

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Two Piedmont Avenue

Atlanta, Georgia

September 14, 2017

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present

Danielle Bruce

Lauren Eckman

Chris Erwin

Leon Grant, III

Dr. Isiah Hill, Jr.

Scott Justus

Kamila Luigs

Diane McClearen

Dr. Jacqueline McDowell

Amanda Miliner

Teri Schneider

Sheryl Stalvey

Beth Townsend

Christy Van Meter

Dr. Martha Venn

Katrina Young

Members Absent

Susan Thayer

Rodney Green

I. WORK SESSION

- Executive Secretary Report - Kelly Henson and Chair Luigs welcomed Christ Erwin and Katrina Young to the Commission and they both briefly with the Commission. They also presented Henry Kelly with his picture and thanked him for his service. He also spoke briefly to the Commission about his service.

Chris Erwin - Chris retired as the superintendent of the Banks County School System. He was previously a teacher, assistant principal, and middle and high school principal. Chris is a former president of the Georgia School Superintendents Association and executive board member of the School Superintendents Association. He is the president of his local rotary and chamber clubs and was recognized as the 2013 Georgia Superintendent of the Year. Chris is an active member of Homer United Methodist Church and recently served as lay-leader. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia and earned graduate degrees from Georgia State University and the University of West Georgia. Chris and his wife, Laurie, have two children and reside in Homer.

Katrina Young - Katrina is serving her third elected term on the Rockdale County Public Schools Board of Education and is the president-elect of the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA). She is a member of the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta - Spark Newton Advisory Committee, Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts, Conyers Rockdale Economic Development Council and the Rotary Club of Conyers. Katrina earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Marketing from Georgia State University. She and her husband, Simeon, have two children and one grandson. They reside in Conyers.

- Julie Beck gave a review of the GA TAPP program.
- Angie Gant presented the CAEP Partnership Agreement that the Commissioner's will be asked to vote on at the Commission meeting today.

- Dr. David Hill presented the Education Leadership Standards
- Anne Marie Fenton presented rules for preview and adoption. Julie Beck and Angie Gant also spoke briefly about them.

The rules that will come before you for your consideration to adopt are:

505-2-.02 CLASSIFICATION

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.02 CLASSIFICATION, dated January 15, 2016, be AMENDED to update the fields for which a Permit may be issued.

505-2-.10 PERMIT

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.10 PERMIT, dated October 15, 2016, be AMENDED to edit language for consistency from renewal to extension, add the requirement to complete the appropriate GACE Ethics Exit assessment as a requirement to extend the initial Permit, change the title of the permit from Educational Leadership to Superintendent, add an exemption option for the GACE Program Admission Assessment (PAA) and content assessment for the Superintendent permit, and remove the Retired Educator permit option.

505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD, dated July 1, 2017, be AMENDED to update the GACE passing level required for adding a teaching field and outline the requirement for adding the Superintendent Certificate field to an established certificate in Educational Leadership.

505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE, dated October 15, 2016, be AMENDED to update the title of the Superintendent permit and to add the Superintendent certificate requirement for individuals in that position.

505-2-.154 SUPERINTENDENT CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.154 SUPERINTENDENT CERTIFICATE be INITIATED with a new name and new number to create a certificate that will identify leaders currently serving as a superintendent.

505- 6 -.01 THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-6.01 THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS, dated June 15, 2015, be AMENDED to consolidate the standards from eleven (11) to ten (10), including eliminating abandonment of contract as a separate standard, and adding the definition for breach of contract.

As an accompanying document to Rule 505-6-.01, we also present to you for your information the “Guidelines for No Probable Cause (NPC),” which provides specific information not in rule. While much of this NPC document is already in existing guidance and practice, some portions of the content address the proposed revisions to the rule.

Two Educator Preparation Rules will come before you for initiation in October. They are as follows:

505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS (Amended)

505-3-.05 GEORGIA TEACHER ACADEMY FOR PREPARATION AND PEDAGOGY (GaTAPP) (Amended)

- Kami Luigs again welcomed the new Commissioners to the Commission.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Luigs called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and a moment of silence.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Luigs called for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: (Scott Justus / Amanda Miliner) To approve the agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Luigs called for approval of the minutes from the July 13, 2017, Commission meeting.

PSC ACTION: Approved

V. VISITORS

Chair Luigs welcomed the visitors.

