

MINUTES

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Two Peachtree Street

Atlanta, Georgia

September 9, 2010

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) met on Thursday, September 9, 2010, at 9 a.m.

Members Present

Marci Cawthon

Alice Clements

Penny Elkins

Dr. Adrian Epps

Meredith Hodges

David Johnson

Stephanie Leggett

Andre Mountain

Rose Powell

Dr. Ed Smith

Jeannie Tucker

Dr. Hester Vasconcelos

Pam Walker

Dab Weber

Dr. Debbie Wilkes

Valerie Williams

Members Absent

Julia Bernath

Bill Haskin

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. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Wilkes called for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: (Leggett / Elkins) To approve the agenda.

PSC ACTION: Approved

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Wilkes called for approval of the minutes from the July 8, 2010, Commission meeting.

PSC ACTION: Approved

IV. VISITORS

Chair Wilkes welcomed the visitors.

- Margaret Elliott, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Gayle Wooten, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Andy Lord, Walden University
- Michael Gray, Milestone Educational Services
- Rick White, Global Teacher Research
- Cindi Chance, Georgia Association of Colleges for Teacher Ed.
- Carl Waller
- Sean McEvoy, Attorney
- Doug Bauer
- Louis Cobb
- John Hooper, Georgia School Superintendents Association
- Bill Russell, Lincoln Memorial University
- Linda Fortson, Warren Fortson Law Office

V. EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD

Debbie Wilkes and Kelly Henson presented Tramaine Harley with a 5 Year Service Award. Kelly read the following:

Tramaine started at GA PSC in May 2004 when she was 3 months pregnant. She was one of eight individuals working as temporary employees on the Special Education Project of determining areas of concentration due to the No Child Left Behind legislation. Tramaine worked up until the day before she went into the hospital to deliver her son. The project ended while she was recovering but an opening for an Information Specialist became available and she was hired as a full time employee six weeks later. After 3 years, she was promoted to an Evaluator.

Tramaine says that coming to work for the PSC while challenging was a great decision because it has allowed her the opportunity to assist customers who contribute a great deal to the community by providing a safe, productive, learning environment for our children. She is a team member who is readily accessible to co-workers. She is committed to customer service and handles situations in a calm, objective manner that allows her to be an example for others.

VI. INDUCTION OF VALERIE WILLIAMS, DAN WEBER AND ALICE CLEMENTS

Chair Wilkes and Kelly swore in the following new Commissioners:

Alice P. Clements, 48, Rome – Clements is a third grade teacher at Darlington School, where she was awarded the Brown Faculty award. She is a member of the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Clements earned a bachelor's degree at the Georgia Institute of Technology and a master's degree from Berry College. She and her husband, Frank, have two daughters.

Daniel J. Weber, 54, Atlanta – Weber is a state senator and chairman of the Senate Education and Youth committee. He is a member of the Senate Judiciary, Special Judiciary, Natural Resources and State and Local Government Committees in the state Senate. He is a lawyer and arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association. Weber earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo and a law degree from the University of Houston Law Center. He and his wife, Kay, have two children.

Valerie S. Williams, 49, Cleveland – Williams is a fifth grade teacher at Mossy Creek Elementary School. She is a member of the Georgia Association of Educators and the Truett McConnell College Department of Education Advisory Committee. She serves on the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Committee. Williams earned a bachelor's degree from Piedmont College and a master's degree from North Georgia College and State University. She has two daughters and five grandsons.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

