

# MINUTES

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

200 Piedmont Avenue

Atlanta, Georgia

September 13, 2012

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, September 13, 2012, at 12:30 p.m.

### **Members Present**

|                  |                   |                      |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Julia Bernath    | Phil Jacobs       | Sheryl Stalvey       |
| Alice Clements   | David Johnson     | Bettina Polite Tate  |
| Dr. Penny Elkins | Scott Justus      | Dr. Lawrence Walters |
| Dr. Adrian Epps  | Stephanie Leggett | Pam Walker           |
| Bill Haskin      | Kamila Luigs      | Pam Williams         |
|                  | Christy McGill    | Valerie Williams     |

### **Members Absent**

Heath Garrett

## **I. WORK SESSION**

Kelly Henson reminded the Commissioners that our Commission meeting times for next month are:

|                                              |               |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Educator Ethics Review Committee             | 9:00 – 11:00  |
| Educator Preparation/Certification Committee | 9:30 – 11:00  |
| Break                                        | 11:00 – 11:15 |
| Commission Work Session and Lunch            | 11:15 – 12:30 |
| Commission Meeting                           | 12:30 – 1:30  |

Anne Marie Fenton presented the following on rules: In June, you were introduced to rules that you initiated at the July 12, 2012, Commission meeting. At today's Commission meeting, you will be asked to rescind/amend/adopt the following rules: The Adopt Rules Packet was sent to you last Thursday and is loaded on your desktops. These rules, if adopted, will have an effective date of October 15, 2012.

The following rules will be considered for adoption today:

### **Certification**

505-2-.200 AUDIOLOGY – Rescind current rule; initiate new rule  
505-2-.201 MEDIA SPECIALIST – Rescind current rule; initiate new rule  
505-2-.202 SCHOOL COUNSELING – Rescind current rule; initiate new rule  
505-2-.203 SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTOR – Rescind current rule; initiate new rule  
505-2-.204 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY – Rescind current rule; initiate new rule  
505-2-.205 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK – Rescind current rule; initiate new rule  
505-2-.206 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY – Rescind current rule; initiate new rule

### **Educator Preparation**

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

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505-3-.28 SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM – Rescind current rule; initiate new rule

505-3-.48 SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM – Rescind current rule; initiate new rule

You will notice missing from the list below are:

505-2-.02 CLASSIFICATION – CATEGORY, TITLE, TYPE, FIELD, LEVEL,

505-2-.43 EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETER LICENSE.

Although these rules were initiated and while we received no public comment on these rules, we have determined that the Educational Interpreter License rule needs further development. As the Classification rule includes a reference to the Educational Interpreter License rule, we must also hold on that rule. These two rules will not be brought before you for adoption at today's meeting. We plan to reinstate these two rules at a future date.

We will be bringing two rules (both revisions) to you for your consideration to initiate at the October meeting. It is important to us to provide a preview to you today. These include:

Educator Preparation (Penney McRoy gave a presentation):

- 505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNITS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS - Revision

Certification:

- 505-3-.32 APPEALS – Revision (David Hill presented this rule)

The Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions and give their feedback.

## **II. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Elkins called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and a moment of silence.

## **III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chair Elkins called for approval of the agenda.

**MOTION:** (Pam Walker/Stephanie Leggett) To approve the agenda.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

## **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Elkins called for approval of the minutes from the July 12, 2012, Commission meeting.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

## **V. VISITORS**

Chair Elkins welcomed the visitors.

- Margaret Elliott, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Matthew Pence, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Linda Fortson, Warren Fortson Law Office
- Kerri Wilson, Office of Planning and Budget
- Jennifer Colangelo, Attorney General's Office
- Allen Lightcap, Attorney General's Office

**VI. COMMISSIONERS OATH OF OFFICE** - Chair Elkins and Kelly Henson welcomed our three new Commissioners (listed below) and swore them in.

*Sheryl E. Stalvey*-Stalvey teaches sixth grade reading at Willie J. Williams Middle School. She earned County Teacher of the Year in two Georgia counties. She published an article in the Journal of At Risk Issues and served on the English Language Arts Advisory Committee with the Georgia Department of Education. Stalvey earned a bachelor's degree from Baylor University and a master's degree from Valdosta State University. She and her husband, Dewey, have four children and four grandchildren. They reside in Moultrie.

