

PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS PRACTICES AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

Date: Monday, December 12, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time

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

Present: Connie Gretschmann – Vice Chairman  
Via Thomas Keck – Chairman  
Phone Bev Kopren – Member  
Paula McMahan – Member  
Ann Noyes – Member  
Tammy Jo Schlechter –, Member

Absent: Patricia Benson – Member

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Keck called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. CT.

| Member Name                  | Present | Absent |
|------------------------------|---------|--------|
| P. Benson                    |         | X      |
| C. Gretschmann Vice-Chairman | X       |        |
| T. Keck-Chairman             | X       |        |
| B. Kopren                    | X       |        |
| P. McMahan                   | X       |        |
| A. Noyes                     | X       |        |
| T. Schlechter                | X       |        |

Quorum of the membership is present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by McMahan, second by Noyes, to approve the December 12, 2016, proposed agenda.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Gretschrnann, second by Kopren, to approve the September 22, 2016, minutes as corrected.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

## **HEARING**

Farris left the meeting at approximately 9:06 a.m. CT.

### **PTPSC 2016-04**

Hearing began at approximately 9:06 a.m. CT.

Respondent requested a private hearing.

Hearing concluded at approximately 9:53 a.m. CT.

Motion by Kopren, second by Schlechter, 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 9:55 a.m. CT.

Chairman Keck brought the Commission out of executive session at approximately 10:01 a.m. CT.

Commission will reconsider PTPSC 2016-04 after reviewing exhibits.

Farris rejoined the meeting at approximately 10:04 a.m. CT.

Bachand left the meeting at approximately 10:04 a.m. CT.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PTPSC 2016-05**

Motion by McMahan, second by Schlechter, 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 10:04 a.m. CT.

Chairman Keck brought the Commission out of executive session at approximately 10:17 a.m. CT.

Motion by Gretschnann, second by McMahan, to move PTPSC 2016-05 to a hearing.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Keck left the meeting at approximately 10:18 a.m. CT.

Vice Chairman Gretschnann called a recess at approximately 10:19 a.m. CT.

Vice Chairman Gretschnann called the meeting back into session at approximately 10:32 a.m. CT.

Paul Bachand rejoined the meeting at approximately 10:32 a.m. CT.

## **HEARING**

### **PTPSC 2016-03**

Hearing began at approximately 10:33 a.m. CT.

Respondent requested a private hearing.

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

Kopren left the meeting at approximately 2:56 p.m. CT.

Motion by Schlechter, second by Noyes, 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 3:02 p.m. CT.

Vice Chairman Gretschnann brought the Commission out of executive session at approximately 3:34 p.m. CT.

Motion by Schlechter, second by Noyes, that PTPSC 2016-03 be dismissed, and that the Vice Chairman be authorized to execute the Findings of Facts, and Conclusions of Law and Order.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by McMahan, second by Schlechter, to adjourn.

Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m. CT.

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*Ferne G. Haddock* 12/28/16  
Ferne G. Haddock Date  
Executive Secretary PTPSC