

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

2 Peachtree Street
5th Floor, PSC Boardroom

Atlanta, Georgia

July 27, 2006

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, July 27, 2006, at 9 a.m.

Members Present

Sallie Bullock
Stephen Dartt
Jean Ebron
Dr. Carolyn Lee Hart

Pamela Greenway
Maria Miller
Lee Muns
Dr. Mary Outlaw

Dr. Holly Robinson
Dr. Craig Smith
Dr. Debbie Wilkes

Members Absent

Gary Bechtel
Terri DeLoach
Amy Denty

Mary Gomez
Dr. Louisa Moffitt
Dr. Wanda West

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Lee Muns called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and a moment of silence.

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Vice Chairman Lee Muns recognized the visitors.

- Maurice King, Attorney
- E. Brian Watkins, Attorney
- Gayle Wooten, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Tamla Murphy
- Michael Debruce
- James Bryant
- Sally Bennett, Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)

III. SERVICE AWARDS

Dr. Cyndy Stephens was presented with a 10 year service award. Dr. Toth announced that Dr. Stephens and the Educator Workforce division received a Teaching to Transition grant to help high need school districts recruit and retain teachers. He gave the commissioners two articles that were released titled, "Nearly \$8 Million for 20 Grants Awarded to Help Recruit, Train and Retain New Teachers" and "Georgia Professional Standards Commission to Receive \$578,190 to Recruit, Train and Retain New teachers".

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Lee Muns called for approval of the agenda.

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MOTION: (Robinson / Ebron) To approve the agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Lee Muns called for approval of the minutes from the June 8, 2006, Commission meeting. Dr. Wilkes asked that the minutes be corrected to show that she did not make a motion on Case #06-3-1003.

PSC ACTION: The minutes were approved with the correction noted.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EDUCATOR ETHICS MATERIALS REQUIRING APPROVAL

Commissioner Maria Miller, gave a preliminary review of the materials and asked for approval of all suggestions.

1. Ms. Miller reported that the Committee reviewed 56 ***Probable Cause*** cases during its July 26, 2006, meeting and brought the following suggestions on behalf of the Committee excluding case #06-3-1042:

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	06-4-1160	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
2	06-4-1163	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Reprimand
3	06-4-1209	Criminal Acts Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Revocation
4	06-5-1217 Addendum	Criminal Acts Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension for Two Years
5	06-5-1322	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
6	05-10-436	Abuse of Students Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Revocation
7	05-11-587	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension for Two Years

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
8	05-11-593	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension for 5 Contract Days
9	06-3-1047	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
10	06-4-1154	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
11	06-4-1200	Abuse of Students Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Revocation
12	06-4-1206	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
13	06-5-1317	Abuse of Students Misrepresentation or Falsification Action Taken in Another State Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Denial
14	06-3-1075	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Contract Days
15	06-3-1036	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
16	06-3-1065	Misrepresentation or Falsification Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year
17	06-4-1186	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Revocation
18	06-4-1208	Misrepresentation or Falsification Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Contract Days
19	06-5-1233	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Reprimand
20	06-5-1236	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
21	06-5-1237	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
22	06-5-1256	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
23	06-5-1270	Misrepresentation or Falsification Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
24	06-5-1295	Misrepresentation or Falsification Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Contract Days
25	05-12-722	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct Misrepresentation or Falsification	Revocation
26	06-5-1218	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Reprimand

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
27	06-5-1227	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
28	06-4-1196	Confidential Information Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Reprimand
29	06-5-1219	Confidential Information Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Contract Days
30	06-4-1205	Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Contract Days
31	05-11-652	Professional Conduct Abuse of Students Misrepresentation or Falsification	Extend Probable Cause Determination until September 14, 2006
32	06-3-972	Professional Conduct	Reprimand
33	06-3-1042	Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Contract Days
34	06-3-1052	Professional Conduct Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand
35	06-3-1076	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
36	06-3-1082	Professional Conduct Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand
37	06-3-1109	Professional Conduct	Reprimand
38	06-3-1120 ADDENDUM	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
39	06-4-1174	Professional Conduct Alcohol or Drugs	Reprimand
40	06-4-1180	Professional Conduct	Reprimand
41	06-4-1203	Professional Conduct	Reprimand
42	06-4-1210	Professional Conduct	Reprimand
43	06-2-907	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Extend Probable Cause Determination Pending the Criminal Case
44	06-4-1162	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Warning
45	06-4-1190	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Warning
46	06-5-1272	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Warning

