

PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS PRACTICES AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 9:00 a.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  
Kenneth "Lance" Vander Vorst - Member  
Paul Bachand - Commission Counsel  
Holly Farris - Commission Counsel  
Ferne Haddock - Executive Secretary

Absent: Patricia Benson - Vice Chairman  
Tammy Jo Schlechter - Member

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Keck called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 a.m. CT.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Gretschnann, second by Kopren, to approve the October 8, 2015, proposed agenda. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Vander Vorst, second by Kopren, to approve the August 27, 2015, minutes as corrected. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Hearings**

**PTPSC 2015-08**

Holly Farris was recused from PTPSC 2015-08 and PTPSC 2015-07 and left the meeting at approximately 9:08 a.m. CT.

Motion by Kopren, second by Gretschnann, 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 9:21 a.m. CT.

Chairman Keck brought the Commission out of executive session at approximately 9:24 a.m. CT.

Motion by Vander Vorst, second by Kopren, that a complaint be filed with the Secretary in PTPSC 2015-08 for proceedings to revoke the teaching certificate and that the Chair be authorized to execute the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order along with the complaint to the Secretary.

NAME	AYE	NAY	Absent
P. Benson-V Chair			X
C. Gretschmann	X		
T. Keck-Chairman	X		
B. Kopren	X		
T. Schlechter			X
K. L. Vander Vorst	X		
Vacant			

4 AYES 0 NAYS

Motion Carried.

#### **Hearing PTPSC 2015-07**

Hearing began at approximately 9:29 a.m. CT.

Chairman Keck called a recess at approximately 11:03 a.m. CT.

Chairman Keck called the meeting to order at approximately 11:11 a.m. CT.

Hearing closed at approximately 12:43 p.m. CT.

Chairman Keck called a recess at 12:45 p.m. CT.

Chairman Keck called back to order at approximately 1:03 p.m. CT

Holly Farris rejoined the meeting at approximately 1:03 p.m. CT.

#### **Hearing PTPSC 2015-06**

Hearing began at approximately 1:03 p.m. CT.

Hearing closed at approximately 1:59 p.m. CT.

Holly Farris left the meeting at approximately 1:59 p.m. CT.

Motion by Gretschnann, 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 2:01 p.m. CT.

Chairman Keck brought the Commission out of executive session at approximately 2:10 p.m. CT.

Motion by Gretschnann, second by Vander Vorst that a complaint be filed with the Secretary in PTPSC 2015-07 for proceedings to revoke the teaching certificate and that the Chair be authorized to execute the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order along with the complaint to the Secretary.

NAME	AYE	NAY	Absent
P. Benson-V Chair			X
C. Gretschnann	X		
T. Keck-Chairman	X		
B. Kopren	X		
T. Schlechter			X
K. L. Vander Vorst	X		
Vacant			

4 AYES 0 NAYS

Motion Carried.

Holly Farris returned to the meeting at approximately 2:13 p.m. CT

### **PTPSC 2015-09**

Hearing began at approximately 2:16 p.m. CT.

Motion by Kopren, second by Vander Vorst, 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 2:29 p.m. CT.

Chairman Keck brought the Commission out of executive session at approximately 2:33 p.m. CT.

Chairman Keck continued the hearing in PTPSC 2015-09 indefinitely until the criminal case is concluded. Commission will issue an order prohibiting the respondent from employment in South Dakota schools, public or accredited.

Chairman Keck called a recess at 2:40 p.m. CT.

Chairman Keck called back to order at approximately 2:46 p.m. CT

Motion by Gretschnann, 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 2:47 p.m. CT.

Chairman Keck brought the Commission out of executive session at approximately 3:32 p.m. CT.

Motion that a complaint be filed with the Secretary in PTPSC 2015-06 for proceedings to suspend the teaching certificate until July 1, 2018, and upon reentry into teaching profession respondent enter in to a mentoring program for two years and report to the commission, and that the Chair be authorized to execute the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order along with the complaint to the Secretary.

NAME	AYE	NAY	Absent
P. Benson-V Chair			X
C. Gretschnann	X		
T. Keck-Chairman	X		
B. Kopren	X		
T. Schlechter			X
K. L. Vander Vorst	X		
Vacant			

4 AYES 0 NAYS

Motion Carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

PTPSC 2015-10

Commissioner Gretschnann is rescued from PTPSC 2015-10

Lack of a quorum moves PTPSC 2015- 10 as new business to the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Adjourned at approximately 3:36 p.m. CT.

Ferne G. Haddock 11/17/15  
Ferne G. Haddock Date  
Executive Secretary PTPSC