



Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission

May 5, 2025 @9:00 a.m. CT

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

Present: Kaye Wickard
Joy Robbins (Chair)
Caitlyn Graf
Nichole Bowman (Vice Chair)
Christine Saltsman

Absent Alesha Limbo

Others Kendra Mulder-Mews, Commission Counsel
Present: Hailey Spaid, Executive Secretary

Others Members of the public
Present:

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Roll call. A quorum of the Commission was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Wickard second by Graf to approve the May 5, 2025, agenda. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bowman second by Wickard to approve the February 18th, 2025, minutes. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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38 **Chairman**
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40 Bowman nominated Robbins for Chairman for 2025.
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42 Motion by Bowman second by Wickard that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast
43 for Robbins for Chairman 2025. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting
44 aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.
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46 **Vice Chairman**
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48 Wickard nominated Bowman for Vice Chairman for 2025.
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50 Motion by Wickard second by Saltsman that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast
51 for Bowman for Vice Chairman 2025. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.
52 Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.
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54 **DESIGNATE COMMISSION COUNSEL**
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56 Motion by Robbins second by Wickard to appoint Kendra Mulder-Mews and Paul Bachand as
57 Commission Counsel. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye:
58 Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.
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60 **PTPSC ANNUAL REPORT-2024**
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62 Motion by Bowman second by Wickard to approve the PTPSC Annual Report-2024 and
63 authorize the Chairman to sign and submit the report to the South Dakota Secretary of
64 Education. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman,
65 Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.
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67 **PUBLIC COMMENT SDCL 1-25-1**
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69 There was no public comment.
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71 **Previous Business**
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73 **Hearing - PTPSC 2024-06**
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75 **EXECUTIVE SESSION SDCL 1-25-2(3)6**
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77 Motion by Bowman second by Wickard to go into executive session to discuss legal issues with
78 Commission Counsel. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye:
79 Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.
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Commission went into executive session at approximately 9:19 a.m. CT.

Commission went into executive session without Commission Member Saltsman at 9:41 a.m. CT

Commission came out of executive session at approximately 9:48 a.m. CT.

PTPSC 2024-11

Motion by Bowman second by Wickard to dismiss PTPSC 2024-11. Roll call vote. Motion carried.
Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

PTPSC 2024-12

Motion by Bowman second by Wickard to dismiss PTPSC 2024-12. Roll call vote. Motion carried.
Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

New Business

PTPSC 2025-01

Motion by Saltsman second by Wickard that PTPSC 2025-01 be moved to a formal hearing. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins

PTPSC 2025-02

Motion by Bowman second by Graf that PTPSC 2025-02 be moved to a formal hearing. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins

PTPSC 2025-03

Motion by Bowman second by Graf that PTPSC 2025-03 be moved to a formal hearing. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins

PTPSC 2025-04

Motion by Wickard second by Bowman that PTPSC 2025-04 be moved to a formal hearing. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins

PTPSC 2025-05. Commission Member, Saltsman recused herself from this matter.

Motion by Bowman second by Graf that PTPSC 2025-05 be moved to a formal hearing. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins. Not voting because of recusal: Saltsman.

Recess at approximately 9:48 a.m. CT

Previous Business

Hearing - PTPSC 2024-13

EXECUTIVE SESSION SDCL 1-25-2(3)6

Motion by Wickard second by Saltsman to go into executive session to discuss legal issues with Commission Counsel. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

Commission went into executive session at approximately 10:42 a.m. CT.

Commission came out of executive session at approximately 11:10 a.m. CT.

PTPSC 2024-06

Motion by Bowman second by Graf that a Complaint be filed with the Secretary of Education regarding PTPSC 2024-06 for proceedings to permanently revoke the educator's certificate 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, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

PTPSC 2024-13

Motion by Bowman second by Graf that a Complaint be filed with the Secretary of Education regarding PTPSC 2024-13 for proceedings to suspend the educator's certificate for a period of one year 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, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

Recess at approximately 11:12 a.m. CT

Hearing - PTPSC 2024-14

EXECUTIVE SESSION SDCL 1-25-2(3)6

Motion by Bowman second by Wickard to go into executive session to discuss legal issues with Commission Counsel. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

Commission went into executive session at approximately 2:21 p.m. CT.

Commission came out of executive session at approximately 2:43 p.m. CT.

PTPSC 2024-14

Motion by Graf second by Bowman that a Complaint be filed with the Secretary of Education regarding PTPSC 2024-14 for proceedings to permanently revoke the educator's certificate 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, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Wickard second by Bowman to adjourn. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m. CT.

Hailey Spaid

Date

Executive Secretary PTPSC