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
		Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	
47	06-5-1273	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Warning
48	06-5-1274	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Warning
49	06-5-1276	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Warning
50	06-5-1277	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Warning
51	06-5-1278	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Warning
52	06-5-1307	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Warning
53	06-5-1328	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Warning
54	06-6-1411	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Warning
55	06-6-1421	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Warning
56	06-6-1467	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Warning

Case #06-3-1042**MOTION:** (Hart / Smith) To amend the suggestion to a One Year Suspension.**PSC ACTION:** Approved2. Ms. Miller presented 14 *Initial Decisions*:

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SANCTION	RECOMM.
1	04-8-221	Criminal Acts Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	Accept
2	04-9-389	Abandonment of Contract	Suspension for Six Months	Suspension for Six Months	Accept
3	04-8-215	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	Accept
4	05-8-216	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial	No Probable Cause	Accept
5	05-5-1630	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial	Denial	Accept
6	02-8-588	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	Accept
7	04-7-155	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	Accept
8	03-10-634	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year	Suspension for One Year	Accept
9	03-10-633	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension for Three Months	Suspension for Three Months	Accept
10	04-11-664	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Denial	Reprimand	Accept
11	05-4-1564	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year	Revocation	Accept
12	05-1-920	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct Other Good and Sufficient Cause	Revocation	No Probable Cause	Review
13	05-7-114	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	Denial	Denial	Accept
14	05-9-305	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	Accept

3. Ms. Miller presented 3 *Petitions Issues*:

CASE NUMBER	REQUEST	PREVIOUS SANCTION	PREVIOUS VIOLATION	RECOMM
06-4-1207	Right to Reapply	Revocation – 12/12/02	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct Criminal Acts	Deny
05-7-98	Early Reinstatement of a Suspended Certificate	Currently Suspended 12/3/05 – 12/3/06	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Deny
04-1-1074	Rule Waiver	Revocation - 5/14/04	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Deny

4. Ms. Miller presented 10 *Settlement Agreements*:

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	SUGGESTION
1	05-12-683	Reprimand	Accept
2	06-1-805	Reprimand	Accept
3	06-2-886	Suspension (Jan. 9, 2006 - Feb. 7, 2006)	Accept
4	06-3-983	Reprimand	Accept
5	06-3-985	Suspension (Dec. 12, 2005 - Dec. 14, 2005)	Accept
6	06-3-1003	Reprimand	Accept
7	06-3-1005	Reprimand	Accept
8	06-3-1012	Reprimand	Accept
9	06-3-1063	Reprimand	Accept
10	06-3-1071	Reprimand	Accept

5. Ms. Miller presented 16 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements*:

CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	SUGGESTION
05-12-731	Professional Conduct Abuse of Students Alcohol or Drugs	Suspension for Two Years	Administrative Dismissal (Educator - Deceased)	Accept
04-1-1043	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Reprimand	No Probable Cause	Accept
04-11-685	Professional Conduct	Reprimand	Reprimand	Accept
05-5-1710	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for Three Months	Suspension for 5 Contract Days	Reject
05-12-750	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension for One Year	Suspension for Nine Months	Reject
05-12-747	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand	Warning and Remove the Abuse of Students Violation	Accept

CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	SUGGESTION
05-7-109	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Contract Days	Suspension for 20 Contract Days (Aug. 8, 2006 - Sept. 5, 2006)	Accept
05-7-48	Professional Conduct	Revocation	Suspension for One Year	Reject
05-6-1853	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Denial	Reprimand	Accept
04-5-1557	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Reprimand	No Probable Cause	Accept
04-5-1556	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Reprimand	No Probable Cause	Accept
05-12-735	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct Action Taken In Another State	Denial	Reprimand	Accept
06-1-802	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 20 Contract Days	Suspension for 5 Contract Days (Aug. 10, 2006 - Aug. 16, 2006)	No Recommendation
05-9-389	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension for 90 Contract Days	Suspension for 30 Contract Days	Reject
04-5-1592	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension for 3 Months	Reprimand	Accept
05-6-1752	Misrepresentation or Falsification Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Revocation	No Probable Cause	Reject

Case #06-1-802

MOTION: (Miller / Hart) To reject the Negotiated Sanction for a Suspension for 5 Contract Days.

