

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION In Person and Virtual Meeting via TEAMS Platform 200 Piedmont Avenue SE, Suite 1716, Atlanta, GA 30334 December 8, 2022

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Members Present

Jimmy Atkins	Kedrione Harris	Dr. Brandon Seigler
Jeanine Bunn	Nathan Lewis	Brian Sirmans
Abigail Coggin	Dr. Franklin Perry	Beth Townsend
Daniel Dooley	Dr. Holley Roberts	Dr. Jennifer Wade
Derek Easterling	Jane Rookard	Carol Williams

Members Absent

Jordan Frobos

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Sirmans called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag, and observed a moment of silence. 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: (Beth Townsend / Jeanine Bunn) To approve the agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Sirmans called for approval of the November 10, 2022 minutes.

PSC ACTION: Approved

V. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Matt Arthur greeted everyone and wished Dr. Holley Roberts a happy birthday. He spoke briefly about the GaPSC focusing on continuing to enhance our efficiency in handling ethics cases and improving processes, including developing guidance documents. The PSC is also focused on prevention of ethical missteps, including developing additional resources all to help protect educators, colleagues, schools, and students. Laurin Vonada, Anne Marie Fenton, and Dr. Kelli Young will present to the Commission today what is new in Educator Ethics.

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He also reminded the Commission that the legislative session begins on January 9th and there will be many new members. The GaPSC is looking forward to meeting the new members and working with everyone.

VI. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Sirmans spoke briefly about the Georgia ELA (English Language Arts) Standards Academic Review committee, Georgia Department of Education, which he serves on. This committee is charged with reviewing the current ELA standards. The DOE welcomes feedback from the public. Chair Sirmans said that these standards should improve the quality of the ELA instruction throughout the state of Georgia. He was very excited with the implementation of cursive handwriting, which is being added in grades three through five.

VII. RULES PREVIEW AND ADOPTION

Anne Marie Fenton presented the rules preview and a rules adoption.

Educator Preparation rules and one Certification rule were previewed. These rules will come before the Commission for initiation consideration at the January 12, 2023, Commission meeting, and if initiated, will come back to the Commission for adoption consideration at the March meeting, and if adopted will become effective April 15, 2023.

Dr. Kelli Young previewed the Certification Rule. Dr. Penney McRoy and Dr. Paquita Morgan previewed the Educator Preparation rules.

Commissioners were asked to adopt the rules the following rules that were initiated at the October 13th Commission meeting.

Certification

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 ADOPTED to change the title, revise formatting for consistency, and update the fields to which the endorsement may be added.

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 ADOPTED to update requirements for the endorsement in response to revised preparation program standards and rules.

Educator Preparation

505-3-.02 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER ANNUAL REPORTING AND EVALUATION - It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.02, EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER ANNUAL REPORTING AND EVALUATION, effective July 1, 2020, be AMENDED to reflect the change from consequential to non-consequential Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures.

505-3-.23 ECONOMICS EDUCATION PROGRAM - It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.23, ECONOMICS EDUCATION PROGRAM, effective October 15, 2018, be AMENDED to include financial literacy standards as required by Senate Bill 220 (2022). Non-substantive formatting changes are included to align the rule with current formatting guidelines.

505-3-.27 MATHEMATICS EDUCATION PROGRAM - It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.27, MATHEMATICS EDUCATION PROGRAM, effective October 15, 2021, be AMENDED to include financial literacy standards as required by Senate Bill 220 (2022).

505-3-.34 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM - It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.34 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM, dated October 15, 2014, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and the same title be ADOPTED. The new rule includes updated program content standards.

505-3-.35 BUSINESS EDUCATION PROGRAM - It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.35, BUSINESS EDUCATION PROGRAM, dated October 15, 2014, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and the same title be ADOPTED. The new rule includes updated program content standards.

505-3-.36 FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION PROGRAM - It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.36, FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION PROGRAM dated October 15, 2014, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be ADOPTED. The new rule includes updated program content standards.

505-3-.37 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE PROGRAM - It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.37, HEALTHCARE SCIENCE PROGRAM dated OCTOBER 15, 2014, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be ADOPTED. The new rule includes updated program content standards.

505-3-.38 MARKETING EDUCATION PROGRAM - It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.38, MARKETING EDUCATION PROGRAM, dated October 15, 2014, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be ADOPTED. The new rule includes updated program content standards.

505-3-.39 ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAM - It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.39, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAM dated October 15, 2014, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be ADOPTED. The new rule includes updated program content standards.

505-3-.40 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS PROGRAM - It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.40 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS PROGRAM (6-12) dated January 15, 2015, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and the same title be ADOPTED. The new rule includes updated fields and program content standards.

505-3-.41 COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM - It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.41, COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM (P-12) dated June 15, 2017, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be ADOPTED. The new rule includes updated program content standards.

