

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Two Peachtree Street
DHR Board Room 29th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia
February 14, 2002

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, February 14, 2002, at 9 a.m.

Members Present

Tony Natson	John Culbreath	Kay Cribbs
Dottie McClain	Terri DeLoach	Amy Denty
Pamela Hertzog	Leon Hurley	Mary Gomez
Angela Finn	Jacqueline (Gwenda) Johnson	Gary Walker
Janet Scott		

Members Absent

Vernon Payne
Pamela Thomas
Sue Sehgal
Maria Miller
David Wallace

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Culbreath called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and a moment of silence.

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chairman Culbreath recognized the visitors.

- Gayle Wooten, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Margaret Copeland Elliott, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Tana Page, Georgia Association of Educators
- Mabre Brunson, Educator

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Culbreath called for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: (DeLoach/Hurley) - To approve agenda.

ACTION: Approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Culbreath called for approval of the minutes from the January 10, 2002, Commission meeting.

MOTION: (Hurley/Natson) to approve the minutes.

ACTION: Approved

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Culbreath announced the arrival of **Haley Miller**, Commissioner Maria Miller's new born daughter. Chairman Culbreath welcomed and Vicky Brantley, Director, Ethics Division, introduced our new Investigator, Mr. Michael Quigley.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ethics and Professional Conduct --Recommendations and Actions on Cases

Commissioner Janet Scott, Chair of the Ethics and Professional Conduct Committee, gave a preliminary review of the EPCC Cases.

1. Ms. Scott reported that the Committee reviewed 72 **Probable Cause** cases during its February 13, 2002, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

PC #	Case Number	PSC Action
1	01-11-926	Reprimand
2	01-11-927	Suspension for One Year
3	01-11-943	Suspension for One Year
4	01-12-990	Reprimand
5	01-10-664	No Probable Cause
6	01-11-839 Applicant	Denial

PC #	Case Number	PSC Action
7	01-11-842 Applicant	Denial
8	01-11-843	Suspension for One Month
9	01-11-859	Suspension for Six Months
10	01-11-881	Revocation
11	01-11-891	Suspension for Six Months
12	01-11-915 Applicant	Denial
13	02-01-1197	No Probable Cause
14	02-01-1201	No Probable Cause
15	02-01-1202	No Probable Cause
16	01-11-909	No Probable Cause
17	01-11-910	No Probable Cause
18	01-11-911	No Probable Cause
19	01-11-912	No Probable Cause
20	01-11-853	No Probable Cause
21	01-11-854	Suspension for Six Months
22	01-11-863	No Probable Cause
23	01-11-864	Reprimand
24	01-11-869	Warning
25	01-11-870	Warning
26	01-11-981	No Probable Cause
27	01-11-948	No Probable Cause
28	01-11-949	No Probable Cause
29	01-10-768	One Month Suspension
30	01-11-833	Revocation
31	01-11-862	No Probable Cause
32	01-11-924	Reprimand
33	01-11-930	No Probable Cause
34	01-12-988	Reprimand
35	01-8-323	Extend Probable Cause Determination for Additional 30 Days

PC #	Case Number	PSC Action
36	01-8-342	Warning
37	01-9-526	No Probable Cause
38	01-10-607 Applicant	No Probable Cause
39	01-10-621 Applicant	Denial
40	01-10-640	Revocation
41	01-10-666	Warning
42	01-10-688 Applicant	No Probable Cause
43	01-10-697 Applicant	Warning
44	01-10-736 Applicant	Warning
45	01-10-793 Applicant	Warning
46	01-11-832	Reprimand
47	01-11-942	Warning
48	01-11-951	Warning
49	01-11-959	No Probable Cause
50	01-10-629 Applicant	No Probable Cause
51	01-11-831	Revocation
52	01-09-509	No Probable Cause
53	01-10-595	No Probable Cause
54	01-10-714	No Probable Cause
55	01-10-756	No Probable Cause
56	01-10-771	No Probable Cause
57	01-11-837 Applicant	No Probable Cause
58	01-11-845	No Probable Cause
59	01-11-918	No Probable Cause
60	01-11-940	No Probable Cause
61	01-11-953	No Probable Cause
62	01-11-954	No Probable Cause
63	01-11-956	No Probable Cause
64	01-11-961	No Probable Cause
65	01-11-962	No Probable Cause
66	01-11-964	No Probable Cause
67	01-11-965	Warning
68	01-11-882	Revocation

PC #	Case Number	PSC Action
69	01-10-651 Applicant	Denial
70	01-11-957	No Probable Cause
71	01-11-976 Applicant	Warning
72	01-12-1021 Applicant	Denial

ACTION: Approved 67 cases.