PSC ACTION: Approved

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee suggested approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 101 new complaints received during the months of June 2006 and July 2006.

7. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee suggested approval of the 61 Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations consisting of the following:

06-6-1330, 06-6-1331, 06-6-1332, 06-6-1333, 06-6-1334, 06-6-1335, 06-6-1336, 06-6-1339, 06-6-1340, 06-6-1341, 06-6-1342, 06-6-1343, 06-6-1371, 06-6-1372, 06-6-1373, 06-6-1374, 06-6-1375, 06-6-1376, 06-6-1377, 06-6-1378, 06-6-1379, 06-6-1380, 06-6-1381, 06-6-1382, 06-6-1383, 06-6-1384, 06-6-1385, 06-6-1386, 06-6-1387, 06-6-1388, 06-6-1389, 06-6-1390, 06-6-1391, 06-6-1392, 06-6-1393, 06-6-1394, 06-6-1395, 06-6-1396, 06-6-1397, 06-6-1398, 06-6-1399, 06-6-1400, 06-6-1401, 06-6-1402, 06-6-1403, 06-6-1404, 06-6-1405, 06-6-1406, 06-6-1407, 06-6-1408, 06-6-1477, 06-6-1478, 06-6-1479, 06-6-1480, 06-6-1481, 06-6-1482, 06-6-1483, 06-6-1484, 06-6-1485, 06-6-1486, 06-6-1493

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8. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. Miller presented 36 *Application Cases* and 67 *Written Complaint* cases and suggested granting all extensions:

Written Complaint cases

05-10-515, 05-12-724, 06-2-880, 06-3-970, 06-3-975, 06-3-1043, 06-3-1068, 06-4-1152, 06-4-1187, 06-5-1229, 06-5-1238, 06-5-1243, 06-5-1244, 06-5-1280, 06-5-1282, 06-5-1290, 06-5-1296, 06-5-1303, 06-5-1294, 06-1-769, 06-4-1146, 06-4-1178, 06-4-1198, 06-5-1241, 06-5-1247, 06-5-1253, 06-5-1254, 06-5-1255, 06-5-1293, 06-5-1302, 06-3-1104, 06-3-1107, 06-3-1129, 06-4-1145, 06-4-1182, 06-4-1201, 06-4-1202, 06-4-1204, 06-5-1240, 06-5-1246, 06-5-1251, 06-5-1261, 06-5-1288, 06-5-1300, 06-5-1223, 06-5-1242, 06-5-1248, 06-5-1265, 06-5-1281, 06-5-1287, 06-5-1298, 06-5-1299, 06-5-1301, 06-3-1074, 06-4-1149, 06-4-1155, 06-4-1170, 06-5-1224, 06-5-1225, 06-5-1234, 06-5-1239, 06-5-1249, 06-5-1250, 06-5-1285, 06-5-1286, 06-5-1291, 06-5-1304

Application Cases

06-3-1027, 06-3-1091, 06-5-1284, 06-5-1306, 06-5-1319, 06-5-1320, 06-5-1324, 06-6-1344, 06-6-1355, 06-6-1356, 06-6-1409, 06-6-1415, 06-6-1422, 06-6-1429, 06-6-1431, 06-6-1432, 06-6-1433, 06-6-1434, 06-6-1436, 06-6-1443, 06-6-1445, 06-6-1451, 06-6-1452, 06-6-1457, 06-6-1461, 06-6-1468, 06-6-1469, 06-6-1471, 06-6-1475, 06-6-1476, 06-6-1490, 06-6-1491, 06-6-1527

9. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT

The Educator Ethics Review Committee suggested approval on the 76 cases for a No Probable Cause Determination reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

10. REVIEW HEARING EXTENSIONS

The Commission reviewed the *Review Hearing Extensions Report* concerning 12 hearing cases. An Administrative Law Judge rendered Initial Decisions on each case referenced in the report. The report indicates Orders were issued.

11. STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSION / REINSTATEMENTS

The Commission reviewed the report, which indicated that there were 27 certificates suspended from June 2006 through July 2006. There were 11 certificates that had been *reinstated* because restitution is now being made on those student loans. There were 19 certificates released prior to certificate suspension.

13. FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF LAW

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 20 cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The report also advised that there were 5 cases closed without an appeal for a review hearing before the Commission.

