

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Remote Meeting via TEAMS Platform

September 8, 2022

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, September 8, 2022.

Members Present

Jimmy Atkins	Jordan Frobos	Dr. Holley Roberts
Jeanine Bunn	Kedriane Harris	Dr. Brandon Seigler
Abigail Coggin	Nathan Lewis	Brian Sirmans
Daniel Dooley	Dr. Franklin Perry	Carol Williams
Derek Easterling		

Members Absent

Beth Townsend	Dr. Jennifer Wade
Jane Rookard	

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Sirmans called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and Commissioners answered roll call for attendance.

II. VISITORS

Chair Sirmans welcomed the visitors.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: (Jeanine Bunn / Daniel Dooley) To approve the agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the August 11, 2022 minutes.

PSC ACTION: Approved

V. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Derek Easterling and Brian Sirmans were reappointed to the Commission.
- We have two new Commissioners. Dr. Judi Wilson is Dean of College of Education for August University and she will fill the Higher Education position. She has been a faculty member at the university since 2003 and an educator for almost 30 years. Judi is certified to teach grades P-8 and taught elementary school in Athens, Perry, and Cochran, Georgia. She also served as a primary, middle school, and district-level administrator. She is passionate about partnerships and collaboration as well as providing support for new teacher induction. We look forward to working with her. Vonda Woodall is a social studies teacher at North

Oconee High School and a member of the Georgia Children's Cabinet. She will fill the High School Teacher slot. Woodall began her teaching career at Winder-Barrow High School in 2003 where she served as both a social studies department chair and graduation coordinator and was also named Teacher of the Year. Vonda has been a professional learning community leader, new teacher mentor, student teacher/practicum supervisor, and grant coordinator. During her career, Vonda has taught AP & General Psychology, AP & Honors World History, Economics, Government, U.S. History, and Sociology. We will send you the announcement that was posted on Governor Kemp's website after this meeting so that you can welcome them.

- Our work to support and facilitate the HBCU Collaborative is continuing. Now in its 5th year, the Collaborative continues to meet twice each academic year to promote student enrollment and completion of education programs at Georgia HBCUs. At the next meeting, on September 23rd, State Senator, Sonya Halpern will provide an update on the Senate Study Committee on Excellence, Innovation, and Technology at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), as well as other legislative initiatives impacting HBCUs.

VI. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Sirmans congratulated Derek Easterling on being reappointed and also welcomed the new Commissioners, Vonda Woodall and Dr. Judi Wilson. He was mentioned that it would be good to see everyone in-person at the next meeting.

VII. RULES PREVIEW AND ADOPTION

Chairman Sirmans called on Ann Marie Fenton to present the rules for preview.

Rules Preview

To begin this new rules cycle, the Commission previewed Certification rules, Educator Preparation rules, and a Professional Practices or Ethics, which will come before the Commission for their initiation consideration at the October 13, 2022, Commission meeting.

Windy Fortenberry previewed the proposed Certification rules amendments.

505-2-.193 COMPUTER SCIENCE MICRO-ENDORSEMENT-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.193 COMPUTER SCIENCE MICRO-ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2022, be REPEALED and a new rule with the same title and number be INITIATED to update requirements for the endorsement in response to revised preparation program standards and rules. 505-2-.191 ELEMENTARY AGRICULTURE EDUCATION (P-5) ENDORSEMENT-It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.191 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT (P-5) dated July 1, 2019, be REPEALED and a new rule titled ELEMENTARY AGRICULTURE EDUCATION (P-5) ENDORSEMENT be INITIATED to change the title, revise formatting for consistency, and update the fields to which the endorsement may be added.

Laurin Vonada previewed of a proposed Ethics rule amendment.

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 October 15, 2022, be AMENDED to add sections for sanctions and application procedures that include attachments to accompanying guidance.

Penney McRoy previewed the proposed Educator Preparation rules amendments.

505-3-.02 Educator Preparation Provider Annual Reporting and Evaluation-Amendments are proposed to reflect changes to Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures (PPEMs), which, due to the removal of edTPA and the lack of summative teacher and leader evaluation data, are no longer consequential.

