
07-6-1448	07-6-1488	07-6-1507	07-6-1545	07-6-1563	07-6-1614	07-6-1640	07-7-4	07-7-50	
07-6-1461	07-6-1489	07-6-1508	07-6-1547	07-6-1564	07-6-1615	07-6-1641	07-7-6	07-7-51	
07-6-1462	07-6-1491	07-6-1509	07-6-1548	07-6-1565	07-6-1616	07-6-1642	07-7-7	07-7-52	
07-6-1464	07-6-1492	07-6-1534	07-6-1549	07-6-1566	07-6-1618	07-6-1644	07-7-8	07-7-53	
07-6-1466	07-6-1493	07-6-1537	07-6-1550	07-6-1568	07-6-1619	07-6-1657	07-7-10	07-7-54	

PSC ACTION: Approved

10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 27 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

PSC ACTION: Approved

11. REVIEW HEARING EXTENSIONS

The Commission reviewed the *Review Hearing Extensions Report* concerning 5 hearing cases. An Administrative Law Judge rendered Initial Decisions on each case referenced in the report. The report indicates Orders were issued.

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PSC ACTION: Approved

12. **STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSION / REINSTATEMENTS**

The Commission reviewed the report, which indicated that there were 18 certificates *suspended* from June 14, 2007 through September 13, 2007. There were 25 certificates that had been *reinstated* because restitution is now being made on those student loans. There were 10 issues where notification had been received to suspend but releases were received prior to the actual suspension being implemented. Restitution is now being made on those student loans.

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

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 32 cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The report also advised that there were 4 cases closed without an appeal for a review hearing before the Commission.

VII. REVIEW HEARINGS

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| 1. | Christopher Okpala | - Educator (Case #05-12-737) |
| | F.D. Toth | - Hearing Officer |
| | Rebecca Mick | - PSC Attorney |
| | Melvin Goldstein | - Attorney |

MOTION: (Robinson / Powell) To go into Executive Session and allow PSC staff and attorney (Gary Walker, Penny Hannah, Lisa Hartzler and Tanis Miller) to remain.

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Vasconcelos / Muns) To come out of Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session.

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Miller / Ebron) To adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law reached by the Administrative Law Judge. The Decision of the Administrative Law Judge as indicated in the Initial Decision was hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein and made the Final Decision of the Commission with the following specification. The Commission ordered that the application for a Georgia educator certificate filed by Christopher Okpala be Denied effective September 13, 2007.

PSC ACTION: Approved

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| 2. | Teresa Dansby Kesterson | - Educator (Case #05-5-1681) |
| | F.D. Toth | - Hearing Officer |
| | Rebecca Mick | - PSC Attorney |
| | Lydia Sartain | - Attorney |

MOTION: (Robinson / Ebron) To go into Executive Session and allow PSC staff and attorney (Gary Walker, Penney Hannah, Tanis Miller and Lisa Hartzler) to remain.

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Miller / Ebron) To come out of Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session.

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Muns / Vasconcelos) To adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law reached by the Administrative Law Judge. The Decision of the Administrative Law Judge to sanction the educator was adopted and incorporated by reference herein. The Commission hereby rejected the sanction and the stipulation regarding reinstatement as recommended by the Administrative Law Judge. Based on a review of the record, the Commission concluded that a lesser sanction was appropriate in this particular case. The Commission hereby ordered that the Georgia educator certificate held by Teresa Dansby Kesterson be Suspended for a period of one year to begin September 28, 2007 and shall conclude September 28, 2008.

PSC ACTION: Approved

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| 3. Jodi Bass-Downs | - Educator (Case #04-3-1382) |
| F.D. Toth | - Hearing Officer |
| Penny Hannah | - PSC Attorney |

MOTION: (Robinson / Muns) To go into Executive Session and allow PSC staff (Gary Walker, Tanis Miller and Lisa Hartzler) to remain.

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Miller / Ebron) To come out of Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session.

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Muns / Vasconcelos) To adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law reached by the Administrative Law Judge. The Decision of the Administrative Law Judge as indicated in the Initial Decision was hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein and made the Final Decision of the Commission with the following specification. The Administrative Law Judge's decision states that the suspension shall commence thirty days from the entry of the Final Decision. Therefore, the suspension shall begin October 13, 2007 and shall conclude February 13, 2008.

PSC ACTION: Approved

VIII. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

The Executive Secretary presented the following:

A. Rick Eiserman introduced the PSC's new logo to the commissioners.

B. **MOTION:** (Miller / Smith) To initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act so as to provide for (1) repealing the current rules in Chapter 505-2 (Certification), effective December 15, 2007, as follows: 505-2-.300, 505-2-.351, 505-2-.352, 505-2-.353, 505-2-.354, and 505-2-.355; (2) amending the current rules in Chapter 505-2 (Certification), effective December 15, 2007, as follows: 505-2-.10, 505-2-.20, 505-2-.26, 505-2-.64, 505-2-.96, 505-2-.150, 505-2-.202, and 505-2-.350; and (3) adopting new rules for Chapter 505-2 (Certification), effective December 15, 2007, as follows:

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505-2-.300, 505-2-.351, 505-2-.166 and 505-2-.167; (4) adopting new rules for Chapter 505-3 (Educator Preparation), effective December 15, 2007, as follows: 505-3-.62 and 505-3-.63.

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Miller / Vasconcelos) In accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, (1) adopt new rules for Chapter 505-2 (Certification), effective October 15, 2007, as follows: 505-2-.04 and (2) adopt new rules for Chapter 505-3 (Educator Preparation), effective October 15, 2007, as follows: 505-3-.06.

ACTION: Approved

C. The list of meeting dates and locations were given to all commissioners. We will have a retreat at Lake Blackshear in Cordele, Georgia in March 2008.

D. There will be a Code of Ethics revision committee and if any of the commissioners would like to serve on this committee please give your name to Dr. Gary Walker.

E. Jerry Eads, Research Evaluation Coordinator, gave a presentation on the 2007 Georgia Teacher Survey: Report #1, Summaries of Selected Response Questions.

IX. CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Wilkes announced that our next meeting will be held in Atlanta on Thursday, October 11, 2007.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wilkes called for the meeting to be adjourned at 12:15.

PSC ACTION: Approved