Lee Muns called for approval of all suggestions on the Educator Ethics materials.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention – Jean Ebron – Initial Decision Case 04-7-155, Carolyn Hart - Probable Cause Case #06-2-907

MOTION: (Miller / Robinson) To adopt all Educator Ethics suggestions presented to the commission.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention – Jean Ebron – Initial Decision Case 04-7-155, Carolyn Hart Probable Cause Case #06-2-907

B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee

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Committee Chair, Dr. Craig Smith, presented the report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee.

Agnes Scott College

Agnes Scott College requests Developmental Approval of the following M.A.T. programs:

- Biology Education (Initial)
- Chemistry Education (Initial)
- Early Childhood Education (Initial)
- Mathematics Education (Initial)
- Physics Education (Initial)

A Georgia Professional Standards Commission Board of Examiners (BOE) team conducted an on-site Developmental Review January 10 – 12, 2006. The BOE Team found all standards met for the Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics programs with areas for improvement on standards 2, 3, 4, and 6. The BOE Team found standards 1 and 8 not met for the Early Childhood Education program with areas for improvement cited on all the other standards. Agnes Scott College submitted a Rejoinder, disagreeing with the findings of the BOE Team.

The Evaluation Review Panel recommendation is described below. Agnes Scott College submitted an Exception to the ERP recommendation and presented their Exception to the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee, after considering the Agnes Scott College Exception, agreed (or disagreed) with the ERP recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

- Change Standard 6 from Met to Not Met for all programs
- Developmental Provisional Approval with Option 1 for all programs except Early Childhood Education
- Denial of Approval for Early Childhood Education

Berry College

Berry College requests Continuing Approval of the educator preparation programs listed below.

Continuing Programs Reviewed:

- Art Education (P-12; I)
- Biology Education (6-12; I & A)
- Chemistry Education (6-12; I & A)
- Early Childhood Education (P-5; I & A)
- Educational Leadership (A)
- English Education (6-12; I & A)
- ESOL (P-12; I & A)
- French Education (P-12; I)
- German Education (P-12; I)
- Health & Physical Education (P-12; I)
- History Education (6-12; I & A)
- Mathematics Education (6-12; I)
- Middle Grades Education (4-8; I & A)
- Music Education (P-12; I)
- Physics Education (6-12; I & A)
- Political Science Education (6-12; I & A)
- Reading Education (P-12; I & A)
- Social Science– Brd. Fld. (P-12; I & A)
- Spanish Education (P-12; I)

A joint PSC and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Board of Examiners (BOE) team conducted a Continuing on-site review of the professional education unit and educator preparation programs listed below, November 12 - 16, 2005. The BOE Team found all standards met for all programs, with areas for improvement cited for the Art, Early Childhood, Educational Leadership, Middle Grades, Music, Reading, and Spanish programs. Berry College submitted a Rejoinder, disagreeing with the findings of the BOE Team.

The Evaluation Review Panel recommendation is described below. Berry College submitted an Exception to the ERP recommendation and presented their Exception to the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee, after considering the Berry College Exception, agreed (or disagreed) with the ERP recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Continuing Approval for the following Programs:

• Art Education, Initial	• History Education, Initial & Advanced
• Biology Education, Initial & Advanced	• Mathematics Education, Initial
• Chemistry Education, Initial & Advanced	• Middle Grades Education, Initial & Advanced
• Early Childhood Education, Initial & Advanced	• Music Education, Initial
• English Education, Initial & Advanced	• Physics Education, Initial & Advanced
• ESOL, Initial & Advanced	• Political Science Education, Initial & Advanced
• French Education, Initial	• Reading Education, Initial & Advanced
• German Education, Initial	• Social Science Education, Initial & Advanced
• Health & Physical Education, Initial	• Spanish Education, Initial

2. Change Standard 3 from Met to Not Met for the Educational Leadership Program.
3. Continuing Approval with Conditions, Option 1 for the Educational Leadership Program. A Progress Report is due February 1, 2007 addressing the unmet standard and the areas for improvement.
4. Remove the Area for Improvement on Standard 3 for the Advanced Reading Education program.

Clayton State University

Clayton State University requests Continuing Approval of the Middle Grades Education program.

A joint PSC and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Board of Examiners (BOE) team conducted a continuing on-site review of the professional education unit and the Middle Grades Education program November 12 - 16, 2005. The BOE Team found all standards met and cited no areas for improvement. Clayton State College submitted a Rejoinder, agreeing with the findings of the BOE Team.