- Leonard Williams, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Kayla Washington, Office of Planning and Budget
- Dr. David Dude, Superintendent, City Schools of Decatur
- Courtney Burnett, City Schools of Decatur
- Paige Tompkins, UGA and Georgia Association for Colleges of Teacher Educations
- Linda Fortson, Warren Fortson Law Office
- Don Splinter, Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL)
- Melvin Farrington
- Teresa Lucas
- Tayia Donald, Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)

VI. EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

Chair Luigs and Kelly Henson presented the following with service awards and thanked them for their service:

Jennifer Cobb 5 Year Service Award- Jennifer has worked for the Commission’s Ethics Division since August of 2012. She serves as the Division’s Administrative Assistant. She provides administrative support to the Division’s management team and investigators. In addition, she acts as an assistant to the Division’s applications investigator opening new ethics cases on applicants that have personal affirmation issues pertaining to their certification applications. She is also the Division’s “open records” person fulfilling all of the Division’s open records requests. Prior to coming to work for the Commission, Jennifer worked at the Office of State of Administrative Hearings. She was a Case Management Assistant providing administrative support to three (3) administrative law judges. Jennifer’s fellow Ethics Division employees consider her a joy to work with. She is a hardworking and works well in a team. She also has a great sense of humor.

Caren Turner 10 Year Service Award-Caren began her career with the GaPSC on July 1, 2004, as an Evaluation and Information Specialist. It was not long before her outstanding performance and leadership abilities were recognized and have resulted in various promotions during her career with this agency. In 2015, Caren became the Program Director for the Professional Development System, a collaboration between the Department of Early Care and Learning and the GaPSC. This collaboration between two state agencies has been a remarkable success, much of which can be attributed to Caren and her unyielding dedication to the work. Caren has proven herself to be an outstanding leader and representative of this agency and we are fortunate that, after a brief departure to become a flight attendant, she realized what we knew along, that her true passion was serving Georgia educators. Congratulations, Caren, on 10 years of faithful service!

Enjolia Farrington 10 Year Service Award - Enjolia began her PSC career in Educator Workforce Development, where she facilitated teacher career fairs across the state. In August of 2014, she joined the Educator Preparation Team, and she now serves as a program approval specialist. In that role, Enjolia strives to help all of her assigned institutions better understand our rules and expectations. She is a thoughtful colleague at the PSC, she is married to Melvin, and she is the mother of three children (ages 11, 9, and 7). We are grateful for Enjolia!

VII. RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONER

Chair Luigs and Kelly Henson presented Henry Kelly with his picture and thanked him for his service.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Chair Scott Justus of the Educator Ethics Review Committee (EERC), gave a preliminary review of the Cases.

1. Chair Justus reported that the Committee reviewed 131 **Probable Cause** cases during September 14, 2017, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
16-12-809	1,4	Reprimand
17-3-1160	1,4	Reprimand

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
17-4-1323	5a2,9	Reprimand
17-5-1463	1	Reprimand
17-5-1464	5a2, 5a7	NPC
17-5-1475	5a5; 5a2	Reprimand
17-5-1497	5a7	Reprimand
17-5-1498	1,4, 5a2	NPC
17-5-1503	5a5	Reprimand
17-6-1660	5a2, 5a7	Reprimand
17-6-1666	1, 5a7	Deny
17-6-1776	1,4	Reprimand
17-6-1780	1,4	Reprimand
17-6-1792	5a2, 5a7	Reprimand
17-6-1799	1	Reprimand
17-7-140	1	Reprimand
17-7-164	1,5a2	Deny
14-12-492	4, 5 &10	Reprimand
14-12-493	4, 5 &10	Reprimand
15-6-1095	4,10	Suspend 1 year
15-10-510	1,2, 10	Revoke
15-11-592	4,9,10	Revoke
15-12-658	2, 10	Suspend 20 days
16-2-849	2, 7, 9 & 10	Suspend 20 days
16-2-883	2, 10	NPC
16-3-994	2, 4, 10	Reprimand
16-3-995	2, 4, 9, 10	NPC
16-6-1416	4, 10, 11	Suspend 90 days
16-8-157	1, 10, 5a7	Revoke
16-9-450	1,4,9,10	Revoke
16-9-453	9,10	Suspend 20 days
16-10-573	1,4,9,10	Suspend 20 days
17-2-986	2, 10	Suspend 90 days
17-3-1114	1,10,5a7	Revoke
17-3-1116	2, 10	Suspend 1 year
17-3-1123	2,4,10, 5a7	Revoke
17-3-1124	1,4,9,10	Revoke
17-3-1142	1,4,9,10	Revoke
17-3-1144	2, 10	Suspend 5 days
17-3-1167	4,5a2,9,10	Suspend 20 days
17-3-1177	6, 10	NPC
17-3-1224	1,4,9,10	Reprimand
17-3-1225	1,4,9,10	Suspend 20 days
17-4-1267	4,10	Suspend 90 days
17-4-1299	1, 2, 3, 10	Revoke