1. Ms. Powell reported that the Committee reviewed 80 *Probable Cause* cases during its September 8, 2010,

meeting and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
1	10-5-1228	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct Other Good and Sufficient Cause	Denial
2	10-7-74	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
3	10-7-90	Criminal Acts	Reprimand
4	10-7-98	Criminal Acts	Denial
5	07-10-326	Professional Conduct Other Professional License Suspension	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
6	08-10-468	Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
7	10-1-742	Misrepresentation or Falsification Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
8	10-2-882	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
9	10-2-893	NO VIOLATIONS	No Probable Cause
10	10-3-947	Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
11	10-3-948	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct O.C.G.A. 27-3-7.(b)(1); 40-6-392.(4)(b)(1) & 52-7-12.(a) (1)	Suspension – 1 Year
12	10-3-991	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
13	10-4-1014	Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
14	10-4-1016	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 2 Contract Days
15	10-4-1021	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct Other Good and Sufficient Cause	Revocation
16	10-4-1022	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
17	10-4-1024	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct Other Good and Sufficient Cause	Revocation
18	10-4-1026	Misrepresentation or Falsification Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
19	10-4-1040	Misrepresentation or Falsification Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
20	10-4-1042	Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing	No Probable Cause
21	10-4-1053	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
22	10-4-1060	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
23	10-4-1062	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 10 Contract Days
24	10-4-1069	Misrepresentation or Falsification Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension – 10 Contract Days
25	10-4-1103	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct Testing	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
26	10-5-1141	Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
27	10-5-1144	Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
28	10-5-1146	Alcohol or Drugs Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
29	10-5-1147	Criminal Acts Abuse of Students Professional Conduct Other Good and Sufficient Cause	Revocation
30	10-5-1148	Criminal Acts Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
31	10-5-1153	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 10 Contract Days
32	10-5-1159	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
33	10-5-1161	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
34	10-5-1162	Misrepresentation or Falsification Improper Remunerative Conduct Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
35	10-5-1165	Misrepresentation or Falsification Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
36	10-5-1181	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	No Jurisdiction
37	10-5-1182	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
38	10-5-1186	Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
39	10-5-1187	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 10 Contract Days
40	10-5-1189	Failed to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
41	10-5-1197	Criminal Acts Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct O.C.G.A. 20-2-1184	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
42	10-5-1198	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
43	10-5-1203	Professional Conduct Testing	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
44	10-5-1204	Misrepresentation or Falsification Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
45	10-5-1206	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
46	10-5-1208	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
47	10-5-1212	Alcohol or Drugs Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Reprimand
48	10-5-1216	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
49	10-5-1218	Professional Conduct	Suspension – 5 Contract Days
50	10-6-1250	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
51	10-6-1253	Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
52	10-6-1257	Professional Conduct Testing	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
53	10-6-1260	Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
54	10-6-1263	Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
55	10-6-1273	Professional Conduct Testing	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
56	10-6-1282	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
57	10-6-1287	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct	Suspension – 10 Contract Days

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
58	10-6-1310	Misrepresentation or Falsification Public Funds and Property Professional Conduct	No Probable Cause
59	10-6-1345	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Revocation
60	10-6-1348	Other Professional License Revocation	Reprimand
61	10-6-1353	Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing DOE Rule: 160-3-1-.07	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
62	10-6-1354	Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing DOE Rule: 160-3-1-.07	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
63	10-6-1355	Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing DOE Rule: 160-3-1-.07	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
64	10-6-1356	Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing DOE Rule: 160-3-1-.07	No Probable Cause
65	10-6-1357	Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing DOE Rule: 160-3-1-.07	No Probable Cause
66	10-6-1361	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 60 Contract Days
67	10-6-1381	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Reprimand
68	10-6-1390	Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension – 5 Contract Days
69	10-6-1406	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 90 Contract Days
70	10-6-1408	Misrepresentation or Falsification Professional Conduct O.C.G.A. 20-2-989.20	No Probable Cause
71	10-6-1412	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
72	10-6-1416	Confidential Information Professional Conduct	Suspension – 1 Year
73	10-6-1417	Misrepresentation or Falsification Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct Testing	Suspension - 1 Year
74	10-6-1435	Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing	Suspension – 20 Contract Days

#	CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	RECOMMENDATION
75	10-6-1436	Confidential Information Professional Conduct Testing	Suspension – 20 Contract Days
76	10-7-63	Criminal Acts Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Reprimand
77	10-7-64	Criminal Acts Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension – 5 Contract Days
78	10-7-78	Criminal Acts Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct	Suspension – 5 Contract Days
79	10-7-84	Criminal Acts Failure to Make a Required Report	Reprimand
80	10-7-88	Criminal Acts Failure to Make a Required Report Professional Conduct O.C.G.A. 16-13-111	Suspension – 1 Year