RECOMMENDATION:

Continuing Approval for the Middle Grades Education program

Coffee County Board of Education

The Coffee County Board of Education requests Developmental Approval for its One-Year Supervised Practicum program. The school district submitted a program application according to the One-Year Supervised Practicum Program Guidelines. PSC staff reviewed the application, and suggested that Coffee County Board of Education staff submit revisions. A revised application was submitted and reviewed by PSC staff who found all guidelines

met with no areas for improvement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Developmental Approval for the One-Year Supervised Practicum program

Covenant College

Covenant College requests the removal of areas for improvement cited as a result of the PSC Board of Examiners' Continuing Review April 24 – 28, 2004. At its December 9, 2004 meeting, the Professional Standards Commission granted Continuing Approval for the Covenant College professional education unit and educator preparation programs listed below.

- Early Childhood Education (P-5; I)
- Educational Leadership (A)
- English Education (6-12; I)
- History Education (6-12; I)
- Mathematics Education (6-12; I)
- Middle Grades Education (4-8; I)
- Social Science Education – Broad Field (6-12; I)

The Commission granted Developmental Approval for the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement program. The Commission requested the submission of a Progress Report by December 15, 2005 addressing all areas for improvement cited in the BOE Report. The December 15, 2005 Progress Report was reviewed by the Evaluation Review Panel and the Panel's recommendation is listed below.

RECOMMENDATION:

Progress is being made. A report is due February 1, 2007 addressing the following:

- Proof of implementation of the field experience design referenced in the December 15, 2005 Progress Report
- A description of the system by which field experiences will be tracked
- Evidence of refinement of the English, History and Natural Sciences course syllabi
- A description of how candidates are converting from the QCC to the GPS
- The current disposition on the ESOL Endorsement

The Panel noted that while candidates may be employed in other states after completing educator preparation programs at Covenant College, the College is expected to meet the requirements specified by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission in order to maintain approved status.

Dougherty County School System

Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs) and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) with PSC-approved Endorsement programs re-submitted them for approval under the Georgia 2000 Standards. Dougherty County School System (DCSS) requests Continuing Approval of its Gifted In-field Endorsement program. Per the agreement with the Professional Standards Commission, DCSS submitted the application for paper review, with no on-site review required. PSC staff reviewed the application prior to the submission deadline of December 1, 2005 to determine its readiness for review by a Board of Examiners team. The application was deemed not ready for BOE

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review and was returned with suggestions for additional documentation or clarification, and an invitation to re-submit the application for approval.

DCSS submitted a revised application and it was reviewed by PSC Staff. Due to the school system's request to begin the endorsement program this fall and the timing of the re-submission, this application was not reviewed by the Evaluation Review Panel at its June 5, 2006 meeting. The Educator Preparation Standing Committee reviewed the application and the Committee's recommendation to the Commission is described below.

RECOMMENDATION:

√ Continuing Approval

Heart of Georgia RESA

Heart of Georgia RESA requests the removal of areas for improvement cited as a result of the PSC Board of Examiners' Developmental Approval Review of the professional education unit and the Teacher Alternative Preparation Program (TAPP) September 26 – 29, 2004. At its March 10, 2005 meeting, the Professional Standards Commission granted Developmental Approval for the Heart of Georgia RESA professional education unit and TAPP including the educator preparation programs listed below.

- Art Education (P-12)
- Business Education (6-12)
- Early Childhood Education (P-5)
- English/Language Arts Education (6-12)
- History Education (6-12; I)
- Health & Physical Education (P-12)
- Mathematics Education (6-12; I)
- Middle Grades Education (4-8)
- Science Education–Broad Field (6-12)
- Social Science Education–Broad Field (6-12; I)
- Special Education–Interrelated (P-12)

The Commission requested the submission of a Progress Report by March 10, 2006 addressing the Areas for Improvement cited in the Board of Examiners Report. The Progress Report was reviewed by the Evaluation Review Panel and the Panel's recommendation is described below.

RECOMMENDATION:

Progress is being made. A report is due February 1, 2007 addressing the following:

- The amount of the increase in candidate fees
- A revised line-item budget showing the impact of the increase in candidate fees
- Evidence of data collected via CampusTools /Tk20 software (reports from the system)
- Examples of data analyses that are shared for making decisions about program improvement

Kennesaw State University

Kennesaw State University (KSU) requests Developmental Approval for the English Education (Initial) and Mathematics Education (Initial) M.A.T. programs and Continuing Approval for the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement and Reading Endorsement programs.