Chair Abstains: Case #20

ACTION: Case #29.

MOTION: (Hertzog/Cribbs To recommend one month suspension.

ACTION: Denied.

MOTION: (Dottie/DeLoach To recommend one week suspension.

ACTION: 6 approved/6 disapproved.

ACTION: Chair, motion passed.

ACTION: Approved Case #36.

ACTION: Approved Case #44.

ACTION: Approved Case #45.

2. Ms. Scott reported that the Committee reviewed one *Initial Decision* case during its February 13, 2002, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

ID #	Case Number	PSC Action
1	00-12-869	Accept

ACTION: Approved.

Chair Abstains

3. Ms. Scott reported that the Committee reviewed one *Petition* during its February 13, 2002, meeting and brought the following recommendation on behalf of the Committee:

#	Case Number	PSC Action
1	00-08-152	Grant

ACTION: Approved.
Chair Abstains

4. Ms. Scott reported that the Committee reviewed 10 *Settlement Agreement Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender* cases during its February 13, 2002, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

SA #	Case Number	PSC Action
1	01-9-474	Accept
2	01-10-635	Accept
3	01-10-662	Accept
4	01-10-681	Accept
5	01-10-691	Accept
6	01-10-722	Accept
7	01-10-724	Accept
8	01-10-765	Accept
9	01-12-985	Accept
10	01-12-1152	Accept

ACTION: Approved.
Chair Abstains Case #3

5. Ms. Scott reported that the Committee reviewed 8 *Negotiated Settlement Agreement* cases during its February 13, 2002, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

SA #	Case Number	PSC Action
1	00-10-596	Accept
2	00-12-894 & 01-02-1089	Accept
3	01-05-1551	Accept
4	01-03-1250	Accept
5	01-04-1473	Reject
6	01-06-1946	Accept
7	01-07-001	Accept
8	00-04-1306	Reject

ACTION: Approved 7 cases.

The Commission recommended going into Executive Session to discuss Case #8.

MOTION: (Cribbs/DeLoach) To go into Executive Session and to allow PSC Attorney, Ms. Kendall Kerew to remain.

ACTION: Approved

The Commission reconvened from Executive Session.

The Committee recommended the following:

MOTION: (Scott/McClain) To uphold the committees' recommendation to reject proposed consent order.

ACTION: Approved, **Case #8.**

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6. The Committee reviewed the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 79 new complaints received during the month of January. The January 2001, complaint report was distributed listing the 79 cases that the committee members reviewed.

ACTION: Approved unanimously

7. The Committee requested extensions on 61 cases so the investigations could be completed.

ACTION: Approved.

8. STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSION / REINSTATEMENTS

The committee reported 33 Student Loan Suspensions and 28 Student Loan Reinstatements.

9. FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF RULE / LAW

The Committee reviewed the report, which advised of 13 cases now closed without an appeal.

10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT

The Committee reviewed 67 cases on the *Applications for Certification Report* and recommended approval for no probable cause findings on each case.

ACTION: Approved

11. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee reviewed case #99-5-425 and case #98-8-207.

NO.	CASE	PSC ACTION
1	99-5-425	For Your Information
2	99-3-306	Approved
3	01-06-1760	Approved

ACTION: Approved
Chair Abstains Case #3

VII. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

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A. Dr. Toth announced Teachers Are Leaders: The Georgia Institute for National Board Certified Teachers Conference, which will be held on March 8, 9 at the Westin. Dr. Toth discussed Legislative Changes. (See attached).

B. Ms. Fran Watkins, Professional Standards Commission, Director, Educator Preparation, discussed Revisions to Rule 505-3-.33 Reading Education, New Program Approval Rule for Early Childhood Education, Endorsements for P-5 Teachers in Specific Areas of Concentration.

C. Mr. Rick Eiserman, Professional Standards Commission, Director, Certification, discussed Middle Grades Certification Preparation.

D. Ms. Cyndy Stephens, Professional Standards Commission, Director, Educator Workforce, Research and Development discussed Proposed Training Standards for Georgia's National Board Certified Teachers Program's Pre-Candidate, Candidate, and Facilitator Development Activities

E. **Adoption of Rules**

The Commission adopted amendments to Chapter 505-6 (Ethics) Rules, effective April 1, 2002, as follows: 505-6-.02 and 505-6-.07.

MOTION: (Walker/Cribbs) To adopt rule 505-6.02, Reinstatement or Renewal of a Suspended or Revoked Certificate and to adopt rule 505-6-07 Educator Monitoring.

ACTION: Approved.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Scott/Walker) To adjourn the meeting.

ACTION: The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.