*D. Scott Justus*-Justus is currently the assistant principal and athletics director at West Hall High School. He has been active in education for more than 17 years and has also served in various rolls with football and baseball programs throughout the county. Justus is a member of the Gainesville/Hall County United Way where he has served on the Campaign Committee and is currently serving on the Community Investment Committee. He received a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Georgia Southwestern College and State University, a master's degree in Physical Education from North Georgia College and State University, and specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Lincoln Memorial University. He and his wife, Dawn, have one son. They reside in Gainesville.

*Kamila B. Luigs*-Luigs works for General Electric serving as the program manager for the GE Foundation Developing Futures in Education program. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Children's Museum of Atlanta and the Georgia Foundation for Public Education. Luigs earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and a law degree from Syracuse University College of Law. She and her husband, Tony, have two children. They reside in Marietta.

**VII. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD** – Chair Elkins and Kelly Henson presented Dr. Winifred Nweke with a 15 Year Service Award. Kelly read the following:

Dr. Winifred Nweke came to the PSC 15 years ago from Tuskegee University where she served as a full professor. Her expertise in research, measurement and evaluation has been critical to the coordination and accomplishment of these agency functions. Having worked with the Master Teacher program since 2008, Dr. Nweke excels at analyzing and interpreting data and effectively communicating the meaning of these data to various audiences. She has also provided excellent customer service to scores of teachers seeking recognition through the Master Teacher application process. Her work ethic, critical thinking, and sense of humor are unsurpassed. She continues to serve as an adjunct faculty member at the university level. Her humanitarian efforts are most notable. She has served as president of the Nigerian Women's Association of Georgia whose mission is to enrich the lives of children in her native land.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

1. Ms. Walker reported that the Committee reviewed 76 ***Probable Cause*** cases during its September 13, 2012, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

| <u>CASE</u> | <u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u> | <u>RECOMMENDATION</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 12-5-1165   | 1                         | Deny                  |
| 12-5-1179   | 8                         | NPC                   |
| 12-7-19     | 1                         | NPC                   |
| 12-7-22     | 1                         | Deny                  |
| 12-7-24     | 1                         | Grant w/ Reprimand    |
| 12-7-50     | 1                         | Deny                  |
| 12-7-56     | 1                         | Grant w/ Reprimand    |
| 12-7-59     | 1, 10                     | Deny                  |
| 12-7-60     | 1                         | NPC                   |
| 12-7-154    | 1                         | NPC                   |
| 11-03-876   | 1                         | Revoke                |
| 11-06-1249  | 1                         | NPC                   |
| 11-08-201   | 2,10                      | NPC                   |
| 11-08-255   | 2,10                      | Susp 20 days          |
| 11-09-311   | 1                         | Reprimand             |
| 11-09-382   | 4,7,9,10,DOE              | Revoke                |
| 11-09-383   | 4,7,9,10,DOE              | Susp 2 years          |
| 11-09-384   | 4,7,9,10,DOE              | Susp 2 years          |
| 11-09-385   | 4,7,9,10,DOE              | Susp 2 years          |
| 11-09-386   | 4,7,9,10,DOE              | Susp 2 years          |
| 11-09-387   | 4,7,9,10,DOE              | Susp 2 years          |
| 11-09-388   | 4,7,9,10,DOE              | Revoke                |
| 11-09-389   | 4,7,9,10,DOE              | Susp 2 years          |
| 11-09-390   | 4,7,9,10,DOE              | Revoke                |
| 11-10-481   | 1, 5, 10                  | Revoke                |
| 11-10-511   | 2,4,10                    | Susp 1 year           |
| 11-11-595   | 7, 10                     | NPC                   |
| 11-12-690   | 2,10                      | Susp 10 days          |
| 11-12-703   | 2, 10                     | Susp 5 days           |
| 11-12-709   | 10                        | Susp 1 year           |
| 12-01-742   | 2,4,10                    | Susp 1 year           |
| 12-01-748   | 2,10                      | Susp 1 year           |
| 12-01-753   | 10                        | Reprimand             |
| 12-01-758   | 2,10                      | Susp 3 days           |
| 12-01-761   | 2,10                      | Susp 10 days          |
| 12-01-807   | 1                         | Revoke                |
| 12-02-882   | 1                         | NPC                   |
| 12-03-964   | 2,10                      | Revoke                |

