



Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission

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

1 Location: MacKay Building, First Floor, MCR 1
2 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota

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4 Present: Kaye Wickard
5 Joy Robbins (Chair)
6 Caitlyn Graf
7 Nichole Bowman (Vice Chair)
8 Christine Saltsman

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10 Absent Alesha Limbo

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

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15 Others Members of the public
16 Present:

17 18 **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

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22 Roll call. A quorum of the Commission was present.

23 24 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

28 29 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

34 35 36 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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Chairman

Bowman nominated Robbins for Chairman for 2025.

Motion by Bowman second by Wickard that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Robbins for Chairman 2025. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

Vice Chairman

Wickard nominated Bowman for Vice Chairman for 2025.

Motion by Wickard second by Saltsman that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bowman for Vice Chairman 2025. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

DESIGNATE COMMISSION COUNSEL

Motion by Robbins second by Wickard to appoint Kendra Mulder-Mews and Paul Bachand as Commission Counsel. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

PTPSC ANNUAL REPORT-2024

Motion by Bowman second by Wickard to approve the PTPSC Annual Report-2024 and authorize the Chairman to sign and submit the report to the South Dakota Secretary of Education. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

PUBLIC COMMENT SDCL 1-25-1

There was no public comment.

Previous Business

Hearing - PTPSC 2024-06

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.

81 Commission went into executive session at approximately 9:19 a.m. CT.

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

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

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87 **PTPSC 2024-11**

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89 Motion by Bowman second by Wickard to dismiss PTPSC 2024-11. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

90 Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

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92 **PTPSC 2024-12**

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94 Motion by Bowman second by Wickard to dismiss PTPSC 2024-12. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

95 Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

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97 **New Business**

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99 **PTPSC 2025-01**

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101 Motion by Saltsman second by Wickard that PTPSC 2025-01 be moved to a formal hearing. Roll

102 call vote. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins

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104 **PTPSC 2025-02**

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106 Motion by Bowman second by Graf that PTPSC 2025-02 be moved to a formal hearing. Roll call

107 vote. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins

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109 **PTPSC 2025-03**

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111 Motion by Bowman second by Graf that PTPSC 2025-03 be moved to a formal hearing. Roll call

112 vote. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins

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114 **PTPSC 2025-04**

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116 Motion by Wickard second by Bowman that PTPSC 2025-04 be moved to a formal hearing. Roll

117 call vote. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins

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

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121 Motion by Bowman second by Graf that PTPSC 2025-05 be moved to a formal hearing. Roll call

122 vote. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins. Not voting because of

123 recusal: Saltsman.

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125 Recess at approximately 9:48 a.m. CT

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127 **Previous Business**

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129 **Hearing - PTPSC 2024-13**

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

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

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

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

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141 **PTPSC 2024-06**

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143 Motion by Bowman second by Graf that a Complaint be filed with the Secretary of Education
144 regarding PTPSC 2024-06 for proceedings to permanently revoke the educator's certificate and
145 that the Chair be authorized to execute the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order
146 along with the Complaint to the Secretary. Roll call vote, all present voted in favor. Motion
147 carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

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149 **PTPSC 2024-13**

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151 Motion by Bowman second by Graf that a Complaint be filed with the Secretary of Education
152 regarding PTPSC 2024-13 for proceedings to suspend the educator's certificate for a period of
153 one year and that the Chair be authorized to execute the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of
154 Law and Order along with the Complaint to the Secretary. Roll call vote, all present voted in
155 favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

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157 Recess at approximately 11:12 a.m. CT

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159 **Hearing - PTPSC 2024-14**

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

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

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

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

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171 **PTPSC 2024-14**

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173 Motion by Graf second by Bowman that a Complaint be filed with the Secretary of Education
174 regarding PTPSC 2024-14 for proceedings to permanently revoke the educator’s certificate and
175 that the Chair be authorized to execute the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order
176 along with the Complaint to the Secretary. Roll call vote, all present voted in favor. Motion
177 carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Saltsman, Wickard, Graf, and Robbins.

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179 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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Date

190 Executive Secretary PTPSC

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