

**Professional Practices Commission  
Kansas State Department of Education  
900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 102  
Topeka, Kansas 66612**

**Friday, November 18, 2016  
8:30 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman, Linda Sieck, called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

Members Present: Dorsey Burgess  
Vici Jennings  
John McKinney  
Sylvia Ramirez  
Linda Sieck  
Jessica Snider

Members Not Present: Justin Henry  
Ginger Riddle  
Maret Schrader

KSDE Staff: Kelli Broers, KSDE, Assistant General Counsel  
Gwen Kramer, KSDE, PPC Secretary  
Nik Stewart, KSDE, Videographer

KNEA Staff: Marjie Blaufuss, KNEA, Staff Attorney

Office of Administrative Hearings: Michele Tunnell, OAH, Presiding Administrative Law Judge

**2. Announcements**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

*It was M/S (Jessica Snider/Dorsey Burgess) to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2016, meeting. Motion carried 6-0.*

**4. Old Business**

Ms. Broers shared a courtesy update on the Suzette Ramos and Gage McGarry cases.

After receiving an October district court order, the State Board will reconsider the Suzette Ramos case at its December meeting.

Gage McGarry's time to appeal the State Board's final order expires next week. He has not submitted an appeal as of this date.

**5. New Business**

The State Board moved its April 2017 meeting dates, which requires the April PPC meeting to be rescheduled. A motion to set a new date was tabled until the end of the day while Judge Tunnell attempted to reach counsel for the case that was scheduled for the April 2017 meeting. This action was tabled as contact was not made.

**6. Default – Karen Vondemkamp**

16-PPC-27

*It was M/S (Dorsey Burgess/Jessica Snider) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Karen Vondemkamp's application for a substitute license be denied based on her failure to respond to the Complaint and her failure to prove rehabilitation. Motion carried 6-0.*

**Default – Karen Marshall**

16-PPC-33

*It was M/S (Dorsey Burgess/Sylvia Ramirez) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Karen Marshall's license be revoked based on her failure to respond to the Complaint and the assumption that the facts alleged therein are true. Motion carried 6-0.*

**7. Hearings**

a. Melisha Colon

16-PPC-03

Chairman, Linda Sieck, called the Melisha Colon hearing to order at 8:56 a.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE.

Melisha Colon appeared in person and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

Cathy Foster, following being sworn in, provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 9:45 a.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

*It was M/S (John McKinney/Sylvia Ramirez) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Melisha Colon be publically censured. Motion carried 6-0.*

b. Joseph Hamer

16-PPC-40

Chairman Sieck called the Joseph Hamer hearing to order at 10:21 a.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE.

Joseph Hamer, appeared in person and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 10:30 a.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

*It was M/S (Jessica Snider/Dorsey Burgess) to recommend to the State Board of Education to issue an emergency substitute license to Joseph Hamer and any other subsequent licenses he may apply for so long as he meets the requirements. Motion carried 6-0.*

- c. Madison Beckman 16-PPC-28

Chairman Sieck called the Madison Beckman hearing to order at 10:49 a.m.

Gregory Goheen appeared as counsel for Spring Hill, USD 230.

Bradley Wilson, Spring Hill Assistant Superintendent, USE 230, appeared in person and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

Madison Beckman appeared in person and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

Bradley Wilson retook the stand to clarify some questions the Commission had.

The hearing recessed at 12:28 p.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

*It was M/S (John McKinney/Vici Jennings) under Kansas statute, the PPC is mandated to recommend to the State Board of Education that it suspend Madison Beckman's license for the remainder of her contract year. Motion carried 6-0.*

- d. Lois Lervold 16-PPC-39

Chairman, Linda Sieck, called the Lois Lervold hearing to order at 1:49 p.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE.

Lois Lervold, appeared in person and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 1:56 p.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 1:58 p.m.

*It was M/S (Jessica Snider/Sylvia Ramirez) to recommend to the State Board of Education to issue an emergency substitute license to Lois Lervold and any future licenses so long as she meets the requirements. Motion carried 6-0.*

- e. Tyler Masters 16-PPC-38

Chairman, Linda Sieck, called the Tyler Masters hearing to order at 1:59 p.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE.

Tyler Masters, appeared in person and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 2:13 p.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 2:16 p.m.

*It was M/S (Jessica Snider/Vici Jennings) to recommend to the State Board of Education to issue Tyler Masters an initial teaching license and any future licenses so long as the requirements are met. Motion carried 6-0.*

**8. Voluntary Surrenders**

Ansel Barngrover

16-PPC-10

*It was M/S (Jessica Snider/Vici Jennings) to recommend to the State Board of Education that it accept Ansel Barngrover's voluntary surrender of her emergency substitute license and her license be revoked as a result of her misconduct and her criminal conviction. Motion carried 6-0.*

Steven Young

16-PPC-22

*It was M/S (Jessica Snider/John McKinney) to recommend to the State Board of Education that it accept Steven Young's voluntary surrender of his teaching license and his license be revoked as a consequence of his misconduct and underlying criminal conviction. Motion carried 6-0.*

**9. Other**

**2016-2017 NEXT Meeting Dates scheduled:**

Friday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Sieck will represent the Professional Practices Commission at the December 13, 2016, Kansas State Board of Education meeting.

*It was M/S (Jessica Snider/Vici Jennings) to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.*