

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

**Friday, February 3, 2017
9:00 a.m.**

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman, Dorsey Burgess, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Dorsey Burgess
Justin Henry
Vici Jennings
John McKinney
Sylvia Ramirez
Ginger Riddle
Maret Schrader

Members Not Present: Linda Sieck
Jessica Snider

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, Presiding Administrative Law Judge

2. Announcements

Dorsey Burgess, acting Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order on February 3, 2017, at 9:03 a.m.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was M/S (John McKinney/Vici Jennings) to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2016, meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Old Business

Ms. Broers shared an update on the Suzette Ramos case. The final order was entered at the December 2016 State Board meeting. The case was resolved by a settlement agreement. Ms. Ramos's license was suspended.

Gage McGarry –The time for Mr. McGarry to appeal the State Board's final order has expired.

5. New Business

It was suggested to appoint a Vice-Chairman. John McKinney moved to nominate Dorsey Burgess as Vice-Chairman. Justin Henry seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Future meeting dates were discussed. The April 27, 2017, date was cancelled and June 2, 2017, was added.

6. Default – Clare Bachman 16-PPC-34

It was M/S John McKinney/Ginger Riddle to recommend to the State Board of Education that Clare Bachman's license be revoked. Motion passed. 7-0.

Default – Eliot Eichbauer 16-PPC-41

It was M/S (Ginger Riddle/Sylvia Ramirez) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Eliot Eichbauer's license be suspended through April 1, 2019, as a consequence of his conviction and failure to appear before the Professional Practices Commission. Motion passed 7-0.

7. Voluntary Surrenders – revoke, accept M/S John McKinney/Ginger Riddle

Terry Couch 16-PPC-42

It was M/S John McKinney/Ginger Riddle to recommend to the State Board of Education that the license of Terry Couch be revoked. Motion passed 7-0.

8. Hearings

a. Brittany Pierpoint 16-PPC-43

Vice-Chairman, Dorsey Burgess, called the Brittany Pierpoint hearing to order at 9:56 a.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE.

Brittany Pierpoint appeared in person and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 10:03 a.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 10:08 a.m.

It was M/S (Ginger Riddle/John McKinney) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Brittany Pierpoint be issued a professional license and any other subsequent licenses she may apply for so long as she meets the requirements. Motion carried 7-0.

b. Kylie Duncan 16-PPC-05

Vice-Chairman, Dorsey Burgess, called the Kylie Duncan hearing to order at 10:17 a.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE.

Kylie Duncan did not appear. .

The hearing recessed at 10:17 a.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 10:31 a.m.

It was M/S (Ginger Riddle/John McKinney) to recommend to the State Board of Education to Kylie Duncan's application for licensure be denied as a consequence of criminal activity. Motion carried 7-0.

c. Caitlin Thompson

16-PPC-24

Vice-Chairman, Dorsey Burgess, called the Caitlin Thompson hearing to order at 1:03 p.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE.

Vince Cox appeared as counsel for Caitlin Thompson, who also appeared in person.

1. Dr. Ben Boothe, following being sworn in, provided testimony.

The Commission took a break at 2:45 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

2. Kelsey Nelson, following being sworn in, provided testimony.
3. Matthew Roberts, following being sworn in, provided testimony.
4. L.C., following being sworn in, provided testimony.
5. Gina Milner, following being sworn in, provided testimony.
6. C.M., following being sworn in, provided testimony.

The Commission took a break at 4:45 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 5:05 p.m.

7. James Brockway, following being sworn in, provided testimony.
8. Caitlin Thompson appeared in person and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 7:12 p.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

It was M/S (John McKinney/Vici Jennings) that the commission acknowledges misconduct of Caitlin Thompson but does not believe it rises to the level of formal discipline and recommends to the State Board of Education that no formal discipline be taken against her. Motion passes 7-0.

9. Other

2016-2017 NEXT Meeting Dates scheduled:

Friday, March 3rd

Monday, April 3rd

Friday, June 2nd

Chairman Sieck will represent the Professional Practices Commission at the February 14, 2017, Kansas State Board of Education meeting.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.