2. Ms. Powell reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 3 *Initial Decisions* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE #	STANDARDS VIOLATED	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
08-1-682	Misrepresentation or Falsification	Denial	Denial	Accept
08-6-1437	Criminal Acts Misrepresentation or Falsification	Denial	Reprimand	Accept
08-6-1458	Criminal Acts	Denial	Reprimand	REVIEW

3. Ms. Powell reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 6 *Petitions Issues* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

CASE NUMBER	REQUEST	PREVIOUS SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
09-11-531	Rule Waiver	Revoked - 2010	DENY
10-4-1067	Right to Reapply	Revoked - 2005	DENY
10-6-1276	Right to Reapply	Denied - 2008	GRANT
10-6-1298	Right to Reapply	Revoked - 2005	DENY
10-6-1303	Right to Reapply	Denied - 2008	GRANT

CASE NUMBER	REQUEST	PREVIOUS SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
10-6-1359	Right to Reapply	Denied - 2006	DENY

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

#	CASE NUMBER	SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
1	09-11-575	Reprimand	Accept
2	10-2-826	Suspension - 90 Contract Days (Aug. 16, 2010 - Dec. 23, 2010)	Accept
3	10-3-896	Suspension - 5 Contract Days (3 Day Credit - System Suspension) (RETRO -Aug. 17, 2010 thru Aug. 18, 2010)	Accept
4	10-3-908	Revocation	Accept
5	10-3-909	Revocation	Accept
6	10-3-933	Suspension - 20 Contract Days (Sept. 2, 2010 - Sept. 27, 2010)	Accept
7	10-3-965	Reprimand	Accept
8	10-4-1015	Suspension - 10 Contract Days (April 25, 2011 - May 6, 2011)	Accept
9	10-4-1050	Suspension - 10 Contract Days (RETRO -Jan. 20, 2010 - Feb. 2, 2010)	Accept
10	10-4-1092	Reprimand	Accept
11	10-4-1110	Reprimand	Accept
12	10-5-1155	Suspension - 3 Contract Days (3 Day Credit - System Suspension) (RETRO -May 12, 2010 thru May 14, 2010)	Accept
13	10-6-1346	Reprimand	Accept

5. Ms. Powell reported that the Educator Ethics Review Committee reviewed 32 *Negotiated Settlement Agreements* and brought the following recommendations on behalf of the Committee:

#	CASE #	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
1	07-9-210	Suspension - 5 Contract Days	No Probable Cause	Accept
2	08-1-653	Suspension - 20 Contract Days	Suspension - 10 Contract Days (Oct. 4, 2010 - Oct. 15, 2010)	Accept
3	08-3-863	Suspension - 60 Contract Days	Suspension - 20 Contract Days 2 Day Credit - System Suspension (Oct. 4, 2010 - Oct. 27, 2010)	Accept
4	08-3-1004	Suspension - 90 Contract Days	Suspension - 30 Contract Days 20 Day Credit - System Suspension (Oct. 4, 2010 - Oct. 15, 2010)	Accept
5	08-4-1201	Suspension - 45 Contract Days	Suspension - 30 Contract Days Retroactive (April 19, 2010 - Sept. 2, 2010)	Accept
6	08-8-192	Denial	Reprimand	Accept
7	08-11-516	Suspension - 1 Year	Suspension - 2 Months Retroactive (Oct. 15, 2008 - Dec. 15, 2008)	Accept
8	09-1-733	Suspension - 90 Contract Days	Suspension - 10 Contract Days 5 Day Credit - System Suspension (Oct. 4, 2010 - Oct. 8, 2010)	Accept
9	09-1-787 AND 09-11-579	Suspension - 20 Contract Days and Suspension - 90 Contract Days	Suspension - 90 Contract Days Retroactive (Jan. 1, 2010 - March 31, 2010)	Accept
10	09-1-810	Revocation	Suspension - 18 Months Retroactive (Jan. 27, 2009 - Aug. 27, 2010)	Accept
11	09-1-833	Denial	Denial - Effective April 27, 2009	Accept
12	09-5-1269	Revocation	No Probable Cause	Accept
13	09-7-10	Suspension - 90 Contract Days	Suspension - 90 Contract Days Retroactive (Aug. 6, 2009 - Dec. 18, 2009)	Accept
14	09-7-87	Suspension - 90 Contract Days	Suspension - 30 Contract Days Retroactive (Oct. 5, 2009 - Nov. 13, 2009)	Accept
15	09-7-122	Suspension - 90 Contract Days	Suspension - 10 Contract Days (Oct. 4, 2010 - Oct. 15, 2010)	Accept
16	09-8-229	Suspension - 1 Year	Reprimand	Accept
17	09-9-301	Suspension - 1 Year	Reprimand	<u>REJECT</u>
18	09-9-312	Suspension - 10 Contract Days	Suspension - 3 Contract Days Retroactive (Aug. 24, 2009 - Aug. 26, 2009)	Accept
19	09-10-383	Revocation	Suspension - 1 Year Part Retroactive (Jan. 15, 2010 - Jan. 14, 2011)	Accept
20	09-10-384	Revocation	Revocation	Accept
21	09-10-427	Suspension - 5 Contract Days	Reprimand	Accept
22	09-10-476	Suspension - 5 Contract Days	Suspension - 5 Contract Days	Accept