| <u>CASE</u> | <u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u> | <u>RECOMMENDATION</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 12-03-1022  | 2, 10                     | Revoke                |
| 12-03-1023  | 4,10                      | Susp 11 days          |
| 12-03-1024  | 4,10                      | Susp 8 days           |
| 12-03-1060  | 1, 10                     | Susp 10 days          |
| 12-04-1135  | 2,10                      | Susp 1 year           |
| 12-04-1146  | 1,10                      | Susp 1 year           |
| 12-04-1148  | 10                        | Susp 1 year           |
| 12-04-1152  | 4, 10                     | Susp 1 year           |
| 12-05-1170  | 1, 4, 9, 10               | Reprimand             |
| 12-05-1215  | 2,10                      | Revoke                |
| 12-05-1230  | 1,4,9,10                  | Susp 10 days          |
| 12-05-1235  | 3,10                      | Susp 1 year           |
| 12-05-1238  | 9,10                      | Reprimand             |
| 12-05-1245  | 2,10                      | Susp 1 year           |
| 12-05-1249  | 4,10                      | Susp 90 days          |
| 12-05-1253  | 4,7,10,11, DOE            | Susp 2 years          |
| 12-05-1260  | 3, 10                     | Susp 1 year           |
| 12-05-1276  | 10, 12                    | Susp 90 days          |
| 12-05-1282  | 1,2,10                    | Revoke                |
| 12-06-1304  | 1,10                      | Revoke                |
| 12-06-1312  | 2,10                      | Susp 1 year           |
| 12-06-1315  | 4,10                      | Susp 1 year           |
| 12-06-1335  | 10                        | NPC                   |
| 12-06-1338  | 1,2,10                    | Revoke                |
| 12-07-009   | 1, 10                     | Revoke                |
| 12-07-035   | 1, 10                     | Susp 2 years          |
| 12-07-117   | 1,4,9,10                  | Reprimand             |
| 12-07-119   | 1,4,9,10                  | Reprimand             |
| 12-07-120   | 1,4,9,10                  | Reprimand             |
| 12-07-124   | 1,4,9,10                  | Reprimand             |
| 12-07-125   | 1,4,9,10                  | NPC                   |
| 12-07-127   | 1,4,9,10                  | Reprimand             |
| 12-07-130   | 1,4,9,10                  | Reprimand             |
| 12-07-133   | 1,3,4, 9,10               | Susp 1 year           |
| 12-07-137   | 1,4,9,10                  | Reprimand             |
| 12-07-140   | 1,4,9,10                  | Reprimand             |
| 12-07-149   | 4, 9,10                   | Reprimand             |
| 12-07-208   | 1,4,9                     | Reprimand             |

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

| <u>CASE</u> | <u>ORIGINAL SANCTION</u> | <u>ALJ SANCTION</u> | <u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 10-3-1001   | Suspension 20 days       | Suspension 5 days   | Accept                     |
| 10-8-126    | Suspension 1 year        | Suspension 1 year   | Accept                     |

3. Ms. Walker 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> |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 12-4-1163   | Revocation<br>March 2004 | Deny                       |
| 12-4-1164   | Denial<br>Dec. 2008      | Deny                       |
| 12-5-1248   | Denial<br>April 2010     | Deny                       |
| 12-5-1271   | Denial<br>March 2010     | Grant                      |
| 12-6-1332   | Revocation<br>Sept. 2003 | Deny                       |

4. Ms. Walker reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 8 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

| <u>CASE</u> | <u>SANCTION</u>       | <u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 10-12-623   | Suspension<br>5 days  | Accept                     |
| 11-1-646    | Reprimand             | Accept                     |
| 11-8-169    | Suspension<br>2 years | Accept                     |
| 11-9-364    | Suspension<br>2 years | Accept                     |
| 12-3-1072   | Revocation            | Accept                     |
| 12-4-1113   | Reprimand             | Accept                     |
| 12-4-1121   | Suspension<br>90 days | Accept                     |
| 12-5-1191   | Suspension<br>10 days | Accept                     |

