

**South Dakota Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission.  
Annual Report 2021**

The Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission hereby files this report with the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education.

The Commission is charged with the responsibility of reviewing possible violations of the code of ethics for certified teachers. When the Commission determines that cause exists to believe a teacher has violated the code of ethics, the Commission holds a contested case hearing. The Commission may reprimand or recommend a disciplinary action to be implemented by the appropriate governing body if the Commission finds that the teacher violated the code of ethics established under SDCL 13-43-25 and found in ARSD 24:08:03. If the Commission determines that proceedings to revoke or suspend the certificate of a teacher should be instituted, the Commission files a written complaint with the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education.

During calendar year 2021, the Commission received eight complaints. The commission reviewed two complaints that were pending at the end of 2020 and all eight complaints filed in 2021. The commission met on seven occasions and held seven contested case hearings.

The commission issued two private reprimands and referred four cases to the Secretary of the Department of Education for proceedings to revoke or suspend the teacher's certificate. Two complaints were dismissed prior to a hearing. One complaint was dismissed after a hearing. One complaint was pending at the end of 2021.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Paula McMahan Chairman  
Professional Teachers Practices & Standards Commission