#	CASE #	PROBABLE CAUSE SANCTION	NEGOTIATED SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
			5 Day Credit - System Suspension (Oct. 5, 2009 - Oct. 9, 2009)	
23	09-12-601	Suspension - 20 Contract Days	Suspension - 10 Contract Days (Sept. 27, 2010 - Oct. 8, 2010)	Accept
24	09-12-604	Suspension - 20 Contract Days	Suspension - 10 Contract Days Retroactive (June 7, 2010 - June 18, 2010)	Accept
25	09-12-615	Reprimand	No Probable Cause	Accept
26	09-12-660	Suspension - 90 Contract Days	Suspension - 90 Contract Days Retroactive (Jan. 4, 2010 - April 30, 2010)	Accept
27	09-12-664	Suspension - 1 Year	Suspension - 3 Months Retroactive (Dec. 18, 2009 - March 18, 2010)	Accept
28	10-1-741	Suspension - 90 Contract Days	Suspension - 45 Contract Days Retroactive (July 1, 2010 - Sept. 2, 2010)	Accept
29	10-1-743	Suspension - 5 Contract Days	No Probable Cause	Accept
30	10-2-860	Revocation	No Probable Cause	Accept
31	10-3-903	Suspension - 20 Contract Days	Suspension - 10 Contract Days Retroactive (Feb. 5, 2010 - Feb. 18, 2010)	Accept
32	10-3-958	Reprimand	No Probable Cause	Accept

6. The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the ***Preliminary Investigative Determination Report*** consisting of 149 new complaints received during the months of June, July and August 2010.

7. EXTENSIONS – PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 97 Extensions - Preliminary Investigative Determinations consisting of the following:

#	CASE #	Complaint Received	#	CASE #	Complaint Received	#	CASE #	Complaint Received
1	10-7-17	06-21-10	34	10-7-51	07-12-10	67	10-8-127	07-28-10
2	10-7-18	06-21-10	35	10-7-52	07-13-10	68	10-8-128	07-28-10
3	10-7-19	06-24-10	36	10-7-53	07-13-10	69	10-8-129	07-28-10

