



**Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission**

March 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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2 Location: MacKay Building, First Floor, MCR 1  
3 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota  
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5 Present: Nichole Bowman (Chairman 2026)  
6 Caitlyn Graf (Vice Chairman 2026)  
7 Ann Anderson  
8 Christine Saltsman  
9 Jenna Sinner  
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11 Absent: Connie Gretschmann  
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13 Others Kendra Mulder-Mews, Commission Counsel  
14 Savanna Cruz, Commission Counsel

15 Present: Hailey Spaid, Executive Secretary  
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17 **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**  
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19 Chairman Bowman called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. CT.  
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21 Roll call. A quorum of the Commission was present.  
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23 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**  
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25 Motion by Anderson second by Graf to approve the March 12, 2026, agenda. Voice vote, all present  
26 voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Graf, Anderson, Saltsman, and Sinner.  
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28 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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30 Motion by Saltsman second by Graf to approve the December 10, 2025, minutes with a modification of  
31 removing “members of the public”. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye:  
32 Bowman, Graf, Anderson, Saltsman, and Sinner.  
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34 **Previous Business**  
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36 **Hearing - PTSPC 2025-08 - PTPSC 2025-11**  
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38 **EXECUTIVE SESSION SDCL 1-25-2(3)**  
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40 Motion by Graf second by Saltsman to go into executive session to discuss legal issues with Commission  
41 Counsel. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Voting aye: Bowman, Graf, Anderson, Saltsman, and  
42 Sinner.  
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44 Commission went into executive session at approximately 10:01 a.m. CT.

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46 Commission came out of executive session at approximately 10:32 a.m. CT.

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48 **Previous Business**

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50 **PTSPC 2025-08 - PTPSC 2025-11**

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52 Motion by Graf second by Saltsman that a Complaint be filed with the Secretary of Education regarding  
53 PTPSC 2025-08 and PTPSC 2025-11 for proceedings to suspend the educator’s certificate for a period of  
54 one year and that reapplication be contingent on a certificate of completion of ethics training being  
55 provided to the Department of Education and the Chair be authorized to execute the Findings of Fact and  
56 Conclusions of Law and Order along with the Complaint to the Secretary. Roll call vote, all present voted  
57 in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Graf, Anderson, Saltsman, and Sinner.

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59 **New Business**

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61 **PTSPC 2026-01**

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63 Motion by Anderson second by Sinner that PTPSC 2026-01 be moved to a formal hearing. Roll call vote.  
64 Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Graf, Anderson, Saltsman, and Sinner.

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66 **PTPSC 2026-02**

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68 Motion by Saltsman second by Graf that PTPSC 2026-02 be moved to a formal hearing. Roll call vote.  
69 Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Graf, Anderson, Saltsman, and Sinner.

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71 **PUBLIC COMMENT SDCL 1-25-1**

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73 There was no public comment.

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75 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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77 **Chairman**

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79 Saltsman nominated Bowman for Chairman for 2026.

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81 Motion by Saltsman second by Graf that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bowman  
82 for Chairman 2026. Roll call vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Graf,  
83 Anderson, Saltsman, and Sinner.

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85 **Vice Chairman**

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87 Saltsman nominated Graf for Vice Chairman for 2026.

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89 Motion by Saltsman second by Sinner that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Graf for  
90 Vice Chairman 2026. Roll call vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman,  
91 Graf, Anderson, Saltsman, and Sinner.

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93 **APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

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95 Motion by Graf second by Saltsman to appoint Hailey Spaid as executive secretary. Roll call vote, all  
96 present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Graf, Anderson, Saltsman, and Sinner.

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98 **DESIGNATE COMMISSION COUNSEL**

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100 Motion by Anderson second by Bowman to appoint Bachand & Hruska, P.C. as Commission Counsel.  
101 Roll call vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Graf, Anderson, Saltsman,  
102 and Sinner.

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104 **PTPSC ANNUAL REPORT- 2025**

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106 Motion by Sinner second by Graf to approve the PTPSC Annual Report- 2025 as presented and authorize  
107 the Chairman to sign and submit the report to the South Dakota Secretary of Education. Voice vote, all  
108 present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Graf, Anderson, Saltsman, and Sinner.

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110 Recess at approximately 10:42 A.M. CT

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112 **Previous Business**

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114 **Hearing - PTSPC 2025-12**

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116 **EXECUTIVE SESSION SDCL 1-25-2(3)**

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118 Motion by Sinner second by Anderson to go into executive session to discuss legal issues with  
119 Commission Counsel. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Voting aye: Bowman, Graf, Anderson,  
120 Saltsman, and Sinner.

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122 Commission went into executive session at approximately 2:03 p.m. CT.

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124 Commission came out of executive session at approximately 2:35 p.m. CT.

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126 **Previous Business**

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128 **PTSPC 2025-12**

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130 Motion by Graf second by Saltsman that a Complaint be filed with the Secretary of Education regarding  
131 PTPSC 2025-12 for proceedings to permanently revoke the educator's certificate and that the Chair be  
132 authorized to execute the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order along with the Complaint  
133 to the Secretary. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Voting aye: Bowman, Graf, Saltsman, and Sinner.

134 Abstained: Anderson.

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136 **ADJOURNMENT**

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138 Motion by Graf second by Anderson to adjourn. Voice vote, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.  
139 Voting aye: Bowman, Graf, Anderson, Saltsman, and Sinner.

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141 Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:37 p.m. CT.

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147 Hailey Spaid  
148 Executive Secretary PTPSC

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