Rule # 505-3-.34-.41, .86, .88

Proposed Educator Preparation Rule Changes		
Rule # 505-3-	Rule Name	Summary
.02	Educator Preparation Provider Annual Reporting and Evaluation	Amendments are proposed to reflect changes to Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures (PPEMs), which, due to the removal of edTPA and the lack of summative teacher and leader evaluation data, are no longer consequential.
.34, .35, .36, .37, .38, .39, .40, .41, .86, .88	Agriculture Education, Business Education, Family and Consumer Sciences, Healthcare Science, Marketing Education, Engineering and Technology Education, Career and Technical Specializations, Computer Science, Computer Science Endorsement, Culinary Arts Endorsement	Amendments are proposed for ten Educator Preparation Rules in Career Technical and Agriculture Education fields to update program content standards. A Task Force comprised of CTAE educators, teacher educators, and representatives of the Georgia Department of Education recommended updates to the program content standards for each rule. Also included in the Business Education, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Marketing Education rules is a standard related to financial literacy, as required by the 2022 passage of SB220 (see below).
.23 .27	Economics Education Mathematics Education	Amendments are proposed to add financial literacy standards. The passage of SB220 (2022) requires GaPSC, by January 2023, to add financial literacy standards to preparation requirements in the fields of Business Education, Economics Education, Family and Consumer Sciences, Marketing Education, and secondary Mathematics.

Rules Adoption

Regarding the rules adoption, at the July 14th Commission meeting, three proposed rules (one Certification rule; one Educator Preparation Rule; and one Professional Practices or Ethics rule) were initiated and were posted for a 30 day public comment period. No public comment was received. These rules will be become effective October 15, 2022, after adoption.

MOTION: (Dr. Brandon Seigler / Jordan Frobos) To repeal the current rule in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective October 15, 2022, as follows: 505-2-.168; adopt the current rules in Chapter 505-2-Certification, effective October 15, 2022, as follows: 505-2-.168; repeal the current rule in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2022, as follows: 505-3-.111; adopt the current rule in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2022, as follows: 505-3-.111; repeal the current rule in Chapter 505-6- Professional Practices, effective October 15, 2022, as follows: 505-6-.01; and adopt the current rule in Chapter 505-6- Professional Practices, effective October 15, 2022, as follows: 505-6-.01.

PSC ACTION: Approved

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Dr. Franklin Perry gave a preliminary review of the cases.

1. Dr. Franklin Perry reported that the Committee reviewed 45 *Probable Cause* cases during September 7, 2022, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the committee:

CASE	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
21-10-447	1,5a7	NPC
22-1-807	4, 8, 9 5a2, 5a5	Deny
22-1-840	5a7	NPC
22-3-1078	5a7	NPC
22-5-1395	1,4,5a7	NPC
22-6-1603	1,5a2,5a7	Reprimand
22-7-30	1,5a7	NPC
22-7-32	1,4,5a7	NPC
22-7-57	1,5a7	Deny
22-8-133	1,5a7	Deny
21-11-576	4, 9, 10, 5a7	NPC
21-11-579	1 & 9	Revoke
22-1-742	9	Reprimand
22-1-744	9	Suspension 90 days
22-1-831	9	Suspension 90 days
22-1-832	1,2, 9	Extend pending criminal outcome
22-1-858	2, 9	Suspension 10 days
22-2-970	1,4,5a7,8,9	NPC
22-3-1047	4, 7, 9, 10	Suspension 90 days
22-3-1105	4, 5a2, 5a7, 8, 9	Revoke
22-5-1384	4, 5a7, 8 9	NPC
22-5-1385	4,5a7,8,9	Revoke
22-5-1423	4, 5, 9	Revoke
22-5-1537	9,10	Suspension 90 days
22-5-1542	3, 9	Suspension 1 year
22-5-1545	1, 2, 9	Extend pending criminal outcome
22-5-1546	1, 2, 9	Extend pending criminal outcome
22-5-1547	9	Suspension 20 days
22-5-1567	7,9	Reprimand
22-5-1582	2, 9	Suspension 10 days
22-6-1592	7, 9	NPC
22-6-1611	2, 4, 9	Suspension 10 days
22-6-1615	1,4,9	Suspension 1 year
22-6-1619	2,3,9	Suspension 1 year
22-6-1625	1, 2, 4, 9	Suspension 30 days
22-6-1646	1,2,9	Suspension 20 days
22-6-1648	2, 9	Suspension 20 days
22-6-1656	2, 9	Revoke
22-6-1672	3,9	Suspension 1 year
22-6-1686	2, 9	Reprimand
22-7-10	4, 5a2, 5a7, 8 9	Reprimand

