

**Professional Practices Commission Meeting
Friday, June 2, 2017
9:00 a.m. – via ZOOM**

Kansas State Department of Education
900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 102
Topeka, Kansas 66612

1. Call to Order

Chairperson, Linda Sieck, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. via ZOOM.

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
Diana Stephan, KSDE, Teacher Licensure Consultant
Nik Stewart, KSDE, Videographer

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

2. Announcements

Kelli Broers announced this was our first attempt at a ZOOM meeting.

Dorsey Burgess was thanked for his service to the Professional Practices Commission. A plaque for his service and a letter from, Jim Porter, the Kansas State Board of Education Chairman, was sent in the mail.

3. Approval of April 3, 2017 Minutes

The minutes of the April 3, 2017 meeting were filed as written.

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

Kelli Broers let the members know that Jennifer Thomas, legal counsel for Craig Butler, was also on the ZOOM call to set a hearing date. The date is set for Friday, October 27, 2017.

6. Defaults

- a. Sarah Kennington 9:00 a.m. 17-PPC-08
It was M/S (Dorsey Burgess/Jessica Snider) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Sarah Kennington's application for an emergency substitute teaching license be denied based on her criminal history. Motion passed. 6-0.

b. Terry McMurry 9:18 a.m. 17-PPC-11
It was M/S (Dorsey Burgess/Jessica Snider) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Terry McMurry's professional teaching license and any associated licenses be revoked because of his criminal convictions and misconduct. Motion passed. 6-0.

c. Claire Torres 9:22 a.m. 17-PPC-13
It was M/S (Dorsey Burgess/Jessica Snider) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Claire Torres's professional teaching license be revoked due to lack of response to a Kansas State Department of Education complaint for arrest of a sexual act with a student. Motion passed. 6-0.

7. Voluntary Surrenders

a. Jessica Laster 9:25 a.m. 17-PPC-10
It was M/S (Dorsey Burgess/Jessica Snider) to recommend to the State Board of Education that it accept Jessica Laster's voluntary surrender of her license and that her license be revoked as a consequence of misconduct and conviction for a felony aggravated battery. Motion passed 6-0.

b. Todd Kaiser 9:32 a.m. 17-PPC-15
It was M/S (Dorsey Burgess/Jessica Snider) to recommend to the State Board of Education that it accept Todd Kaiser's voluntary surrender of his license and that his license be revoked based on misconduct for being found guilty of a felony sexual exploitation of a child. Motion passed 6-0.

8. Hearings
None

9. Other

Linda Sieck will not be available for the July 31st meeting. A vice-chairman will need to be in charge of the meeting. The new member, Laura Batson, will be at the July 31st meeting.

2017-2018 NEXT Meeting Dates scheduled:

Monday, July 31st

Friday, Sept 22nd

Friday, Oct 27th