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
17-4-1303	2, 10	Suspend 1 year
17-4-1304	3,10	Suspend 1 year
17-4-1312	4, 10	Revoke
17-4-1331	1,4,9,10	Suspend 1 year
17-5-1358	10, 11	Suspend 90 days
17-5-1361	2,4,10	Suspend 30 days
17-5-1362	10,11	Suspend 20 days
17-5-1374	2, 10	NPC
17-5-1379	10	Suspend 5 days
17-5-1383	3,10	Suspend 1 year
17-5-1384	2,10,5a7	Revoke
17-5-1385	2, 4, 10	Suspend 30 days
17-5-1387	4, 10	Suspend 10 days
17-5-1390	7, 10	Reprimand
17-5-1393	4,5a2,9, 10	Revoke
17-5-1398	4, 10	Revoke
17-5-1402	2, 10	Reprimand
17-5-1412	10	Suspend 1 year
17-5-1414	10,11	Suspend 20 days
17-5-1422	10	Suspend 1 year
17-5-1429	2,10	Suspend 20 days
17-5-1431	10,11	Suspend 90 days
17-5-1450	4,10	Suspend 5 days
17-5-1453	4, 10, 11	Suspend 90 days
17-5-1465	1,4,9,10	NPC
17-5-1469	1,4,5a2,9, 10	Suspend 20 days
17-6-1507	1,4,5,10	Revoke
17-6-1512	2, 10	Suspend 5 days
17-6-1518	3, 10	Suspend 1 year
17-6-1526	1, 4, 9, 10	Suspend 20 days
17-6-1530	5,10	Suspend 1 year
17-6-1533	1, 10	NPC
17-6-1534	9, 10	Suspend 1 year
17-6-1538	3, 10	Suspend 1 year
17-6-1541	2,10	Suspend 1 year
17-6-1542	2, 4, 5, 10	Suspend 2 years
17-6-1543	2, 10	Suspend 10 days
17-6-1544	2, 10, 5a7	Revoke
17-6-1547	8,10	NPC
17-6-1549	8, 10	Suspend 90 days
17-6-1550	8, 10	Suspend 30 days
17-6-1552	8, 10	Suspend 90 days
17-6-1553	8, 10	Suspend 90 days

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
17-6-1554	8, 10	NPC
17-6-1556	10, 11	Reprimand
17-6-1558	10, 11	Suspend 20 days
17-6-1560	4, 10	Suspend 20 days
17-6-1565	2,10	Suspend 10 days
17-6-1568	2,4,10	Suspend 1 year
17-6-1572	5, 6, 10	Suspend 1 year
17-6-1588	2, 10	Suspend 30 days
17-6-1590	5a2	NPC
17-6-1592	1,10, 5a7	Revoke
17-6-1595	2, 10	Suspend 2 years
17-6-1599	10, 11	Suspend 90 days
17-6-1600	10, 11	Suspend 90 days
17-6-1603	1, 2, 10, 5a7	Revoke
17-6-1604	1, 2, 10, 5a7	Revoke
17-6-1608	2, 10	NPC
17-6-1609	1, 2, 10, 5a7	Revoke
17-6-1610	4,5,10	Reprimand
17-6-1611	4,10	Reprimand
17-6-1612	1,2,10	Revoke
17-6-1614	3, 10	Suspend 1 year
17-6-1616	2, 10	Suspend 30 days
17-6-1630	4,10	NPC
17-6-1631	4,10	NPC
17-6-1632	4,10	NPC
17-6-1633	1,2,10,5a7	Revoke
17-6-1674	1,4,9,10	NPC
17-6-1697	2,4,9,10	Revoke
17-6-1699	2,9,10, 5a7	NPC
17-6-1733	4, 10	Suspend 90 days
17-6-1738	4, 10	Suspend 90 days
17-6-1739	2, 10	NPC
17-6-1742	1, 2, 10, 5a7	Revoke
17-6-1745	10, 11	Suspend 20 days
17-6-1747	4, 10	Reprimand
17-6-1748	4, 10	Reprimand
17-6-1749	4, 10	Reprimand
17-6-1751	4, 10	Reprimand
17-6-1752	4,10	Reprimand
17-6-1753	4,10	Reprimand
17-6-1754	4, 10	Reprimand
17-6-1755	4,10	Reprimand
17-6-1786	1,4,9,10	Suspend 1 year