#	CASE #	Complaint Received	#	CASE #	Complaint Received	#	CASE #	Complaint Received
4	10-7-20	06-28-10	37	10-7-54	07-12-10	70	10-8-130	07-28-10
5	10-7-21	06-28-10	38	10-7-55	07-13-10	72	10-8-131	07-28-10
6	10-7-22	06-28-10	39	10-7-56	07-15-10	72	10-8-132	07-29-10
7	10-7-23	06-29-10	40	10-7-57	07-19-10	73	10-8-133	07-30-10
8	10-7-24	06-29-10	41	10-8-101	07-19-10	74	10-8-134	07-30-10
9	10-7-25	06-29-10	42	10-8-102	07-19-10	75	10-8-135	08-02-10
10	10-7-26	06-29-10	43	10-8-103	07-19-10	76	10-8-136	08-02-10
11	10-7-27	06-29-10	44	10-8-104	07-19-10	77	10-8-137	08-02-10
12	10-7-28	06-29-10	45	10-8-105	07-19-10	78	10-8-138	08-02-10
13	10-7-29	06-29-10	46	10-8-106	07-19-10	79	10-8-139	08-03-10
14	10-7-30	06-29-10	47	10-8-107	07-19-10	80	10-8-140	08-04-10
15	10-7-31	06-29-10	48	10-8-108	07-19-10	81	10-8-141	08-04-10
16	10-7-32	06-29-10	49	10-8-109	07-21-10	82	10-8-142	08-04-10
17	10-7-33	06-29-10	50	10-8-110	07-21-10	83	10-8-143	08-04-10
18	10-7-34	06-29-10	51	10-8-111	07-21-10	84	10-8-144	08-04-10
19	10-7-35	06-30-10	52	10-8-112	07-22-10	85	10-8-145	08-04-10
20	10-7-36	07-01-10	53	10-8-113	07-22-10	86	10-8-146	08-05-10
21	10-7-37	07-01-10	54	10-8-114	07-23-10	87	10-8-147	08-05-10
22	10-7-38	07-01-10	55	10-8-115	07-23-10	88	10-8-148	08-05-10
23	10-7-39	07-05-10	56	10-8-116	07-23-10	89	10-8-149	08-05-10
24	10-7-40	07-05-10	57	10-8-117	07-26-10	90	10-8-150	08-05-10
25	10-7-41	07-05-10	58	10-8-118	07-26-10	91	10-8-151	08-05-10
26	10-7-42	07-06-10	59	10-8-119	07-26-10	92	10-8-152	08-05-10
27	10-7-44	07-06-10	60	10-8-120	07-26-10	93	10-8-153	08-06-10
28	10-7-45	07-08-10	61	10-8-121	07-26-10	94	10-8-154	08-09-10
29	10-7-46	07-08-10	62	10-8-122	07-27-10	95	10-8-155	08-09-10
30	10-7-47	07-12-10	63	10-8-123	07-27-10	96	10-8-156	08-09-10
31	10-7-48	07-12-10	64	10-8-124	07-27-10	97	10-8-157	08-09-10
32	10-7-49	07-12-10	65	10-8-125	07-27-10			
33	10-7-50	07-12-10	66	10-8-126	07-27-10			

8. EXTENSIONS - INVESTIGATIONS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended granting and *Investigative Extension* to the following 71 Written Complaints and 12 Application cases:

WRITTEN COMPLAINT EXTENSIONS:

10-6-1254	10-6-1307	10-6-1275	10-5-1199	10-6-1385	10-6-1388	10-5-1140	10-6-1419
10-6-1407	10-6-1308	10-6-1281	10-5-1220	10-4-1027	10-6-1392	10-5-1200	
09-8-200	10-6-1309	10-6-1314	10-6-1259	10-4-1063	10-6-1397	10-5-1209	
10-2-894	10-6-1391	10-6-1377	10-6-1299	10-4-1101	10-6-1402	10-6-1255	
10-4-1017	10-2-846	10-6-1383	10-2-836	10-4-1105	10-6-1403	10-6-1286	
10-6-1264	10-5-1151	10-6-1389	10-6-1301	10-5-1139	10-6-1421	10-6-1293	
10-6-1267	10-5-1152	10-6-1693	10-6-1304	10-6-1277	10-3-998	10-6-1384	
10-6-1272	10-5-1229	10-6-1404	10-6-1351	10-6-1278	10-4-1068	10-6-1398	
10-6-1305	10-6-1261	10-6-1405	10-6-1375	10-6-1302	10-4-1095	10-6-1413	
10-6-1306	10-6-1271	10-6-1409	10-6-1382	10-6-1312	10-4-1096	10-6-1418	

APPLICATION CASE EXTENSIONS:

10-6-1237	10-7-62	10-7-72	10-7-97
10-6-1339	10-7-65	10-7-86	10-7-99
10-7-59	10-7-67	10-7-93	10-7-100

9. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION REPORT

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended to approve a no probable cause determination on 35 cases reflected on the *Applications for Certification Report*.