505-3-.86 COMPUTER SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM - It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.86, COMPUTER SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM (P-12) dated July 1, 2021, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be ADOPTED. The new rule includes updated program content standards.

505-3-.88 CULINARY ARTS ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM - It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.88, CULINARY ARTS ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM, dated July 1, 2021, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be ADOPTED. The new rule includes updated program content standards.

Professional Practices

505-6-.01 THE GEORGIA 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.

During the 30 day public comment period, one comment was received regarding support for adding financial literacy standards to the mathematics education core curriculum (505-3-.27 MATHEMATICS EDUCATION PROGRAM).

MOTION: (Beth Townsend / Nathan Lewis) To (1) repeal the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2023, as follows: 505-2-.191, and 505-2-.193; (2) adopt the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2023, as follows: 505-2-.191, and 505-2-.193; (3) amend the current rule in

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Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2023, as follows: 505-3-.02, 505-3-.23; and 505-3-.27; (4) repeal the current rule in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2023, as follows: 505-3-.34, 505-3-.35, 505-3-.36, 505-3-.37, 505-3-.38, 505-3-.39, 505-3-.40, 505-3-.41, 505-3-.86, 505-3-.88; 5) adopt the current rule in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2023, as follows: 505-3-.34, 505-3-.35, 505-3-.36, 505-3-.37, 505-3-.38, 505-3-.39, 505-3-.40, 505-3-.41, 505-3-.86, 505-3-.88; (6) repeal the current rule in Chapter 505-6- Professional Practices, effective January 1, 2023, as follows: 505-6-.01; and (7) adopt the current rule in Chapter 505-6- Professional Practices, effective January 1, 2023, as follows: 505-6-.01.

PSC ACTION: Approved

VIII. A FOCUS ON ETHICS: MANAGING CASES AND PREVENTING MISSTEPS

Laurin Vonada gave an interactive Educator Ethics presentation and provided Commissioners with guidance documents. She started the presentation by giving a refresher course for those that serve on the Educator Ethics Review committee and an introduction course for Commissioners that serve on the Educator Preparation committee. She reiterated how important it is for Commissioners to provide their recommendations on the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda allows Commissioners to vote on all the cases at one time rather than voting on each case at the Thursday Commission meeting.

Anne Marie Fenton gave a presentation that focused on retention through prevention. The GaPSC is focusing on being proactive instead of reacting to something that could have been prevented. We want to armor educators with information regarding the Georgia Code of Ethics which will aid educators when navigating the gray areas of decision making where one needs to think and consider what could go wrong. Georgia is also the only state in the nation to have an ethics assessment as part of their certification licensure. Anne Marie reviewed the data surrounding this Ethics assessment for Teachers and Leaders and the Paraprofessional Ethics assessment.

Anne Marie Fenton announced that we would be producing a new video series for Educator Ethics, Educator Preparation, and Certification. Dr. Kelli Young previewed the newest video on the Personal Affirmation questions that gives directions on how to answer them. She also introduced Certie, the new mascot for the Certification division. These videos will be embedded on our website so that when someone has questions, they can click on the short video to find their answers.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Chair Beth Townsend of the Educator Ethics Review Committee (EERC), gave a preliminary review of the cases.

1. Chair Townsend reported that the Committee reviewed 69 ***Probable Cause*** cases during the December 7, 2022, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
22-2-889	1, 4 5a2,5a7,8,9	NPC	Accept
22-6-1618	1,5a7	Deny	Accept
22-8-167	1,4,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-190	1	Deny	Accept
22-8-200	1,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-214	1,4,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-306	1,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-325	1, 5a7	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-425	1,4,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-437	1,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-467	1,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
22-10-597	1,4,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
22-11-623	1,5a7	Reprimand	Accept
19-10-564	1, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
20-11-418	1, 2, 9, 5a7	NPC	Accept
21-1-646	2 & 9	Revoke	Accept
21-3-904	1,4,5a7,8,9	Extend pending criminal outcome	Accept
21-5-1188	1,4,5a7,8,9	Revoke	Accept
21-11-545	1,4,5a7,8,9	Revoke	Accept
21-12-626	2, 9	Suspension 20 days	Accept
22-1-792	1, 4, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
22-1-850	1,4, 8,9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
22-3-1088	1, 4, 9, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
22-3-1152	4, 9, 5a5, 5a7	Revoke	Accept
22-7-3	9	NPC	Accept
22-7-72	4, 9	NPC	Accept
22-8-124	1,4,5a7,8,9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-8-132	1,4,5a7,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-136	2, 9	Suspension 2 years	Accept
22-8-181	9	NPC	Accept
22-8-185	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-8-226	1, 8, 9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
22-8-245	1,9	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-251	1,2,9	Extend pending criminal outcome	Accept
22-8-296	2, 9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-9-307	1,4,9	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-317	1, 4, 8, 9	Extend pending criminal outcome	Accept
22-9-319	2, 9	NPC	Accept
22-9-320	4,5,9	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-322	2, 9	Suspension 5 days	Accept
22-9-326	1, 2, 9	Extend pending criminal outcome	Accept
22-9-327	1, 2, 9	Extend pending criminal outcome	Accept
22-9-339	5a2, 5a5	NPC	Accept
22-9-340	5a2, 5a5	Suspension 30 days	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>STANDARDS VIOLATED</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
22-9-346	2, 9	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-356	4,5,9	Revoke	Accept
22-9-358	9	NPC	Accept
22-9-363	1,4,5a7,8,9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
22-9-374	3, 9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
22-9-383	2,9	NPC	Accept
22-9-385	1, 9	Extend pending criminal outcome	Accept
22-9-387	2, 9	Revoke	Accept
22-9-388	2, 9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
22-9-389	3,9	Suspension 1 year	Accept
22-9-403	2, 9	Suspension 10 days	Accept
22-9-404	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-9-411	2, 9, 5a7	Minimum 1 year suspension and can petition for reinstatement upon completion of course, then 12 months monitoring	Accept
22-9-412	2,9	Suspension 30 days	Accept
22-9-413	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-9-415	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-9-418	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-9-424	1,4,5a7,8,9	NPC	Accept
22-10-478	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-10-513	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-10-520	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-10-525	1,4,5a7,8,9	Reprimand	Accept
22-10-532	2, 9	Reprimand	Accept
22-10-542	9	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-10-545	1, 9	Extend pending criminal outcome	Accept

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

<u>CASE</u>	<u>PREVIOUS SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
22-9-321	VS	Grant
22-9-377	VS	Grant

3. Chair Townsend reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 13 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
21-3-950	Reprimand	Accept

<u>CASE</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
22-2-965	Reprimand	Accept
22-3-1093	Suspension 1 year	Accept
22-7-55	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-146	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-184	Suspension 90 days	Accept
22-8-222	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-239	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-263	Reprimand	Accept
22-8-297	Suspension 1 year	Accept
22-9-336	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-362	Reprimand	Accept
22-9-386	Reprimand	Accept

4. Chair Townsend reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 12 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

<u>CASE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATED SANCTION</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
19-3-1210	Suspension 3 years	Accept
20-1-1108	Reprimand	Accept
20-11-452	Suspension 1 year	Accept
21-4-980	Suspension 3 years	Accept
21-11-526	Suspension 20 days	Accept
21-12-644	Suspension 1 year	Accept
22-1-744	NPC	Accept
22-2-1017	Suspension 75 days	Accept
22-4-1320	Warning	Accept
22-5-1566	Reprimand	Accept
22-6-1600	Warning	Accept
22-6-1615	Suspension 80 days	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>
22-10-601	Voluntary Denial	Accept
22-1-797	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-2-920	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-5-1529	Failure to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-5-1571	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-6-1610	Failure to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-8-170	Failure to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-8-206	Failure to respond.	Hold New App

<u>CASE</u>	<u>FINDINGS OF FACTS</u>	<u>EERC RECOMMENDATION</u>
22-8-284	Failure to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-9-330	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-359	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-368	Failure to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-9-370	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-372	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-373	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-393	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-399	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-400	Failure to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-9-421	Failure to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-9-435	Failure to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-9-436	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-438	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-442	Failure to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-9-446	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-450	Failure to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-9-454	Failure to provide requested docs.	Hold New App
22-9-455	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-460	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-462	Failure to respond.	Hold New App
22-9-469	Failure to respond.	Hold New App

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 68 new complaints received during the months of November and December 2022.

7. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 33 *Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations* consisting of the following:

22-11-687	22-11-699	22-11-712	22-11-717	22-11-723	22-12-732	22-12-737
22-11-688	22-11-704	22-11-713	22-11-718	22-12-728	22-12-733	22-12-740
22-11-689	22-11-705	22-11-714	22-11-719	22-12-729	22-12-734	22-12-741
22-11-694	22-11-707	22-11-715	22-11-720	22-12-730	22-12-735	
22-11-698	22-11-710	22-11-716	22-11-721	22-12-731	22-12-736	

8. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting an *Investigative Extension* to the following 158 cases:

<u>WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS</u>							
21-5-1117	22-4-1258	22-5-1481	22-6-1627	22-7-51	22-8-160	22-9-310	22-9-461

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS							
21-6-1326	22-4-1263	22-5-1483	22-6-1633	22-7-52	22-8-161	22-9-324	22-9-465
21-10-411	22-4-1272	22-5-1488	22-6-1647	22-7-59	22-8-163	22-9-332	22-9-466
22-1-851	22-4-1274	22-5-1489	22-6-1654	22-7-61	22-8-175	22-9-334	22-10-485
22-1-856	22-4-1276	22-5-1500	22-6-1655	22-7-64	22-8-187	22-9-337	22-10-488
22-2-963	22-4-1308	22-5-1501	22-6-1658	22-7-82	22-8-204	22-9-360	22-10-489
22-2-982	22-4-1314	22-5-1503	22-6-1659	22-7-86	22-8-209	22-9-378	22-10-498
22-2-996	22-4-1322	22-5-1512	22-6-1667	22-7-89	22-8-211	22-9-395	22-10-499
22-3-1059	22-4-1323	22-5-1521	22-6-1681	22-8-119	22-8-215	22-9-396	22-10-501
22-3-1080	22-4-1340	22-5-1524	22-6-1692	22-8-120	22-8-218	22-9-397	22-10-503
22-3-1146	22-4-1348	22-5-1530	22-6-1693	22-8-121	22-8-237	22-9-401	22-10-504
22-3-1172	22-5-1406	22-5-1534	22-6-1695	22-8-123	22-8-238	22-9-423	22-10-505
22-3-1174	22-5-1419	22-5-1564	22-7-5	22-8-125	22-8-254	22-9-431	22-10-508
22-3-1186	22-5-1421	22-5-1573	22-7-15	22-8-139	22-8-266	22-9-439	22-10-509
22-3-1194	22-5-1425	22-5-1575	22-7-27	22-8-143	22-8-285	22-9-440	22-10-510
22-3-1196	22-5-1426	22-6-1608	22-7-31	22-8-147	22-8-289	22-9-444	22-10-521
22-3-1197	22-5-1430	22-6-1612	22-7-35	22-8-148	22-8-292	22-9-445	22-10-523
22-3-1214	22-5-1438	22-6-1613	22-7-39	22-8-150	22-8-301	22-9-448	22-10-526
22-4-1223	22-5-1455	22-6-1622	22-7-47	22-8-151	22-8-302	22-9-450	
22-4-1225	22-5-1480	22-6-1626	22-7-49	22-8-156	22-8-304	22-9-451	

9. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 14 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

10. FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF LAW

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 24 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 Chair Beth Townsend.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Abstentions: Derek Easterling-PID 22-11-642, Brian Sirmans-PCE 22-9-317, Dr. Jennifer Wade-PID 22-10-614, Jimmy Atkins-PCA 22-9-306, PCE 21-5-1188, Clearance 22-10-502, Dr. Holley Roberts-NCO 22-2-1017, Carol Williams-PID 22-10-607, 22-10-608, 22-10-609, 22-10-610, Abigail Coggin-PCE 22-9-403, Jane Rookard-PCA 22-9-467, PCE 22-9-385, 22-1-792, Clearance 22-10-550, Beth Townsend PID 22-11-669, PCE 22-9-388

B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee

Committee Chair, Dr. Holley Roberts, presented the report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee.

1. Chattahoochee Flint RESA-The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP) program reviewed during the Fall 2022 First Continuing Approval Review.

2. College of Coastal Georgia-The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) and the following four educator preparation programs reviewed during the Fall 2022 Continuing Approval Review.
 - Mathematics Education (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree]
 - Middle Grades Education Program (4-8) -- Language arts, Math, Science, Social science [Baccalaureate degree]
 - Science Education - Biology (6-12) [Baccalaureate degree]
 - Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary (P-5) [Baccalaureate degree]
3. Middle Georgia State University- As a result of satisfactory progress indicated in the September 20, 2022, progress report, the Committee recommends the removal of the area for improvement (AFI) in Standard 5.2 for the EPP.
4. Muscogee County School District-The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the GaTAPP program reviewed during the Fall 2022 First Continuing Approval Review.
5. North Georgia RESA-The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the GaTAPP program reviewed during the Fall 2022 First Continuing Approval Review.
6. Savannah Chatham County School System - The Committee recommends Continuing Approval for the GaTAPP program reviewed during the Fall 2022 First Continuing Approval Review. The Committee recommends the submission of a progress report due December 18, 2023, addressing all AFIs cited during the Fall 2022 First Continuing Approval Review.
7. Georgia Gwinnett College-The Committee recommends Developmental Approval for the Autism Endorsement.

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

PSC ACTION: Approved

X. ADJOURNMENT

Our next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12th, virtually at 4 pm. Meeting information will be posted on our website under Commission Information. The Educator Ethics Review committee and Educator Preparation and Certification committee meeting will meet on Wednesday, January 11th, at 4:00 pm virtually. Log in information will be posted on our website closer to the date of the meeting. Chair Sirmans wished everyone happy holidays and called for the meeting to be adjourned at 11:38.

PSC ACTION: Approved