

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION Georgia Public Television Atlanta, Georgia January 10, 2002

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, January 10, 2002, at 9 a.m., Georgia Public Television, Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Vernon Payne
Pamela Thomas

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
- Mike McGonigle, Georgia Association of Educators
- Brent L. English, Attorney
- Greg L. Oliver, Educator

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Culbreath called for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: (Cribbs/Sehgal) - To approve agenda.

ACTION: Approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Culbreath called for approval of the minutes from the December 6, 2001, Commission meeting.

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

ACTION: Approved

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Culbreath introduced the new commission member, Dr. Pamela Hertzog. Dr. Hertzog works in the Department of Early Childhood and Reading Education at Valdosta State University.

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 55 ***Probable Cause*** cases during its January 9, 2001, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

PC #	Case Number	PSC Action
1	01-09-418	Revocation
2	01-10-725 Applicant	Denial
3	01-10-765	Reprimand
4	01-10-601	Revocation
5	01-10-662	Revocation
6	01-10-774	Reprimand
7	01-10-782	Suspension for One Year
8	01-10-663 Applicant	Denial
9	01-10-645 Applicant	Denial

PC #	Case Number	PSC Action
10	01-10-646 Applicant	Denial
11	01-10-656	No Probable Cause
12	01-10-775	No Probable Cause
13	01-10-776	No Probable Cause
14	01-10-777	No Probable Cause
15	01-10-784	No Probable Cause
16	01-10-681	Warning
17	01-10-691	Suspension for One Year
18	01-10-785	No Probable Cause
19	01-10-722	Reprimand
20	01-10-724	Warning
21	01-10-767	No Probable Cause
22	01-07-175	No Probable Cause
23	01-08-270	No Probable Cause
24	01-08-291 Applicant	Denial
25	01-08-323	Extend Probable Cause Determination for Initial 60 Days
26	01-09-460 Applicant	No Probable Cause
27	01-09-463 Applicant	Reprimand
28	01-09-474	Suspension for One Year
29	01-09-483	Warning
30	01-09-563 Applicant	No Probable Cause
31	01-09-579 Applicant	Reprimand
32	01-10-647	Revocation
33	01-10-682	No Probable Cause
34	01-10-687	No Probable Cause
35	01-10-739	No Probable Cause
36	01-09-486	Suspension for One Year
37	01-10-648	Revocation
38	01-10-778 Applicant	Denial
39	01-10-779 Applicant	Denial
40	01-08-344	No Probable Cause
41	01-08-417	No Probable Cause
42	01-09-458	No Probable Cause
43	01-09-495	No Probable Cause

PC #	Case Number	PSC Action
44	01-09-516	No Probable Cause
45	01-09-524	No Probable Cause
46	01-09-549	No Probable Cause
47	01-09-569	No Probable Cause
48	01-10-635	Warning
49	01-10-637	No Probable Cause
50	01-10-661	No Probable Cause
51	01-10-676	Reprimand
52	01-10-686	Warning
53	01-10-654	Revocation
54	01-09-541	Suspension for Three Months
55	01-08-227	Revocation

ACTION: Approved 51 cases.
Abstentions: Chair-Cases #5, 24; McClain Case #2

ACTION: Case #22, 15 members approved, one disapproved.

ACTION: Approved Case #23.

ACTION: Approved Case #36.

MOTION: (Cribbs/Wallace) To recommend revocation on Case #4.

ACTION: Approved.

Abstain: Natson-Case #4

2. Ms. Scott reported that the Committee reviewed three *Initial Decision* cases during its January 9, 2002, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

ID #	Case Number	PSC Action
1	01-01-1055	Accept
2	00-06-1643	Accept
3	00-09-441	Accept

ACTION: Approved.

3. Ms. Scott reported that the Committee reviewed one *Petition* during its January 9, 2002, meeting and brought the following recommendation on behalf of the Committee:

#	Case Number	PSC Action
1	01-08-390	Deny

ACTION: Approved.

4. Ms. Scott reported that the Committee reviewed 11 *Settlement Agreement* Consent Order/Voluntary Surrender cases during its January 9, 2002, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

SA#	Case Number	PSC Action
1	01-08-337	Accept
2	01-08-352	Accept
3	01-08-353	Accept
4	01-08-376	Accept
5	01-08-410	Accept
6 **	01-09-435	Accept
7	01-09-470	Accept
8	01-09-478	Accept
9	01-09-583	Accept
10	01-09-585	Accept
11	*** 01-10-648	Accept

*** Voluntarily Surrendered Certificate Prior to Probable Cause Determination

**Special Request - Allow Suspension to Begin Feb. 19, 2001 - REQUEST DENIED

ACTION: Approved.

5. Ms. Scott reported that the Committee reviewed two negotiated *Settlement Agreement* cases during its January 9, 2002, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

SA #	Case Number	PSC Final Decision
1	00-02-964	Reject
2	01-06-1761	Accept

ACTION: Approved.

6. The Committee reviewed the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 93 new complaints received during the month of *December*. The December 2001, complaint report was distributed listing the 93 cases that the committee members reviewed.

ACTION: Approved unanimously

7. The Committee requested extensions on 101 cases so the investigations could be completed.

ACTION: Approved.

8. STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSION / REINSTATEMENTS

The committee reported 56 student Loan Suspensions and 33 Student Loan Reinstatements.

9. FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF RULE / LAW

The Committee reviewed the report, which advised of 8 cases now closed without an appeal.

10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT

The Committee reviewed 39 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	Approved Denial
2	98-8-207	Approved Appeal

ACTION: Approved

VII. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

A. Dr. Toth reported that there are approximately 340 high schools in the state and only approximately 100 certified physics teachers and 335 chemistry teachers. GPTV is developing and producing high school chemistry and physics courses for the Professional Standards Commission. GPTV has the resources to provide physics and chemistry courses to students through satellite and over-the-air broadcasting. Dr. C. Blaine Carpenter, Director, PeachStar Education Services Division, Georgia Public Television, introduced his staff and gave a preview of the chemistry and physics teleweb distance learning courses.

B. Ms. Cyndy Stephens, Professional Standards Commission, Director, Educator Workforce, Research and Development and Dr. Peter Mather, Coordinator of Research and Evaluation, gave a presentation on The Teaching Force 2001.

C. Initiation of Rules

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

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

ACTION: Approved.

D. Mr. Rick Eiserman, Professional Standards Commission, Director, Certification, gave a presentation on On-Going Certification Initiatives, Status of Georgia Middle Grades Initiatives. Chairman Culbreath recommended that Mr. Eiserman propose and the Commissioners respond to 5-6 questions via the Internet.

VII. REVIEW HEARING

Mr. Gregory L. Oliver review of Misrepresentation or Falsification: Professional Qualifications.
Mr. Wayne Magnum – Hearing Officer
Ms. Tina Folsom
Mr. William W. Calhoun - PSC Attorney
Mr. Brent L. English – Mr. Oliver’s Attorney

A review hearing was held. The Commission recommended going into Executive Session following the review hearing.

MOTION: (Denty/Miller) To go into Executive Session and to allow staff members and PSC Attorney's Ms. Kendall Kerew and Ms. Kirsten Daughdril to remain.

ACTION: Approved

The Commission reconvened from Executive Session.

The Committee recommended the following:

MOTION: (Scott/McClain) To uphold the decision of the Administrative Law Judge, to accept the findings and facts set forth and to deny Mr. Oliver's application for a teaching certificate.

ACTION: Approved
Chair Abstained

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (McClain/Cribbs) To adjourn the meeting.

ACTION: The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.