2. Chair Justus reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 5 *Petitions Issues* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>PREVIOUS SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
17-4-1313	Revocation	Deny
17-5-1423	Revocation	Deny
17-6-1591	Denial	Grant
17-6-1687	Revocation	Grant
17-6-1764	VS	Deny

3. Chair Justus reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 11 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
16-11-646	Suspension - 90 days	Accept
17-3-1107	Suspension - 90 days	Accept
17-3-1203	Suspension - 30 days	Accept
17-4-1273	Revocation	Accept
17-4-1275	Suspension - 1 year	Accept
17-5-1389	Suspension - 20 days	Accept
17-5-1392	Reprimand	Accept
17-5-1436	Reprimand	Accept
17-5-1438	Reprimand	Accept
17-5-1461	Reprimand	Accept
17-6-1643	Reprimand	Accept

4. Chair Justus reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 55 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
14-8-149	Reprimand	Accept
14-10-359	Suspension 20 days	Accept
14-11-423	Suspension 20 days	Accept
15-1-518	Suspension 2 years	Accept
15-3-719	Reprimand	Accept
15-3-720	Reprimand	Accept
15-3-757	Suspension 60 days	Accept
15-3-820	Suspension 3 days	Accept
15-3-844	Suspension 45 days	Accept
15-5-1029	Suspension 2 years	Accept
15-6-1120	Warning	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
15-6-1172	Suspension 60 days	Accept
15-7-19	Suspension 5 days	Accept
15-8-302	Revocation	Accept
15-9-460	Suspension 20 days	Accept
15-10-536	Suspension 90 days	Accept
15-10-552	Suspension 2 days	Accept
16-1-814	Reprimand	Accept
16-1-823	Suspension 45 days	Accept
16-2-846	Suspension 1 year & 180 days	Accept
16-3-984	Reprimand	Accept
16-4-1173	Revocation	Accept
16-5-1236	Suspension 20 days	Accept
16-6-1519	Suspension 20 days	Accept
16-8-162	Suspension 1 year	Accept
16-8-220	Reprimand	Accept
16-9-321	Suspension 10 days	Accept
16-9-327	NPC	Accept
16-9-332	NPC	Accept
16-9-365	Suspension 90 days	Accept
16-9-487	Reprimand	Accept
16-10-536	Suspension 1 year	Accept
16-10-600	NPC	Accept
16-11-638	NPC	Accept
16-11-639	NPC	Accept
16-11-640	NPC	Accept
16-11-641	NPC	Accept
16-11-642	NPC	Accept
16-11-643	NPC	Accept
16-11-658	NPC	Accept
16-11-659	NPC	Accept
16-11-693	Suspension 1 year	Accept
16-11-699	Suspension 10 days	Accept
16-11-702	NPC	Accept
16-11-712	Suspension 20 days	Accept
16-11-720	Suspension 1 year	Accept
16-11-733	Suspension 1 year	Accept
16-12-773	Suspension 3 years	Accept
16-12-779	Suspension 90 days	Accept
16-12-826	Suspension 1 year	Accept
17-1-865	Suspension 90 days	Accept
17-1-878	NPC	Accept
17-2-999	Warning	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
17-2-1073	Reprimand	Accept
17-2-1074	NPC	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>
PCE 17-6-1531	School system reported the wrong educator	Admin Closure
15-11-604	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
16-9-468	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
17-1-884	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
17-1-898	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
17-5-1419	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
17-5-1460	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
17--1470	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
17-5-1471	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
17-5-1479	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
17-5-1481	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
17-5-1484	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
17-6-1644	No info received from applicant	Hold New App
17-6-1665	No info received from applicant	Hold New App

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 164 new complaints received during the months of July and September 2017.

7. VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 3 *Voluntary Surrenders* listed below in which an Educator/Applicant voluntarily accepted a sanction of Revocation or Denial prior to the submission of

an investigative case summary for a Probable Cause Determination.

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
17-6-1545	1, 2, 10	VS	Accept
17-6-1546	1, 2, 10	VS	Accept
17-6-1587	4, 10	VS	Accept

8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of 95 *Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations* consisting of the following:

17-7-62	17-7-74	17-7-87	17-7-99	17-8-179	17-8-216	17-9-348	17-9-360
17-7-63	17-7-75	17-7-88	17-8-167	17-8-180	17-8-217	17-9-349	17-9-361
17-7-64	17-7-76	17-7-89	17-8-168	17-8-181	17-8-218	17-9-350	17-9-362
17-7-65	17-7-77	17-7-90	17-8-169	17-8-182	17-8-219	17-9-351	17-9-363
17-7-66	17-7-78	17-7-91	17-8-170	17-8-208	17-8-220	17-9-352	17-9-372
17-7-67	17-7-79	17-7-92	17-8-171	17-8-209	17-8-221	17-9-353	17-9-373
17-7-68	17-7-80	17-7-93	17-8-172	17-8-210	17-8-222	17-9-354	17-9-374
17-7-69	17-7-81	17-7-94	17-8-173	17-8-211	17-8-223	17-9-355	17-9-375
17-7-70	17-7-82	17-7-95	17-8-174	17-8-212	17-8-224	17-9-356	17-9-376
17-7-71	17-7-83	17-7-96	17-8-175	17-8-213	17-8-225	17-9-357	17-9-377
17-7-72	17-7-85	17-7-97	17-8-177	17-8-214	17-9-346	17-9-358	17-9-378
17-7-73	17-7-86	17-7-98	17-8-178	17-8-215	17-9-347	17-9-359	

9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting an *Investigative Extension* to the following 309 cases:

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS							
14-6-981	16-4-1199	16-9-480	17-1-907	17-4-1332	17-5-1479	17-6-1619	17-6-1706
14-10-321	16-4-1211	16-9-489	17-1-914	17-4-1334	17-5-1480	17-6-1630	17-6-1707
15-3-733	16-4-1214	16-9-490	17-1-915	17-4-1335	17-5-1480	17-6-1631	17-6-1708
15-3-761	16-4-1215	16-9-491	17-1-916	17-4-1336	17-5-1481	17-6-1632	17-6-1711
15-3-821	16-4-1222	16-9-493	17-1-918	17-4-1337	17-5-1482	17-6-1633	17-6-1713
15-3-836	16-5-1258	16-10-555	17-1-921	17-4-1338	17-5-1482	17-6-1634	17-6-1714
15-4-947	16-5-1269	16-10-559	17-1-928	17-4-1339	17-5-1485	17-6-1636	17-6-1718
15-5-957	16-5-1276	16-10-576	17-1-947	17-4-1344	17-5-1492	17-6-1638	17-6-1720
15-5-982	16-5-1277	16-10-614	17-2-967	17-4-1347	17-5-1493	17-6-1642	17-6-1721
15-5-1003	16-5-1278	16-10-617	17-2-998	17-4-1348	17-5-1494	17-6-1645	17-6-1722
15-5-1045	16-5-1281	16-10-622	17-2-1003	17-5-1353	17-5-1498	17-6-1646	17-6-1725
15-6-1093	16-5-1289	16-10-632	17-2-1018	17-5-1359	17-5-1501	17-6-1647	17-6-1727
15-6-1100	16-5-1329	16-10-633	17-2-1078	17-5-1363	17-5-1501	17-6-1648	17-6-1732
15-6-1129	16-5-1365	16-11-683	17-3-1135	17-5-1364	17-5-1502	17-6-1650	17-6-1746
15-6-1173	16-5-1367	16-11-687	17-3-1137	17-5-1380	17-6-1508	17-6-1651	17-6-1750
15-6-1203	16-5-1371	16-11-692	17-3-1162	17-5-1391	17-6-1509	17-6-1652	17-6-1769

