

PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS PRACTICES AND STANDARDS COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time

Location: Kneip Building, First Floor, Conference Room 2
700 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota

Present: Michael Amolins - Member
Connie Gretschrnann - Member
Thomas Keck - Chairman
Bev Kopren - Member
Tammy Jo Schlechter - Member
Kenneth "Lance" Vander Vorst - Member

Absent: Patricia Benson - Vice Chairman

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Keck called the meeting to order at approximately 12:53 p.m. CST.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Amolins, second by Kopren, to approve the January 22, 2015 proposed agenda. All present voted in favor. *Motion carried.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Vander Vorst, second by Schlechter, to approve the December 18, 2014 minutes as corrected. All present voted in favor. *Motion carried.*

Election of Officers

Election of Chairman

Kopren nominated Keck for Chairman.

Motion by Vander Vorst, second by Gretschrnann, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Keck for Chairman. All present voted in favor. *Motion carried.*

Election of Vice Chairman

Vander Vorst nominated Benson for Vice Chairman.

Motion by Vander Vorst, second by Amolins, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Benson for Vice-Chairman. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Appointment of Executive Secretary

Motion by Gretschrann, second by Amolins, to appoint Ferne Haddock Executive Secretary. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Designation of Commission Counsel

Motion by Kopren, second by Schlechter, to designate Paul Bachand and Holly Farris Co-Counsel for the Commission. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

2014 Annual Report

Motion by Schlechter, second by Gretschrann, to approve the 2014 Annual Report and authorize Commission Chairman to sign and submit the report to the South Dakota Secretary of Education. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Amolins, second by Vander Vorst, to go into executive session to discuss legal issues with Commission Counsel. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Commission went into executive session at approximately 1:02 p.m. CST.

Farris excused herself from executive session.

Chairman Keck brought the commission out of executive session at approximately 1:06 p.m. CST.

PTPSC 2014-15

Motion by Vander Vorst, second by Amolins, to move PTPSC 2014-15 to a hearing. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Farris returned to the meeting.

Hearing PTPSC 2014-14

Hearing began at approximately 1:09 p.m. CST.

Public hearing.

Hearing concluded at approximately 1:46 p.m. CST.

Motion by Amolins, second by Gretschnann, to go into executive session to discuss legal issues with Commission Counsel. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Commission went into executive session at approximately 1:50 p.m. CST.

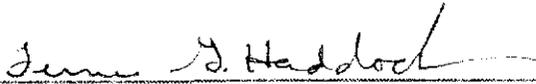
Chairman Keck brought the Commission out of executive session at approximately 2:18 p.m. CST.

Motion by Kopren, second by Schlechter, that a complaint be filed with the Secretary of Education in PTPSC 2014-14 for proceedings to suspend the teaching certificate for a period of five years, but allow for a reduction to a three-year suspension if the teacher repays the McLaughlin School District the amount of \$751.51 within 60 days of service of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, and authorize the Chair to execute the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order along with the complaint to the Secretary. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gretschnann, second by Amolins, to adjourn. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Adjourned at approximately 2:27 p.m. CST.



Ferne G. Haddock
Executive Secretary PTPSC



Date