



**South Dakota Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission.
Annual Report 2025**

As per SDCL 13-43-17.1 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. Ultimately, if the Commission determines that the teacher violated the code of ethics established under SDCL 13-43-25 and found in ARSD 24:08:03 the Commission may issue a private or public reprimand or recommend other appropriate disciplinary action which is in the best interest of the commission, the certificate holder, and the public. SDCL 13-43-28. 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 2025, the Commission received twelve complaints, there were nine pending complaints at the end of 2024. The commission met on five occasions and held three contested case hearings in 2025. In 2025, the Commission dismissed eight complaints, approved the withdrawal of one complaint, issued one Private Reprimand, and referred eight to the Secretary of the Department of Education for proceedings to revoke or suspend the teacher's certificate. There were three complaints pending at the end of 2025.

Dated: _____, 2026.

Nichole Bowman, Chair
Professional Teachers Practices & Standards Commission