10. REVIEW HEARING EXTENSIONS

The Commission reviewed the *Review Hearing Extensions Report* concerning 2 hearing cases. An Administrative Law Judge rendered Initial Decisions on each case referenced in the report. The report indicates Orders were issued.

11. VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/VOLUNTARY DENIALS

The Educator Ethics Review Committee recommended approval of the 2 Voluntary Surrender / Voluntary Denials report.

CASE NUMBER	STANDARDS VIOLATED	SANCTION	RECOMMENDATION
10-4-1044	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Accept
10-6-1279	Abuse of Students Professional Conduct	Revocation	Accept

12. STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSION / REINSTATEMENTS

The Commission reviewed the report, which indicated that there were 9 certificates *suspended* from July 8, 2010 through September 9, 2010. There were 25 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 were

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 22 cases now closed without an appeal for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The report also advised that there were 5 cases closed without an appeal for a review hearing before the Commission.

Chair Wilkes called for approval of the Educator Ethics Review Committee report as presented by Rose Powell excluding Initial Decision Case 08-6-1458, Petition Issues Case # 10-6-1276 and Preliminary Investigative Determination Case # 10-8-154.

PSC ACTION: Approved
Abstention: Dr. Adrian Epps – Case #'s 09-1-787, 09-11-579, 09-7-122

Initial Decision Case 08-6-1458

MOTION: (Vasconcelos / Powell) To accept the Initial Decision of a Reprimand from the Administrative Law Judge.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Petition Issue Case 10-6-1276

MOTION: (Epps / Leggett) To accept the Educator Ethics Review committee's recommendation to grant the Petition for the Right to Reapply.

PSC ACTION: Approved

Preliminary Investigative Determination Case # 10-8-154

MOTION: (Johnson / Leggett) To accept the Educator Ethics Review committee's recommendation to of a No Probable Cause.

PSC ACTION: Approved

B. Educator Preparation Standing Committee

Committee Chair, Dr. Penny Elkins, presented the following report of the Educator Preparation Standing Committee:

Professional Education Unit	Approval Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;">Peach County School District</p>	<p>The Committee recommends tabling the approval decision for the Peach County School District professional education unit and the Gifted In-field Endorsement Program. A Progress Report addressing the unmet standard and the areas for improvement is due by October 27, 2010. The progress report shall include a succinct alignment of program and unit standards with the Georgia Standards (2008), the Gifted In-Field Endorsement Standards, and a detailed budget reflecting the support of the school system for the professional education unit and the Gifted In-Field Endorsement program.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Kennesaw State University</p>	<p>The Committee recommends Developmental Approval of the Coaching Endorsement Program, the Certification-only Educational Leadership Program</p>

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	at the PL6 level, the Middle Grades Education Reading Concentration, and the Teacher Leader Endorsement Program.
First District RESA	<p><u>Recommendation 1:</u> The Committee recommends that the Progress Report submitted March 30, 2010, indicates that progress is satisfactory in addressing the Standard 1 area for improvement cited for the Special Education Preschool Endorsement program.</p> <p>The Committee recommends that the Standard 1 area for improvement be removed.</p> <p><u>Recommendation 2:</u> The Committee recommends that the Progress Report submitted March 30, 2010, indicates that progress is satisfactory in addressing the Standard 2 areas for improvement cited for the Special Education Preschool Endorsement program.</p> <p>The Committee recommends that the Standard 2 areas for improvement remain and be addressed in a Progress Report due by October 15, 2010. The Progress Report should include a detailed description of how candidate data are analyzed and used to improve “candidate performance” and a description of the development of expanded rubrics so that meaningful data are collected to help inform candidate and program improvement.</p>
Oconee RESA	<p>The Committee recommends that the Progress Report submitted June 23, 2010, indicates that progress is satisfactory in addressing the Standard 2 areas for improvement cited for the Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP) program.</p> <p>The Committee recommends that the Standard 2 areas for improvement be removed and the status of Standard 2 may be changed from Not Met to Met.</p> <p>The Committee further recommends that the Approval Status be changed from Continuing Approval with Conditions to Continuing Approval.</p>
Okefenokee RESA	<p>The Committee recommends that the Progress Report submitted June 17, 2010, indicates that progress is satisfactory in addressing the Standard 2 and Standard 6 areas for improvement cited for the Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP) program.</p> <p>The Committee recommends that the Standard 2 and Standard 6 areas for improvement be removed.</p>
University of Georgia	The Committee recommends that the Progress Report submitted May 3, 2010, indicates that progress is satisfactory in addressing the Standard 2