CASE	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
22-7-33	4, 8, 9, 5a2, 5a5	Suspension 90 days
22-7-37	5a2, 5a7	Suspension 90 days
22-7-58	9	Suspension 90 days
22-8-142	1,4,5a7,8,9	NPC

2. Dr. Franklin Perry reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 3 *Petitions Issues* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE	PREVIOUS SANCTION
22-5-1378	Revocation
22-6-1670	Voluntary Surrender
22-6-1671	Denial

3. Dr. Franklin Perry reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 12 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE	SANCTION	EERC RECOMMENDATION
21-12-719	Suspension 1 year	Accept
22-1-735	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-1-839	Reprimand	Accept
22-4-1287	Reprimand	Accept
22-4-1306	Reprimand	Accept
22-5-1454	Suspension 10 days	Accept
22-5-1508	Reprimand	Accept
22-6-1585	Reprimand	Accept
22-6-1601	Reprimand	Accept
22-6-1639	Reprimand	Accept
22-7-14	Reprimand	Accept
22-7-65	Reprimand	Accept

4. Dr. Franklin Perry reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 16 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	EERC RECOMMENDATION
19-3-1290	NPC	Accept
19-8-259	Reprimand	Accept
19-10-551	Reprimand	Accept
20-1-948	Reprimand	Accept
20-5-1521	Suspension 20 days	Accept
20-6-1705	Reprimand	Accept
21-3-910	Suspension 1 year 5 mos.	Accept
21-4-949	Suspension 5 days	Accept
21-4-1008	Reprimand	Accept

CASE	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	EERC RECOMMENDATION
21-5-1142	Reprimand	Accept
21-6-1261	Suspension 10 days	Accept
21-6-1262	Reprimand	Accept
21-10-497	Reprimand	Accept
22-2-898	Reprimand	Accept
22-3-1094	Suspension 103 days	Accept
22-3-1164	Reprimand	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>
22-5-1544	Additional complaint	Investigate
22-7-36	Educator deceased.	Admin Closure
PCE 22-1-769	Criminal extension update.	NPC
21-12-687	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-1-843	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-2-948	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-3-1070	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-5-1371	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-5-1389	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-5-1458	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-5-1505	Failed to provide requested docs.	Hold New App

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 67 new complaints received during the months of August and September 2022.

7. **VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 5 *Voluntary Surrenders* listed below in which an Educator/Applicant voluntarily accepted a sanction of Revocation 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>
20-6-1650	2, 9, 5a7	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
22-5-1572	5a7	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
22-5-1584	5a7	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
22-6-1642	4, 9	Voluntary Surrender	Accept
22-7-34	2, 4, 9	Voluntary Surrender	Accept

8. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 47 *Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations* consisting of the following:

22-8-240	22-8-246	22-8-262	22-8-269	22-8-275	22-8-281	22-8-297	22-9-317
22-8-241	22-8-247	22-8-263	22-8-270	22-8-276	22-8-282	22-9-307	22-9-318
22-8-242	22-8-248	22-8-264	22-8-271	22-8-277	22-8-293	22-9-308	22-9-319
22-8-243	22-8-249	22-8-265	22-8-272	22-8-278	22-8-294	22-9-314	22-9-320
22-8-244	22-8-250	22-8-267	22-8-273	22-8-279	22-8-295	22-9-315	22-9-322
22-8-245	22-8-251	22-8-268	22-8-274	22-8-280	22-8-296	22-9-316	

9. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting an *Investigative Extension* to the following 151 cases:

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS							
21-1-646	21-6-1316	21-12-680	22-3-1032	22-3-1184	22-4-1322	22-5-1488	22-6-1622
21-2-745	21-6-1326	21-12-681	22-3-1042	22-3-1194	22-4-1323	22-5-1503	22-6-1638
21-3-904	21-6-1333	22-1-740	22-3-1059	22-3-1186	22-4-1340	22-5-1500	22-6-1640
21-3-903	21-6-1341	22-1-792	22-3-1071	22-3-1196	22-4-1348	22-5-1512	22-6-1659
21-3-920	21-7-46	22-1-797	22-3-1073	22-3-1197	22-5-1374	22-5-1524	22-6-1658
21-3-928	21-7-71	22-1-851	22-3-1088	22-3-1214	22-5-1406	22-5-1538	22-6-1660
21-4-969	21-8-190	22-1-850	22-3-1080	22-4-1223	22-5-1419	22-5-1531	22-6-1681
21-4-966	21-8-237	22-1-856	22-3-1093	22-4-1216	22-5-1421	22-5-1521	22-6-1688
21-5-1087	21-9-308	22-2-889	22-3-1097	22-4-1225	22-5-1425	22-5-1529	22-6-1680
21-5-1111	21-9-321	22-2-910	22-3-1134	22-4-1228	22-5-1428	22-5-1530	22-6-1679
21-5-1113	21-10-384	22-2-903	22-3-1130	22-4-1258	22-5-1438	22-5-1571	22-6-1694
21-5-1117	21-10-411	22-2-904	22-3-1132	22-4-1263	22-5-1426	22-5-1575	22-6-1695
21-5-1124	21-10-444	22-2-920	22-3-1152	22-4-1266	22-5-1430	22-5-1573	22-6-1693
21-5-1174	21-11-545	22-2-934	22-3-1151	22-4-1274	22-5-1455	22-6-1608	22-7-5
21-5-1188	21-11-596	22-2-963	22-3-1148	22-4-1272	22-5-1481	22-6-1610	22-7-9
21-5-1185	21-12-626	22-2-965	22-3-1146	22-4-1276	22-5-1483	22-6-1618	22-7-31
21-6-1235	21-12-625	22-2-996	22-3-1172	22-4-1291	22-5-1480	22-6-1613	22-7-26
21-6-1241	21-12-661	22-2-982	22-3-1174	22-4-1308	22-5-1501	22-6-1612	22-7-27
21-6-1292	21-12-663	22-2-1010	22-3-1178	22-4-1314	22-5-1489	22-6-1621	

10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 16 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

11. FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF LAW

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 23 cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge.

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the Educator Ethics Review Committee report as present by Dr. Franklin Perry.

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PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstentions: Derek Easterling PID 22-8-205, NCO 20-1-948; 22-3-1164, Jimmy Atkins PCA 22-1-840, NCO 21-5-1142, Jordan Frobos NCO 22-2-898, Abigail Coggin NCO 21-10-497, Jane Rookard PID 22-8-227, PCA 22-1-742, Beth Townsend PID 22-7-103/104/105, 22-8-127, 22-8-129/130, NCO 20-5-1521,

B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee

Committee Chair, Dr. Holly Roberts, presented the report of the Educator Preparation and Certification Committee.

The committee voted to approve the proposed revisions to the GaPSC Approval Decision Options document.

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the Educator Ethics Review Committee report as present by Dr. Holley Roberts.

PSC ACTION: Approved

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Our next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13th, at 10 am. We will meet remotely and in-person and the information will be posted on our website under Commission Information. The Educator Ethics Review committee will meet on Wednesday, October 12th, at 4:00 pm remotely. The Educator Preparation and Certification committee will not meet in October. Chair Sirmans called for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

PSC ACTION: Approved