5. Ms. Walker reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 26 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

| <u>CASE</u> | <u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u> | <u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u> |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 10-3-947    | Warning                    | Accept                     |
| 10-10-350   | Reprimand                  | Accept                     |
| 10-10-358   | Susp 15 days               | Reject                     |
| 10-10-398   | Susp 10 days               | Accept                     |
| 11-1-701    | Warning                    | Accept                     |
| 11-1-722    | Warning                    | Accept                     |
| 11-2-806    | Susp 15 days               | Accept                     |
| 11-3-859    | Susp 3 days                | Accept                     |
| 11-5-1076   | Vol Surrender              | Accept                     |
| 11-5-1101   | Susp 15 days               | Accept                     |
| 11-5-1146   | Vol Surrender              | Accept                     |
| 11-5-1174   | Susp 1 Year                | Accept                     |
| 11-6-1236   | Susp 3 days                | Accept                     |
| 11-7-67     | Susp 3 Years               | <b>Reject</b>              |
| 11-8-172    | Susp 60 days               | Accept                     |
| 11-8-174    | Susp 60 days               | Accept                     |
| 11-8-204    | Susp 60 days               | Accept                     |
| 11-8-205    | Susp 60 days               | Accept                     |
| 11-8-206    | Susp 60 days               | Accept                     |
| 11-8-208    | Susp 60 days               | Accept                     |
| 11-9-332    | Reprimand                  | Accept                     |
| 11-10-506   | Susp 90 days               | Accept                     |
| 11-11-583   | Denial                     | Accept                     |
| 11-11-656   | Reprimand                  | Reject                     |
| 12-1-773    | Susp 5 days                | Accept                     |
| 12-3-1057   | NPC                        | Accept                     |

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Other Business Report* as follows:

| <u>CASE</u> | <u>PREVIOUS SANCTION</u>  | <u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>                      |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 11-8-143    | Suspend 90 days           | Set aside Final Decision and reopen for hearing |
| 11-5-1149   | Close case - Hold New App | Close                                           |
| 11-10-489   | Close case - Hold New App | Close                                           |

7. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 167 new complaints received during the months of July 2012 through September 2012.

### 8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of 143 Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations consisting of the following:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 12-7-001 | 12-7-077 | 12-7-095 | 12-7-113 | 12-7-172 | 12-7-190 | 12-7-212 | 12-8-230 |
| 12-7-002 | 12-7-078 | 12-7-096 | 12-7-114 | 12-7-173 | 12-7-191 | 12-7-213 | 12-8-231 |
| 12-7-003 | 12-7-079 | 12-7-097 | 12-7-115 | 12-7-174 | 12-7-192 | 12-7-214 | 12-8-232 |
| 12-7-004 | 12-7-080 | 12-7-098 | 12-7-156 | 12-7-175 | 12-7-193 | 12-7-215 | 12-8-233 |
| 12-7-005 | 12-7-081 | 12-7-099 | 12-7-157 | 12-7-176 | 12-7-194 | 12-7-216 | 12-8-234 |
| 12-7-006 | 12-7-082 | 12-7-100 | 12-7-158 | 12-7-177 | 12-7-195 | 12-7-217 | 12-8-235 |
| 12-7-065 | 12-7-083 | 12-7-101 | 12-7-159 | 12-7-178 | 12-7-196 | 12-7-218 | 12-8-237 |
| 12-7-066 | 12-7-084 | 12-7-102 | 12-7-160 | 12-7-179 | 12-7-197 | 12-7-219 | 12-8-238 |
| 12-7-067 | 12-7-085 | 12-7-103 | 12-7-161 | 12-7-180 | 12-7-198 | 12-7-220 | 12-8-239 |
| 12-7-068 | 12-7-086 | 12-7-104 | 12-7-162 | 12-7-181 | 12-7-199 | 12-7-221 | 12-8-240 |
| 12-7-069 | 12-7-087 | 12-7-105 | 12-7-163 | 12-7-182 | 12-7-200 | 12-7-222 | 12-8-241 |
| 12-7-070 | 12-7-088 | 12-7-106 | 12-7-164 | 12-7-183 | 12-7-201 | 12-8-223 | 12-8-242 |
| 12-7-071 | 12-7-089 | 12-7-107 | 12-7-165 | 12-7-184 | 12-7-203 | 12-8-224 | 12-8-243 |
| 12-7-072 | 12-7-090 | 12-7-108 | 12-7-166 | 12-7-185 | 12-7-204 | 12-8-225 | 12-8-244 |
| 12-7-073 | 12-7-091 | 12-7-109 | 12-7-168 | 12-7-186 | 12-7-205 | 12-8-226 | 12-8-245 |
| 12-7-074 | 12-7-092 | 12-7-110 | 12-7-169 | 12-7-187 | 12-7-206 | 12-8-227 | 12-8-246 |
| 12-7-075 | 12-7-093 | 12-7-111 | 12-7-170 | 12-7-188 | 12-7-207 | 12-8-228 | 12-8-247 |
| 12-7-076 | 12-7-094 | 12-7-112 | 12-7-171 | 12-7-189 | 12-7-211 | 12-8-229 |          |

