

PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS PRACTICES AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

Date: Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. Central Time

Location: MacKay Building, First Floor, Conference Room 1
800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota

Present: Connie Gretschnann - Member
Thomas Keck - Chairman
Bev Kopren – Member
Ann Noyes – Member
Tammy Jo Schlechter – Member
Kenneth “Lance” Vander Vorst - Member

Absent: Patricia Benson - Vice Chairman

Others Present: Paul Bachand - Commission Counsel
Holly Farris - Commission Counsel
Ferne Haddock - Executive Secretary
Adrian Mohr – Investigator

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Keck called the meeting to order at approximately 1:01 p.m. CT.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Kopren, second by Schlechter, to approve the January 14, 2016, proposed agenda. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gretschnann, second by Noyes, to approve the November 12, 2015, minutes as corrected. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Election of Chairman

Kopren nominated Keck for Chairman.

Motion by Vander Vorst, second by Schlechter, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Keck for Chairman. Voice vote, Keck abstained, remaining members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Election of Vice Chairman

Keck nominated Gretschrnann for Vice Chairman.

Motion by Schlechter, second by Noyes, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Gretschrnann for Vice-Chairman. Gretschrnann abstained, all remaining members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Appointment of Executive Secretary

Motion by Keck, second by Vander Vorst, to appoint Ferne Haddock executive secretary. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Designation of Commission Counsel

Motion by Keck, second by Gretschrnann, to designate Holly Farris and Paul Bachand Co-Counsel for the Commission. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

2015 Annual Report

Motion by Kopren, second by Schlechter, to approve the 2015 Annual Report and authorize Commission Chairman to sign and submit the report to the South Dakota Secretary of Education. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Hearings

PTPSC 2015-01

Hearing began at approximately 1:14 p.m. CT.

PTPSC 2015-01 was a public hearing.

Hearing ended at approximately 2:11p.m. CT.

Commission went into recess at approximately 2:11 p.m. CT.

Chairman Keck called the commission to order at approximately 2:22 p.m. CT.

PTPSC 2015-10

Hearing began at approximately 2:22 p.m. CT.

PTPSC 2015-10 was a public hearing.

Hearing ended at approximately 2:53 p.m. CT.

Previous Business

PTPSC 2015-06 update PTPSC complaint filed with the Secretary of Education.

PTPSC 2015-07 update PTPSC complaint filed with the Secretary of Education.

PTPSC 2015-08 update PTPSC complaint filed with the Secretary of Education.

Gretschmann recused herself from PTPSC 2015-01 and PTPSC 2015-10 and left the meeting at approximately 3:02 p.m. CT.

Motion by Schlechter, second by Kopren, to go into executive session to discuss legal issues with Commission Counsel. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Commission went into executive session at approximately 3:04 p.m. CT.

Chairman Keck brought the Commission out of executive session at approximately 3:37 p.m. CT.

PTPSC 2015-01

Motion by Schlechter, second by Vander Vorst, that a complaint be filed with the Secretary of Education for proceedings to suspend the teaching certificate in PTPSC 2015-01 for a period of three years, and that the Chair be authorized to execute the Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law and Order along with the complaint to the Secretary. Roll call vote; 5-Aye, 1-Recuse, and 0-Nay. Motion Carried.

Member Name	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
P. Benson					X
C. Gretschmann –Vice Chair				X	
T. Keck-Chair	X				
B. Kopren	X				
A. Noyes	X				
T. Schlechter	X				
L. Vander Vorst	X				

PTPSC 2015-10

Motion by Vander Vorst, second by Kopren, that a complaint be filed with the Secretary of Education for proceedings to revoke the teaching certificate in PTPSC 2015-10, and that the Chair be authorized to execute the Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law and Order along with the complaint to the Secretary. Roll call vote; 5-Aye, 1-Recuse, and 0-Nay. Motion Carried.

Member Name	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
P. Benson					X
C. Gretschmann –Vice Chair				X	
T. Keck-Chair	X				
B. Kopren	X				
A. Noyes	X				
T. Schlechter	X				
L. Vander Vorst	X				

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kopren, second by Schlechter to adjourn. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Adjourned at approximately 3:42 p.m. CT.

Ferne G. Haddock 2/10/2016
Ferne G. Haddock Date
Executive Secretary PTPSC