

PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS PRACTICES AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

April 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m. Central Time

Location: Foss Building, First Floor, Floyd Matthew Training Center
523 E. Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Present Caitlin Bordeaux
Paula McMahan
Ann Noyes
Tammy Jo Schlechter
Kaye Wickard

Absent Crystal McMachen

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman T. Schlechter called the meeting to order at approximately 10:03 a.m. CT.

A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by K. Wickard, second by A. Noyes, to approve the April 3, 2019, agenda. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion P. McMahan, second by A. Noyes, to approve the February 20, 2019, minutes as corrected. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

PTPSC 2018-03

Motion to dismiss complaint PTPSC 2018-03 presented by Complainant.

Attorneys for both parties were present on the phone:
Rodney Freeman, attorney for Complainant.
Scott Swier attorney for Respondent.

Motion by A. Noyes, second by K. Wickard, to grant the motion to dismiss PTPSC 2018-03. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

HEARING

PTPSC 2019-01 (Private Hearing)

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

Hearing concluded at approximately 12:05 p.m. CT.

Chairman T. Schlechter called a recess at approximately 12:06 p.m. CT.

Chairman T. Schlechter called the meeting back to order at approximately 12:16 p.m. CT.

Motion by P. McMahan, second by A. 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 12:17 p.m. CT.

Chairman T. Schlechter brought the Commission out of executive session at approximately 2:00 p.m. CT.

PTPSC 2019-01

Motion by A. Noyes, second by K. Wickard, that a complaint be filed with the Secretary of Education in PTPSC 2019-01 to suspend the teaching certificate for five years with the following terms and conditions:

- a.) that the Respondent complete an alcohol evaluation by October 1, 2019, at own cost, and follow through with any and all recommendations;
- b.) that the Respondent obtain a mental health evaluation by October 1, 2019, addressing the issues as presented in the complaint at respondent's own cost and follow through with any and all recommendations;
- c.) that the Respondent complete a course of continuing education that covers ethical considerations regarding social media use by educators;
- d.) that the Respondent not engage in or become party to any illicit relationships with students;
- e.) that upon completion, of any evaluations/exams/courses, that the Respondent provide written proof to executive secretary of the Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission (PTPSC); and
- f.) that at the request of the PTPSC Chair, the Respondent shall personally appear in front of the commission to address compliance with these terms and conditions,

and that the Chair be authorized to execute the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law and Order along with the complaint to the secretary. Roll call vote, all in present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Member Name	AYE	NAY	Abstain
C. Bordeaux	X		
C McMachen			
P. McMahan	X		
A. Noyes	X		
T. Schlechter	X		
K. Wickard	X		
Vacant			

PTPSC 2018-13

Motion for continuance was granted for PTPSC 2018-13.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by A. Noyes, second by P. McMahan, to adjourn. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:16 p.m. CT.

Ferne G. Haddock

6/12/2019

Ferne G. Haddock
Executive Secretary PTPSC

Date