### 9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting and *Investigative Extension* to the following 248 cases:

| <b>WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS</b> |          |           |          |          |           |           |           |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 10-9-331                            | 11-8-263 | 11-9-456  | 12-1-731 | 12-2-891 | 12-4-1133 | 12-5-1232 | 12-6-1333 |
| 10-12-553                           | 11-9-268 | 11-9-457  | 12-1-733 | 12-2-894 | 12-4-1134 | 12-5-1137 | 12-7-7    |
| 10-12-562                           | 11-9-275 | 11-9-458  | 12-1-735 | 12-2-896 | 12-4-1136 | 12-5-1241 | 12-7-8    |
| 11-4-915                            | 11-9-284 | 11-9-459  | 12-1-736 | 12-2-901 | 12-4-1137 | 12-5-1244 | 12-7-11   |
| 11-4-999                            | 11-9-298 | 11-10-480 | 12-1-737 | 12-2-916 | 12-4-1138 | 12-5-1246 | 12-7-12   |
| 11-4-1000                           | 11-9-304 | 11-10-484 | 12-1-738 | 12-2-920 | 12-1-1140 | 12-5-1247 | 12-7-13   |
| 11-4-1031                           | 11-9-333 | 11-10-486 | 12-1-744 | 12-3-942 | 12-4-1141 | 12-5-1250 | 12-7-14   |
| 11-4-5-1181                         | 11-9-337 | 11-10-505 | 12-1-746 | 12-3-946 | 12-4-1143 | 12-5-1251 | 12-7-19   |
| 11-6-1191                           | 11-9-342 | 11-10-513 | 12-1-747 | 12-3-951 | 12-4-1144 | 12-5-1259 | 12-7-21   |
| 11-6-1227                           | 11-9-343 | 11-10-519 | 12-1-749 | 12-3-953 | 12-4-1147 | 12-5-1261 | 12-7-22   |
| 11-6-1272                           | 11-9-355 | 11-11-551 | 12-1-763 | 12-3-954 | 12-4-1149 | 12-5-1262 | 12-7-24   |
| 11-7-87                             | 11-9-358 | 11-11-552 | 12-1-764 | 12-3-955 | 12-4-1150 | 12-5-1263 | 12-7-25   |
| 11-7-97                             | 11-9-359 | 11-11-554 | 12-1-771 | 12-3-972 | 12-4-1151 | 12-5-1266 | 12-7-28   |
| 11-7-98                             | 11-9-360 | 11-11-560 | 12-1-776 | 12-3-973 | 12-4-1159 | 12-5-1269 | 12-7-30   |
| 11-7-99                             | 11-9-391 | 11-11-589 | 12-1-777 | 12-3-974 | 12-5-1165 | 12-5-1270 | 12-7-33   |
| 11-8-117                            | 11-9-392 | 11-11-598 | 12-1-778 | 12-3-978 | 12-5-1178 | 12-5-1278 | 12-7-38   |



| WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS |          |           |          |           |           |           |          |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 11-8-119                     | 11-9-396 | 11-11-600 | 12-2-827 | 12-3-979  | 12-5-1179 | 12-5-1280 | 12-7-45  |
| 11-8-130                     | 11-9-397 | 11-11-601 | 12-2-831 | 12-3-1013 | 12-5-1183 | 12-6-1286 | 12-7-48  |
| 11-8-185                     | 11-9-398 | 11-11-603 | 12-2-837 | 12-3-1019 | 12-5-1187 | 12-6-1287 | 12-7-50  |
| 11-8-200                     | 11-9-399 | 11-12-675 | 12-2-838 | 12-3-1025 | 12-5-1194 | 12-6-1288 | 12-7-52  |
| 11-8-232                     | 11-9-401 | 11-12-681 | 12-2-840 | 12-3-1026 | 12-5-1196 | 12-6-1289 | 12-7-56  |
| 11-8-233                     | 11-9-402 | 11-12-683 | 12-2-841 | 12-3-1031 | 12-5-1197 | 12-6-1290 | 12-7-57  |
| 11-8-234                     | 11-9-413 | 11-12-684 | 12-2-842 | 12-3-1032 | 12-5-1199 | 12-6-1295 | 12-7-59  |
| 11-8-235                     | 11-9-418 | 11-12-691 | 12-2-843 | 12-3-1040 | 12-5-1200 | 12-6-1300 | 12-7-60  |
| 11-8-236                     | 11-9-419 | 11-12-702 | 12-2-852 | 12-3-1044 | 12-5-1202 | 12-6-1301 | 12-7-121 |
| 11-8-237                     | 11-9-420 | 11-12-710 | 12-2-853 | 12-3-1047 | 12-5-1203 | 12-6-1305 | 12-7-129 |
| 11-8-238                     | 11-9-421 | 11-12-711 | 12-2-854 | 12-3-1049 | 12-5-1210 | 12-6-1319 | 12-7-131 |
| 11-8-239                     | 11-9-423 | 11-12-719 | 12-2-856 | 12-3-1060 | 12-5-1216 | 12-6-1328 | 12-7-144 |
| 11-8-240                     | 11-9-424 | 11-12-720 | 12-2-885 | 12-3-1064 | 12-5-1220 | 12-6-1329 | 12-7-153 |
| 11-8-241                     | 11-9-431 | 12-1-724  | 12-2-888 | 12-3-1065 | 12-5-1221 | 12-6-1330 | 12-7-154 |
| 11-8-242                     | 11-9-455 | 12-1-725  | 12-2-889 | 12-4-1120 | 12-5-1231 | 12-6-1331 | 12-7-155 |

#### 10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 54 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

#### 11. STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSION / REINSTATEMENTS

The Commission reviewed the report, which indicated that there were no certificates suspended from July 12, 2012 through September 13, 2012. There were 2 certificates that had been *reinstated* because restitution is now being made on those student loans.

#### 12. FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF LAW

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 12 cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The report also advised that there was 1 case closed without an appeal for a review hearing before the Commission.

#### 13. VOLUNTARY SURRENDER/VOLUNTARY DENIAL

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of 2 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> |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 12-2-914    | 2, 10                     | Voluntary Surrender | Accept                     |
| 12-6-1309   | 1, 2, 10                  | Voluntary Surrender | Accept                     |

Chair Elkins called for approval of the Educator Ethics Review Committee report as presented by Pam Walker excluding case #'s 11-10-511, 11-6-1249 and 12-3-1057.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

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Abstention:

Sheryl Stalvey, Kamila Luigs and Scott Justus – All Cases

Dr. Larry Walters and Bettina Tate - Case # 12-1-742

Dr. Adrian Epps – Case # 11-8-174

Stephanie Leggett – Case # 12-7-009

**Probable Cause Case # 11-6-1249**

**MOTION:** (Phil Jacobs / Julia Bernath) To accept the Educator Ethics Review Committee's recommendation for a No Probable Cause.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstention: Scott Justus, Sheryl Stalvey, Kamila Luigs