The ESOL and Reading Endorsement programs were granted Continuing Approval with Conditions at the June 9,

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2005 Commission meeting. The Commission required a Focused Visit on Standards 1, 2 and 3, which were not met for the ESOL Endorsement program and Standards 1, 2 and 8, which were not met for the Reading Endorsement program.

The BOE Team found all standards met for all the programs and cited one area for improvement on Standard 3 for the English and Mathematics M.A.T. programs. KSU submitted a Rejoinder, disagreeing with the findings of the BOE Team regarding the English and Mathematics M.A.T. programs and agreeing with the team's findings for the ESOL Endorsement and Reading Endorsement programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

- Developmental Approval for the English Education and Mathematics Education M.A.T. programs
- Continuing Approval for the English for Speakers of Other Languages Endorsement program and the Reading Endorsement program

Metropolitan RESA

Metropolitan RESA requests Developmental Approval for the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement program. A Georgia Professional Standards Commission Board of Examiners (BOE) team conducted an on-site Developmental Review January 24 – 27, 2006. The BOE Team found all standards met for the ESOL program and cited areas for improvement on Standards 3 and 7. Metro RESA submitted a Rejoinder, agreeing with the findings of the BOE Team.

ERP RECOMMENDATION:

Developmental Approval for the ESOL Endorsement program. A Progress Report is due February 1, 2007 addressing the areas for improvement.

Reinhardt College

Reinhardt College requests Developmental Approval of the following educator preparation programs:

- Biology Education (Initial)
- English Education (Initial)
- Music Education (Initial)

A Georgia Professional Standards Commission Board of Examiners (BOE) team conducted an on-site Developmental Review January 21 – 25, 2006. The BOE Team found all standards met for all programs and cited one area for improvement on Standard 2 for all programs. Reinhardt College submitted a Rejoinder, agreeing with the findings of the BOE Team.

RECOMMENDATION:

- Developmental Approval for the Biology Education program, English Education program, and Music Education program
- A Progress Report is due February 1, 2007 addressing the area for improvement cited on Standard 2

Southwest Georgia RESA

Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs) and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) with PSC-approved Endorsement programs re-submitted them for approval under the Georgia 2000 Standards. Southwest Georgia RESA (SWGA RESA) requests Continuing Approval of its Gifted In-field Endorsement program. Per the agreement with the Professional Standards Commission, SWGA RESA submitted the application for paper review, with no on-site review required. PSC staff reviewed the application prior to the submission deadline of December 1, 2005 to determine its readiness for review by a Board of Examiners team. The application was deemed not ready for BOE review and was returned with suggestions for additional documentation or clarification, and an invitation to re-submit the application for approval.

SWGA RESA submitted a revised application and it was reviewed by PSC Staff. Due to the RESA's request to begin the endorsement program this fall and the timing of the re-submission, this application was not reviewed by the Evaluation Review Panel at its June 5, 2006 meeting. The Educator Preparation Standing Committee reviewed the application and the Committee's recommendation to the Commission is described below.

RECOMMENDATION:

 √ Continuing Approval

Troy University, Brunswick

Troy University, Brunswick requests Developmental Approval for its Instructional Technology Course, PSOE 6608 Curriculum Integration of Technology. PSC staff reviewed the application for completeness and readiness for external review. Troy University staff were allowed to submit additional documentation addressing deficiencies identified by PSC Staff. Members of the Instructional Technology Application Review Committee reviewed the revised application and recommended that all the Instructional Technology Standards are met.

RECOMMENDATION:

Developmental Approval

Wesleyan College

Wesleyan College requests Continuing Approval of its professional education unit and the educator preparation programs listed below.

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| Early Childhood Education (P-5; I & A) | History Education (6-12; I) |
| English Education (6-12; I) | Mathematics Education (6-12; I) |
| | Middle Grades Education (4-8; I & A) |

A PSC Board of Examiners (BOE) team conducted a continuing on-site review of the professional education unit and the educator preparation programs November 5 - 9, 2005. The BOE Team found Standard 2 unmet for the professional education unit and all educator preparation programs. Areas for improvement were cited on Standard 1 for the professional education unit and all educator preparation programs, and on Standards 4 and 6 at the professional education unit level. Wesleyan College filed a Rejoinder agreeing with the BOE team's findings.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Continuing Approval with Probation for the professional education unit and all educator preparation programs. A Progress Report is due February 1, 2007 addressing the unmet standards and areas for improvement.
2. A Focused Visit on all Standards in the fall semester of the 2007-08 academic year.

West Georgia RESA

West Georgia RESA requests Developmental Approval for its One-Year Supervised Practicum program. The RESA submitted a program application according to the One-Year Supervised Practicum Program Guidelines. PSC staff reviewed the application and recommended that all Guidelines are met with an area for improvement cited on Guideline 5.

The Evaluation Review Panel reviewed the approval documents and the Panel's recommendation is described below.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Change Guideline 5 from Met to Not Met
2. Developmental Provisional Approval with Option 1; a Progress Report addressing the Not Met Guideline is due February 1, 2007

PSC ACTION: The Educator Preparation report was approved as presented.

Abstention: Dr. Mary Outlaw – Berry College

Troy University

MOTION: (Hart / Wilkes) To approve the developmental approval for the PSOE 6608 Curriculum Integration of Technology course.

PSC ACTION: Approved

VII. REVIEW HEARINGS

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| 1. Michael Debruce | - Educator (Case # 04-3-1270) |
| Wayne Magnum | - Hearing Officer |
| Penny Hannah | - PSC Attorney |
| Maurice L. King, Jr. | - Attorney |

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

ACTION: Approved

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

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Smith / Miller) To adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law reached by the Administrative

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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 hereby ordered that the Georgia educator certificate held by Michael DeBruce be Suspended for a period of two years to become effective August 11, 2006 and conclude on August 11, 2008.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Pamela Greenway

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| 2. Tamla Murphy | - Educator (Case # 04-12-721) |
| Wayne Magnum | - Hearing Officer |
| Rebecca Mick | - PSC Attorney |
| E. Brian Watkins | - Attorney |

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

ACTION: Approved

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

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Hart / 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 recommendation made by the Administrative Law Judge that No Probable Cause exists to take action against the Georgia educator certificate held by Tamla Murphy was hereby adopted. The complete investigative file in this matter is hereby sealed and expunged.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Opposed: Stephen Dartt, Holly Robinson, Maria Miller, Pamela Greenway

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| 3. James Bryant | - Educator (Case # 04-8-221) |
| Wayne Magnum | - Hearing Officer |
| Debrae Kennedy | - PSC Attorney |

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

ACTION: Approved

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

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Miller / Greenway) 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 hereby ordered that the Georgia educator certificate held by James Bryant

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be Revoked effective July 27, 2006.

PSC ACTION: Approved

VIII. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

The Executive Secretary presented the following:

A. Adoption of Rules

MOTION: (Outlaw / Wilkes) To (1) repeal the current rules as specified in Chapter 505-2 (Certification) (2) amend the current rules as specified in Chapter 505-2 (Certification); (3) adopt rules as specified in Chapter 505-2 (Certification); (4) amend the current rules as specified in Chapter 505-3 (Educator Preparation).

ACTION: Approved

B. All commissioners were asked to sign the Georgia Crime Information Center Awareness Statement

C. Louisa Moffitt appeared in the Georgia State Magazine, Summer 2006 issue and the article was given to all the commissioners.

D. Fort Valley State University has hired Dr. Judy Carter as the new Dean of the newly re-created College of Education. They have scaled down and are now offering Middle Grades Education and Agriculture Education only.

E. Dr. Toth spoke briefly on the Educational Leadership Certification Program. The Commissioners were given a draft of the Georgia Proposed Core Educational Leadership Performance and Framework for a Performance Based Educational Leadership Certification Program document to review. The commission hopes to bring rules forth at the September commission meeting.

F. Dr. Fran Watkins is in Washington, D.C. at the Westat conference that is being held from July 24th, 2006 through July 27th, 2006.

G. Dr. Cyndy Stephens will make a presentation to the Joint Education Board Liaison Committee on educator recruitment and retention on Monday, July 31st, 2006

H. Governor Perdue has requested that the Georgia Alliance of Education Agency Heads meet to develop a set of strategic goals to improve education in Georgia. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 30th at the Evergreen Center in Stone Mountain.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Lee Muns called for the meeting to be adjourned at 12:45 pm.

PSC ACTION: Approved