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS							
15-7-18	16-6-1416	16-11-728	17-3-1163	17-5-1394	17-6-1511	17-6-1654	17-6-1772
15-7-35	16-6-1491	16-11-740	17-3-1167	17-5-1395	17-6-1516	17-6-1655	17-6-1774
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15-9-371	16-6-1557	16-11-751	17-3-1210	17-5-1419	17-6-1532	17-6-1664	17-6-1779
15-9-396	16-6-1566	16-11-755	17-3-1214	17-5-1420	17-6-1539	17-6-1665	17-6-1781
15-10-532	16-6-1568	16-11-756	17-3-1215	17-5-1451	17-6-1541	17-6-1667	17-6-1782
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15-12-682	16-8-152	16-12-812	17-3-1238	17-5-1458	17-6-1559	17-6-1675	17-6-1788
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16-1-732	16-8-222	16-12-832	17-4-1257	17-5-1460	17-6-1568	17-6-1683	17-6-1790
16-1-735	16-8-291	17-1-848	17-4-1261	17-5-1464	17-6-1571	17-6-1684	17-6-1793
16-1-836	16-8-318	17-1-849	17-4-1263	17-5-1467	17-6-1573	17-6-1685	17-6-1794
16-2-849	16-9-385	17-1-864	17-4-1278	17-5-1468	17-6-1596	17-6-1686	17-6-1795
16-2-859	16-9-420	17-1-869	17-4-1283	17-5-1469	17-6-1597	17-6-1688	17-6-1796
16-2-919	16-9-430	17-1-875	17-4-1286	17-5-1470	17-6-1601	17-6-1697	17-6-1797
16-3-994	16-9-461	17-1-880	17-4-1298	17-5-1471	17-6-1602	17-6-1700	17-6-1801
16-3-995	16-9-466	17-1-885	17-4-1318	17-5-1472	17-6-1605	17-6-1703	
16-3-1010	16-9-468	17-1-888	17-4-1327	17-5-1477	17-6-1613	17-6-1704	
16-4-1133	16-9-476	17-1-889	17-4-1331	17-5-1478	17-6-1617	17-6-1705	

10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 31 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

11. FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF LAW

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 2 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.

12. FINAL DECISIONS RENDERED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised the Commission to approval the report below:

CASE	ORIGINAL SANCTION	ALJ SANCTION
16-2-914	Denial	Grant w/o Reprimand

Chair Luigs called for approval of the Educator Ethics Review Committee report as presented by Chair Justus.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Chris Erwin and Katrin Young – Entire Report, Sheryl Stalvey – 17-2-986, Amanda Miliner – 17-6-1518, 17-8-324, Terri Schneider – 17-8-325, 17-8-167, 17-8-168, 17-7-8183, 17-6-1603, 17-6-1604, Beth Townsend – 17-5-1453, 17-6-1599, 17-6-1600, 17-6-1614, 17-6-1632, 17-6-1630, 17-6-1631, 17-8-178, Kami

Luigs – 16-10-537, 16-9-321, 16-11-699, 16-11-720, 15-12-658, 17-3-1225, 17-5-1402, 17-6-1512, 17-5-1422, 17-5-1412, 16-3-994, 16-3-995, 15-12-658, 17-3-1225, 17-5-1402, 17-6-1512, 17-5-1422, 17-5-1412, 16-3-994, 16-3-995, 17-7-22, 17-7-46, 17-7-66, 17-7-86 thru 88, 17-8-318 thru 320

B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee

Committee Chair, Dr. Marti Venn, presented the report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee. The Committee recommends the following approval actions.

		September 2017 Detailed Approval Recommendations	Additional Action Required
1.	Brewton-Parker College	<p>The Committee recommends Continuing Approval with Conditions for the Educator Preparation Provider and the following Educator Preparation Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education (P-5; Initial; Certification-only) • Middle Grades Education Language Arts (4-8; Initial; Certification-only) • Middle Grades Education Math (4-8; Initial; Certification-only) • Middle Grades Education Science (4-8; Initial; Certification-only) • Middle Grades Education Social Science (4-8; Initial; Certification-only) <p>Additionally, the Committee recommends the submission of a Progress Report due by March 30, 2018, addressing all Stipulations and Areas for Improvement cited during the Spring 2017 Continuing Approval Review.</p>	
2.	First District RESA	<p>The Committee recommends Continuing Approval with Conditions for the Educator Preparation Provider and the following Educator Preparation Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy – GaTAPP (Initial; Certification-only) • ESOL Endorsement • Gifted In-Field Endorsement • Special Education Preschool Endorsement (Ages 3-5) <p>Additionally, the Committee recommends the submission of a Progress Report due by March 30, 2018, addressing all Stipulations and Areas for Improvement cited during the Spring 2017 Continuing Approval Review.</p>	