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	<p>area for improvement cited for the Special Education Adapted Curriculum program.</p> <p>The Committee recommends that the Standard 2 area for improvement be removed.</p>
<p>Gwinnett County Public Schools</p>	<p>The Committee recommends granting the request to defer the Gwinnett County Public Schools request to defer the spring 2011 GaTAPP Initial Performance Review until spring 2012.</p>

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

ACTION: Approved

Abstention: Dr. Adrian Epps – Kennesaw State University and Gwinnett Public Schools

VIII. REVIEW HEARING

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| <p>1. Laura Lynn Pappas
Joan Roach
Rebecca Mick
Sean McEvoy</p> | <p>- Educator Case # 08-11-578
- Hearing Officer
- PSC Attorney
-Educator Attorney</p> |
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MOTION: (Elkins / Powell) To go into Executive Session and allow PSC staff (Gary Walker, Kevin Shumake, Lisa Hartzler and Tanis Miller) to remain.

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Epps / Smith) To come out of Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session.

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Powell / Leggett) To adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law reached by the Administrative Law Judge. The decision of the Administrative Law Judge as indicated in the Initial Decision was hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein and made the Final Decision of the Commission with the following specification. The Commission hereby ordered that the certificate held by Laura Pappas be Suspended for a period of twenty (20) Contract Days. The suspension shall begin on October 4, 2010 and shall conclude October 29, 2010.

ACTION: Approved

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| <p>2. Louis Cobb
Joan Roach
Calandra Harps</p> | <p>- Educator Case # 08-8-206
- Hearing Officer
- PSC Attorney</p> |
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MOTION: (Leggett / Vasconcelos) To go into Executive Session and allow PSC staff (Gary Walker, Kevin Shumake, Lisa Hartzler and Tanis Miller) to remain.

ACTION: Approved

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MOTION: (Smith / Leggett) To come out of Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session.

ACTION: Approved

MOTION: (Epps / Leggett) To adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law reached by the Administrative Law Judge. The Commission rejects the sanction recommended by the Administrative Law Judge because it does not reflect the seriousness with which the Commission views the conviction of a felony followed by prison time. For these reasons, the Commission hereby ordered that the certificate held by Louis Cobb be suspended for a period of 3 Contract Days. The suspension shall begin on October 4, 2010 and shall conclude October 6, 2010.

ACTION: Approved

Opposed: David Johnson, Rose Powell, Dr. Penny Elkins

IX. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

The Executive Secretary presented the following:

A. Commissioner Stephanie Leggett has been reappointed to the Commission for a three year term. We would also like to congratulate her on her marriage.

B. Rick Eiserman presented the Certification and Educator Preparation rules for initiation.

MOTION: (Vasconcelos / Walker) To approve the we rescind, amend and initiate the 505-2 Certification and 505-3 Educator Preparation Rules as presented with the agreed upon modifications:

505-2-.41 Educator Certificate Upgrades, adding a statement requiring NCATE approval of the institution at the time of student enrollment; and

505-2-.300 Educational Leadership, renumbering a reference to Para “(9)(i) above” to Para “(8)(a)1.(i) above”.

ACTION: Approved

X. CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Wilkes congratulated Stephanie Leggett on her marriage and announced that the next meeting will be held on October 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at Two Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wilkes called for the meeting to be adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

PSC ACTION: Approved