**Probable Cause Case # 11-10-511**

**MOTION:** (Valerie Williams / Pam Williams) To accept the Educator Ethics Review Committee's recommendation for a 1 Year Suspension.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Opposed: Phil Jacobs, Julia Bernath, Christy McGill

Abstention: Scott Justus, Sheryl Stalvey, Kamila Luigs

**Negotiated Consent Order Case # 12-3-1057**

**MOTION:** (Dr. Adrian Epps / Valerie Williams) To accept the No Probable Cause recommendation from the Attorney General's Office.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstention: Scott Justus, Sheryl Stalvey, Kamila Luigs

**B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee**

Committee Chair Epps presented the report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee.

|    | Unit Number | September 2012 Detailed Approval Recommendations                                                                                                                                                       | Additional Action Required                                                           |
|----|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | 8524        | The Committee recommends Developmental Approval for the ESOL Endorsement.                                                                                                                              | No additional action requested.                                                      |
| 2. | 8644        | The Committee recommends Developmental Approval for the Reading Endorsement.                                                                                                                           | No additional action requested.                                                      |
| 3. | 10037       | The Committee recommends Developmental Approval for the English Education Program and the History Education Program. The areas for improvement cited for Standard 1, Standard 3 and Standard 4 remain. | A Progress Report is requested in three months addressing the areas for improvement. |

|    | Unit Number | September 2012 Detailed Approval Recommendations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Additional Action Required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 4. | 10148       | The Committee recommends Developmental Approval for the professional education unit and the Mathematics Education Program, Middle Grades Education Program, Science Education Program-Biology, and Special Education General Curriculum/Early Childhood Education Program. The areas for improvement cited for Standard 2, Standard 3, Standard 4 and Standard 7 remain. | A Progress Report is requested in six months addressing the areas for improvement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 5. | 5070        | The Committee recommends that the Progress Report submitted April 23, 2012, indicates that progress is satisfactory in addressing the Standard 4 area for improvement cited for the Educational Leadership programs and that the area for improvement shall remain.                                                                                                      | An additional Progress Report is requested in six months. The Progress Report should address the following:<br>1) With regard to the Performance-based Educational Leadership Programs recruitment plan, include signed school partnership agreements referenced in the April 27, 2012, progress report and describe the schools' involvement in the development of the recruitment plan.<br>2) Describe a specific action plan for the Educational Leadership programs to promote interaction between diverse candidates. |
| 6. | 5568        | The Committee recommends that the Progress Report submitted May 29, 2012, indicates that progress is satisfactory in addressing the Standard 1 area for improvement cited for the English Education program and the Middle Grades Education program. The area for improvement remains.                                                                                   | An additional Progress Report is requested in three months. The Progress Report is to include an aggregated report on GACE content assessment data over the last three years to include identified trends observed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

Chair Elkins called for approval of the Educator Preparation Committee report as presented by Dr. Adrian Epps.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstention:

Sheryl Stalvey, Kamila Luigs and Scott Justus

## **IX. RULES**

The Executive Secretary presented the following:

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Motion: (Phil Jacobs / Dr. Larry Walters) To adopt rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act, to (1) rescind the current rules in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective October 15, 2012, as follows: 505-2-.200, 505-2-.201, 505-2-.202, 505-2-.203, 505-2-.204, 505-2-.205, and 505-2-.206; (2) adopt the current rules in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective October 15, 2012, as follows: 505-2-.200, 505-2-.201, 505-2-.202, 505-2-.203, 505-2-.204, 505-2-.205, and 505-2-.206; (3) rescind the current rules in Chapter 505-3 Educator Preparation, effective October 15, 2012, as follows: 505-3-.28 and 505-3-.48; (4) amend the current rules in Chapter 505-3 Educator Preparation, effective October 15, 2012, as follows: 505-3-.05; and (5) adopt the current rules in Chapter 505-3 Educator Preparation, effective October 15, 2012, as follows: 505-3-.28 and 505-3-.48.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Abstention:

Sheryl Stalvey, Kamila Luigs and Scott Justus

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Elkins called for the meeting to be adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved