

# MINUTES

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Brasstown Valley Resort

Young Harris, Georgia

November 8, 2007

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 9 a.m.

### Members Present

Maria Bradley  
Sallie Bullock  
Stephen Dartt  
Jean Ebron  
Mary Gomez  
Maria Miller

Dr. Louisa Moffitt  
Lee Muns  
Dr. Mary Outlaw  
Rose Powell  
Dr. Holly Robinson  
Dr. Craig Smith

Jeannie Tucker  
Hester Vasconcelos  
Dr. Wanda West  
Dr. Debbie Wilkes

### Members Absent

Gary Bechtel

Pamela Greenway

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilkes called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and a moment of silence.

### II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chair Wilkes recognized the visitors.

- Allene Magill, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Gayle Wooten, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Cynthia Panter, Fannin County School System, Associate Superintendent
- Fran Swantic, LMU
- Herb Garrett, Georgia School Superintendents Association

### III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Wilkes called for approval of the agenda.

**MOTION:** (Muns / Vasconcelos) To approve the agenda.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Wilkes called for approval of the minutes from the October 11, 2007, Commission meeting.

**PSC ACTION:****V. COMMITTEE REPORTS****A. Ethics and Professional Conduct --Recommendations and Actions on Cases**

Commissioner Maria Miller of the Educator Ethics Review Committee (EERC), gave a preliminary review of the Cases.

1. Ms. Miller reported that the Committee reviewed 42 **Probable Cause** cases during its November 7, 2007, meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	07-1-816	Misrepresentation or Falsification	No Probable Cause
2	07-6-1462	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Denial
3	07-6-1466	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
4	07-6-1491	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand
5	07-6-1492	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand
6	07-6-1494	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand
7	07-6-1499	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
8	07-6-1503	Action Taken in Another State	Denial
9	07-6-1505	Action Taken in Another State	Denial
10	07-6-1553	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
11	07-6-1557	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report	Reprimand
12	07-6-1605	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
13	07-6-1608	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
14	07-6-1659	Action Taken in Another State	Reprimand
15	06-5-1243	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
16	07-1-720	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation
17	07-4-1182	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
18	07-4-1185	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
19	07-4-1195	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
20	07-4-1201	Confidential Information DOE Rule 160-3-1-.07	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
21	07-4-1202	Confidential Information Professional Conduct DOE Rule 160-3-1-.07	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
22	07-5-1221	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
23	07-5-1248	Abuse of Students Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Revocation
24	07-5-1282	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
25	07-5-1325	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand
26	07-6-1372	Confidential Information Professional Conduct + DOE Rule 160-3-1-.07	Reprimand
27	07-6-1382	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
28	07-6-1576	Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
29	07-6-1580	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
30	07-6-1595	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
31	07-6-1645	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
32	07-7-63	Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
33	07-7-72	Abandonment of Contract Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
34	07-8-111	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
35	07-8-121	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
36	07-8-126	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
37	07-8-136	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Extend Probable Cause Determination Pending Outcome of Criminal Case
38	07-8-149	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Denial

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
39	07-8-152	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Reprimand
40	07-8-160	O.C.G.A. §20-2-212 (a) Public Funds and Property Abandonment of Contract	No Probable Cause
41	07-8-161	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct Other Good and Sufficient Cause	Suspension – 1 Year
42	07-9-218	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Revocation

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

2. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 1 *Initial Decision* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
05-6-1887	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	ACCEPT

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

3. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 8 *Petitions Issues* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE NUMBER	REQUEST	PREVIOUS SANCTION	PREVIOUS VIOLATION	RECOMM.
06-8-152	Early Reinstatement - Suspended Certificate	Suspension – 2 Years 3/31/07 – 3/31/09	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	DENY
05-5-1663	Early Reinstatement – Suspended Certificate	Suspension – 2 Years 11/25/05 – 11/25/07	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	DENY
05-3-1485	Early Reinstatement – Suspended Certificate	Suspension – 2 Years 07/29/05 – 07/29/08	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	DENY
07-9-227	Right to Reapply	Revocation – 4/9/2001	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	DENY
06-10-350	Early Reinstatement – Suspended Certificate	Suspension – 1 Year 3/23/07 – 3/23/08	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	DENY
04-3-1382	Early Reinstatement – Suspended Certificate	Suspension – 4 Months 10/13/07 – 02/13/08	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	DENY

CASE NUMBER	REQUEST	PREVIOUS SANCTION	PREVIOUS VIOLATION	RECOMM.
07-7-61	Reconsideration - Right to Reapply	Revocation 04/08/2001	Criminal Acts	GRANT
07-9-216	Right to Reapply	Denial 11/10/05	Criminal Acts	GRANT

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

4. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 13 *Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE NUMBER	VIOLATIONS	RECOMMENDATION	PSC ACTION
1	07-3-1038	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Accept
2	07-4-1118	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 10 Contract Days (RETRO ACTIVE) 03/12/07 – 03/23/07	Accept
3	07-4-1174	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 5 Contract Days 01/02/08 – 01/08/08	Accept
4	07-4-1178	Alcohol or Drugs Confidential Information Professional Conduct DOE Rule 160-3-1-.07	Suspension – One Year 11/23/07 – 11/23/08	Accept
5	07-5-1337	Confidential Information DOE Rule 160-3-1-.07	Suspension – 5 Contract Days 01/07/08 – 01/11/08	Accept
6	07-5-1345	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand	Accept
7	07-6-1428	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report	Reprimand	Accept
8	07-6-1440	Criminal Acts	Reprimand	Accept
9	07-6-1475	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand	Accept
10	07-6-1485	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand	Accept
11	07-6-1487	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Reprimand	Accept
12	07-6-1488	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report	Reprimand	Accept
13	07-6-1519	Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1184 (a)	Suspension – 5 Contract Days (RETRO ACTIVE) 06/1/07 – 06/5/07	Accept

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

5. Ms. Miller reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 15 *Negotiated Settlement*

**Agreements** and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
1	04-12-773	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	No Probable Cause	Accept
2	06-2-876	Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days	Suspension – 5 Contract Days	Accept
3	06-2-928	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	Accept
4	06-3-1042	Professional Conduct	Suspension – One Year	Suspension – One Year (Serve Retroactively for Time Unemployed)	Accept
5	06-4-1152	Abuse of Students Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Revocation	Revocation	Accept
6	06-6-1497	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Suspension – One Year	No Probable Cause	Accept
7	06-8-131	Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days	Suspension – 60 Contract Days	Accept
8	06-9-262	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days	Suspension – 90 Contract Days	Accept
9	06-10-387	Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days	Suspension – 3 Contract Days	REJECT
10	06-10-391	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days	No Probable Cause	Accept
11	06-11-545	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Revocation	No Probable Cause	Accept
12	06-12-661	Criminal Acts	Revocation	Suspension – One Year	REJECT
13	06-12-664	Professional Conduct	Reprimand	Warning	Accept
14	07-2-979	Alcohol Or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension – One Year	Suspension – 6 Months	REJECT
15	07-6-1399	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Denial	Reprimand	Accept

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

Case # 06-12-661

**MOTION:** (Muns / Robinson) To accept the committees' recommendation for a One Year Suspension.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Preliminary Investigative Determination Report* consisting of 57 new complaints received during the months of October and November 2007.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

### 7. **EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations* consisting of the following 18 cases:

CASE #	Complaint Received
07-10-295	September 28, 2007
07-10-297	October 1, 2007
07-10-298	October 2, 2007
07-10-299	October 2, 2007
07-10-300	October 2, 2007
07-10-301	October 3, 2007
07-10-302	October 4, 2007
07-10-303	October 4, 2007
07-10-304	October 4, 2007
07-10-305	October 4, 2007
07-10-306	October 4, 2007
07-10-307	October 4, 2007
07-10-308	October 5, 2007
07-10-309	October 5, 2007
07-10-310	October 5, 2007
07-10-311	October 5, 2007
07-10-312	October 5, 2007
07-10-313	October 5, 2007

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

### 8. **VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS / VOLUNTARY DENIALS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the *Voluntary Surrender/Voluntary Denial* consisting of the following case:

EDUCATOR	STANDARDS VIOLATED	SANCTION	EERC Recomm.
Matthew Moncus	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Accept

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

### 9. **EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting and *Investigative Extension* to the following 61 Written Complaints and 53 Application cases 34 cases:

**WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS:**

07-5-1209	07-7-60	07-5-1281	07-6-1579	07-3-1100	07-8-146	07-6-1525	07-8-125
07-6-1394	07-7-65	07-5-1287	07-6-1586	07-5-1275	07-8-162	07-6-1526	07-8-164
07-6-1516	07-8-103	07-5-1335	07-7-40	07-5-1331	07-8-171	07-6-1582	07-8-166
07-6-1517	07-8-108	07-5-1336	07-7-71	07-6-1647	07-8-172	07-7-41	07-8-167
07-6-1578	07-8-113	07-5-1350	07-8-110	07-8-117	07-5-1285	07-7-43	07-8-173
07-6-1648	07-8-120	07-6-1373	07-8-118	07-8-124	07-5-1326	07-8-106	
07-7-37	07-5-1249	07-6-1393	07-8-137	07-8-132	07-5-1340	07-8-122	
07-7-42	07-5-1263	07-6-1577	07-8-147	07-8-143	07-6-1398	07-8-123	

**APPLICATION CASE EXTENSIONS:**

07-6-1464	07-6-1509	07-6-1566	07-7-8	07-8-119	07-9-204	07-9-249
07-6-1477	07-6-1538	07-6-1568	07-7-10	07-8-130	07-9-208	07-9-262
07-6-1489	07-6-1539	07-6-1615	07-7-38	07-8-131	07-9-220	07-9-263
07-6-1493	07-6-1542	07-6-1639	07-7-47	07-8-135	07-9-226	07-9-267
07-6-1504	07-6-1548	07-6-1658	07-7-51	07-8-145	07-9-242	07-9-270
07-6-1506	07-6-1550	07-6-1660	07-7-67	07-9-191	07-9-243	
07-6-1507	07-6-1561	07-7-1	07-7-74	07-9-196	07-9-247	
07-6-1508	07-6-1564	07-7-6	07-8-104	07-9-197	07-9-248	

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

**10. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 33 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

**11. REVIEW HEARING EXTENSIONS**

The Commission reviewed the *Review Hearing Extensions Report* concerning 1 hearing case. An Administrative Law Judge rendered an Initial Decision on the case referenced in the report. The report indicates Orders were issued.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

**12. STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSION / REINSTATEMENTS**

The Commission reviewed the report, which indicated that there were 4 certificates suspended from October 11,



2007 through November 8, 2007. There were 8 certificates that had been *reinstated* because restitution is now being made on those student loans. There were 6 issues where notification had been received to suspend but releases was received prior to the actual suspension being implemented. Restitution is now being made on those student loans.

### 13. **FINAL DECISIONS BY OPERATION OF LAW**

The Commission reviewed the report, which advised of 17 cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The report also advised that there were no cases closed without an appeal for a review hearing before the Commission.

#### **B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee**

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

<b>Institution / Agency</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Augusta State University	Developmental Approval for the initial M.A.T. programs in Early Childhood (P-5); Middle Grades (4-8); Biology (6-12); Chemistry (6-12); English (6-12); Foreign Language–French & Spanish (P-12); Health and Physical Education (P-12); Mathematics (6-12); Music (P-12); Physics (6-12); Political Science (6-12); Special Education-General Curriculum (P-12); and Special Education-Adapted Curriculum (P-12).
Dalton State College	Developmental Approval for the professional education unit and the Early Childhood (P-5; initial) program. For the ESOL Endorsement program: Developmental Provisional Approval, Option 1a--A progress report is due May 8, 2008 addressing Standard 2 and the areas for improvement cited in the BOE Report.
Valdosta State University	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The area for improvement, “candidates do not demonstrate the ability to assess P-12 student learning and use assessments in instruction”, cited on Standard 1 for the advanced Business Education program may be removed</li> <li>2. Continuing Approval for the following programs: Early Childhood (P-5; I &amp; A); Middle Grades (4-8; I &amp; A); Biology (6-12; I); Business (6-12; I &amp; A); Chemistry (6-12; I); Earth &amp; Space Science (6-12; I); English (6-12; I); Healthcare Science Technology (6-12; I); History (6-12; I); Mathematics (6-12; I); Physics (6-12; I); Political Science (6-12; I); Trade &amp; Industrial (6-12; I &amp; A); Art (P-12; I); French (P-12; I); Health and Physical Education (P-12; I &amp; A); Music (P-12; I &amp; A); Reading Education (P-12; I &amp; endorsement); Spanish (P-12; I &amp; A); Hearing Impaired/Deaf Education (P-12; I); Special Education- General Curriculum/Early Childhood (P-5; I); Communication Disorders (I); Media Specialist (I); School Counselor (I &amp; A); School Psychology (I); Director of Career &amp; Technical Education Endorsement (Leadership); ESOL Endorsement (P-12); and Gifted Education Endorsement (P-12).</li> <li>3. Developmental Approval for the following programs: Early Childhood Mathematics (P-5; endorsement); Special Education – Adapted Curriculum (P-12; I); Special Education – General Curriculum (P-12; I); and Special Education – Physical &amp; Health Disabilities (P-12; endorsement).</li> <li>4. A Progress Report is due March 1, 2008 addressing the areas for improvement cited in the PSC BOE Report.</li> </ol>

<b>Institution / Agency</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Brewton-Parker College	Approval with Probation for the initial preparation programs in Early Childhood (P-5); Middle Grades (4-8); English (6-12); Mathematics (6-12); Science – Broad Field (6-12); Social Science – Broad Field (6-12, replaced with History); and Music (P-12). A Developmental on-site review of the educator preparation programs is to occur by spring 2009 and shall coincide with the NCATE Focused Visit for the professional education unit.
Atlanta Christian College	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Progress is satisfactory in addressing the areas for improvement cited for the initial program in Early Childhood and the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement program.</li> <li>2. The areas for improvement cited on Standard 1 remain.</li> <li>3. The areas for improvement cited on Standard 2 may be removed.</li> <li>4. The status of Standard 2 may be changed from Not Met to Met.</li> <li>5. The area for improvement cited on Standard 3 may be removed.</li> <li>6. The area for improvement cited on Standard 8 may be removed.</li> <li>7. The approval status of the Early Childhood program and the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement program may be changed from Continuing Approval with Conditions to Continuing Approval.</li> </ol>
Georgia Southern University	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Progress has been made in addressing the area for improvement, “Candidate performance on state certification tests does not demonstrate content knowledge”, cited on Standard 1 for the following programs: Art (I); English (I); Foreign Language --French, German, Spanish (I); Mathematics (I); Middle Grades; Science (I); Social Science (I); and Technology. The area for improvement may be removed.</li> <li>2. Unsatisfactory progress has been made in addressing the area for improvement, “Dispositions for candidates are not clearly defined or systematically assessed” cited on Standard 1 for the following programs: Art (I &amp; A); English (I); English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement; Foreign Language --French, German, Spanish (I &amp; A); Health &amp; Physical Education (A); Mathematics (I); Science (I); and Social Science (I). The area for improvement remains.</li> <li>3. Unsatisfactory progress has been made in addressing the area for improvement, “the assessment system does not provide data on candidate performance on specific standards”, cited on Standard 2 for the advanced Early Childhood program. The area for improvement remains.</li> <li>4. Unsatisfactory progress has been made in addressing the areas for improvement, “The program has not developed an assessment instrument for collecting data on candidate dispositions” (St.1) and “The program has not developed assessment instruments that will allow collection of candidate performance data on standards” (St. 2), cited for the following Master of Arts in Teaching, initial programs: Art; Business; English; Mathematics; Middle Grades; Science; Social Science; and Spanish. The areas for improvement remain.</li> <li>5. The remaining areas for improvement shall be addressed in a Progress Report due</li> </ol>
Georgia State University - Special Education/ECE program and TSS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Satisfactory progress is being made in addressing areas for improvement cited on Standards 1, 2, 3, and 8 for the Teacher Support Specialist Endorsement program.</li> <li>2. The areas for improvement cited on Standards 1, 2, and 3 remain.</li> <li>3. The area for improvement, “Program content is not aligned with the appropriate TSS content standards” cited on Standard 8 may be removed.</li> <li>4. The next regularly-scheduled TSS Endorsement Progress Report is due January 11,</li> </ol>

<b>Institution / Agency</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Endorsement	2008
Thomas University	Progress is satisfactory. The next Progress Report is due December 30, 2007.
Chattahoochee -Flint RESA – Reading & TSS Endorsements	Satisfactory progress has been made in addressing the areas for improvement cited on Standards 1 and 3. The areas for improvement may be removed.
Griffin RESA-Gifted Endorsement & TAPP	<u>Gifted Endorsement</u> : Satisfactory progress has been made in addressing the area for improvement cited on Standard 3. The area for improvement may be removed. <u>TAPP</u> : Satisfactory progress has been made in addressing the areas for improvement cited on Standards 2, 3, and 6; the areas for improvement may be removed. The status of Standard 2 may be changed from Not Met to Met and the approval status of the professional education unit and TAPP may be changed from Developmental Provisional Approval to Developmental Approval.
Northwest GA RESA – Gifted & Reading Endorsements	<u>Gifted Endorsement</u> : Satisfactory progress has been made in addressing the area for improvement cited on Standard 1; the area for improvement is removed. <u>Reading Endorsement</u> : Satisfactory progress has been made in addressing the area for improvement cited on Standard 1; the area for improvement is removed.
West GA RESA – Gifted & ESOL Endorsements	<u>ESOL Endorsement</u> : Satisfactory progress has been made in addressing the areas for improvement cited on Standards 2, 4 and 7. The areas for improvement may be removed. <u>Gifted Endorsement</u> : Satisfactory progress has been made in addressing the areas for improvement cited on Standards 2, 4 and 7. The areas for improvement may be removed.
DeKalb County Schools – TSS Endorsement	Satisfactory progress has been made in addressing the area for improvement cited on Standard 1. The area for improvement may be removed.
Fulton County Schools – ESOL Endorsement	Satisfactory progress has been made in addressing the area for improvement cited on Standard 1. The area for improvement may be removed.
Spring Hill College – Instructional Tech. Course	Satisfactory progress has been made in addressing two areas for improvement cited for the Instructional Technology course, EDU 520 Computer Based Instructional Technologies. The areas for improvement may be removed.

**PSC ACTION**: Approved

## **VI. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT**

The Executive Secretary presented the following:

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A. The Governor has appointed Emily Jennette to take the place of Mary Gomez on the commission. Ms. Jennette is from Marietta City Schools and she was also named Teacher of Year. This will be Mary Gomez's last meeting. He thanked her for her work and dedication

B. Dr. Toth gave a brief overview of The Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) Quarterly Report (July through September 2007) and gave a copy to all the commissioners.

C. Rick Esierman reviewed the Educational Leadership, Leadership Endorsements and School Counseling Rules for re-initiation.

**MOTION:** (Robinson / Muns) To initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act so as to provide for (1) repealing the current rules in Chapter 505-2 (Certification), effective January 15, 2008, as follows: 505-2-.300; (2) amending the current rules in Chapter 505-2 (Certification), effective January 15, 2008, as follows: 505-2-.202 and 505-2-.350; and (3) adopting new rules for Chapter 505-2 (Certification), effective January 15, 2008, as follows: 505-2-.300.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

D. Rick Esierman introduced the rules for adoption.

**MOTION:** (Muns / Smith) In accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, (1) repeal the current rules in Chapter 505-2 (Certification), effective December 15, 2007, as follows: 505-2-.351, 505-2-.352, 505-2-.353, 505-2-.354 and 505-2-.355; (2) amend the current rules in Chapter 505-2 (Certification), effective December 15, 2007, as follows: 505-2-.10, 505-2-.20, 505-2-.26, 505-2-.64, 505-2-.96, and 505-2-.150; (3) adopt new rules for Chapter 505-2 (Certification), effective December 15, 2007, as follows: 505-2-.166, 505-2-.167, and 505-2-.351; and (4) adopt new rules for Chapter 505-3 (Educator Preparation), effective December 15, 2007, as follows: 505-3-.62 and 505-3-.63..

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

## **VII. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Wilkes presented the following:

A. Jeanne Tucker attended the NASDTEC conference in Orlando, Florida and she gave the commission a brief overview of the conference.

B. Maria Miller attended the Joint Education Boards Liaison Committee JEBLC held on October 29, 2007, at the Georgia Department of Education. She gave a brief overview of the meeting.

C. Chair Wilkes requested a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

**MOTION:** (Robinson / Muns) To go into Executive Session.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

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

**ACTION:** Approved

**MOTION:** (Moffitt / Bradley) With personal regret we accept the resignation of Dr. F.D. Toth effective November 15, 2007.

**ACTION:** Approved

**MOTION:** (Muns / Bradley) To adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Dr. F.D. Toth has spent a lifetime committed to consistently improving and preparing Georgia educators; and

WHEREAS, Dr. F.D. Toth has always been committed to the ideal that the future hinges on the quality of our educator and our educational system; and

WHEREAS, Dr. F.D. Toth has traveled to the many corners, classrooms, and lecture halls of this great state to ensure that others had a voice, got a taste of his passion for education, and most of all made a new friend.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GEORGIA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION wishes to convey its heartfelt appreciation for Dr. F.D. Toth's years of service to this body. His service and impact will be known for many years to come.

**ACTION:** Approved

**MOTION:** (Muns / Bradley) The Nominating Committee (Dr. Mary Outlaw, Maria Bradley and Lee Muns) hereby make a motion to recommend Mr. Kelly Henson to the position of Executive Secretary of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. The effective start date shall be December 1, 2007, and we hereby direct the chair to handle the employment details and any contractual matters to coincide with the budget of the Commission.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved

F.D. On behalf of the Professional Standards Commissioners, I want to thank you for your service. You have always been about improving ways in which teachers pursue our profession. You have supported leadership of others from your staff to your commissioners. You have been a mentor to me as the Chairperson and I will always be grateful. You are a person who looks for alternative ways to do things. "No" has not been used very often by you and the fact that you did not say "No" helped the Early Childhood Profession. Your willingness to promote the Birth – Five Certification, a certification that many of us in the Early Childhood Field had pursued since the early 1990's means a great deal to me personally and professionally. It is the opportunity to join Early Childhood with Public School Educators. F.D., I want to thank-you for caring about the children of Georgia. I will miss you very much but wish you much success at Valdosta Technical College. Please accept this gift.

D. Chair Wilkes thanked Mary Gomez for her service on the commission.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wilkes called for the meeting to be adjourned at 11:05 pm.

**PSC ACTION:** Approved