		September 2017 Detailed Approval Recommendations	Additional Action Required
3.	College of Coastal Georgia	<p>The Committee recommends while the Progress Report submitted May 26, 2017, indicates incremental progress is evident in addressing the Area for Improvement for Standard 8 resulting from the Fall 2015 First Continuing Approval Review, the Area for Improvement remains.</p> <p>Additionally, the Committee recommends the submission of a Progress Report by December 20, 2017, addressing Standard 8, providing specific evidence for how meeting the Specialized Professional Association (SPA) standards will be monitored.</p>	
4.	Gordon College	<p>The Committee recommends the Progress Report submitted May 5, 2017, is satisfactory in addressing the Area for Improvement for Standard 3 (element c), resulting from the Fall 2015 First Continuing Approval Review. The Panel recommends the Area for Improvement be removed.</p> <p>The Committee recommends while incremental progress is evident in the Progress Report submitted May 5, 2017, addressing the Area for Improvement for Standard 3 (element a), resulting from the Fall 2015 First Continuing Approval Review, the Area for Improvement remains.</p> <p>The Committee recommends the submission of a Progress Report by March 30, 2018, addressing Standard 3 (element a), providing evidence of P-12 partners and other members of the professional community assisting in the planning and the design of field and clinical experiences.</p>	
5.	Mercer University	<p>The Committee recommends the Progress Report submitted June 1, 2017, is satisfactory in addressing the Area for Improvement for Standard 4, resulting from the Fall 2016 Continuing Approval Review. The Committee recommends the Area for Improvement be removed.</p>	
6.	Piedmont College	<p>The Committee recommends that while the Progress Report submitted June 13, 2017, indicates incremental progress is evident in addressing the Area for Improvement for Standard 2 (element a) for the Special Education Adapted Curriculum (P-5; Initial; M.A.T.) program resulting from the Spring 2016 Developmental Approval Review, the Area for Improvement remains.</p>	

		September 2017 Detailed Approval Recommendations	Additional Action Required
		<p>The Committee recommends the submission of a Progress Report by May 16, 2018, addressing Standard 2 (element a), including redesigned rubrics providing evidence of clear level descriptors to assure candidate understanding and inter-rater reliability. The Progress Report should also include a listing of the names and roles of individuals involved in the analysis of data from key assessments.</p> <p>The Committee recommends extending the January 15, 2018, due date for the Progress Report to February 28, 2019.</p>	
7.	Young Harris College	<p>The Committee recommends while incremental progress is evident in the Progress Report submitted May 18, 2017, addressing the Areas for Improvement for Standard 4 (element a & d), resulting from the Spring 2015 Initial Performance Approval Review, the Areas for Improvement remain.</p> <p>Additionally, the Committee recommends the submission of a Progress Report by March 30, 2018, addressing the Standard 4 (element a & d) Areas for Improvement.</p>	
8.	LaGrange College Wesleyan College	The Committee recommends granting the requests for deferral for LaGrange College and Wesleyan College for one semester of the GaPSC Continuing Approval Review.	
9.	Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL)	The Committee recommends adopting the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL) as the program content standards for GaPSC approved Educational Leadership programs. The Committee is only adopting the standards at this time. The elements which accompany the standards are not being recommended for approval at this time.	

Chair Luigs called for approval of the Educator Preparation / Certification Report as presented by Chair Venn.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstentions: Chris Erwin and Katrina Young – entire report, Danielle Bruce - Piedmont College

IX. RULES

Anne Marie Fenton presented the rules for adoption. There were four public comments received regarding rule 505-6. 01 CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS that were given to the Commissioners.

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MOTION: (Sheryl Stalvey / Dr. Marti Venn) To (1) adopt the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective October 15, 2017, as follows: 505-2-.154; (2) amend the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective October 15, 2017, as follows: 505-2-.02, 505-2-.10, 505-2-.34, and 505-2-.153; and (3) amend the current rules in Chapter 505-6- Educator Ethics, effective January 1, 2018, as follows: 505-6-.01.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Chris Erwin, Katrina Young

X. CAEP PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Angie Gant presented the CAEP Partnership Agreement.

MOTION: (Dr. Marti Venn / Diane McClearen) To submit the proposed partnership agreement to the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Chris Erwin, Katrina Young

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Luigs called for the meeting to be adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

PSC ACTION: Approved