

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

**Monday, August 1, 2016**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Sieck called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Justin Henry  
John McKinney  
Maret Schrader  
Linda Sieck  
Jessica Snider

Members Not Present: Sylvia Ramirez  
Vici Jennings  
Ginger Riddle  
Dorsey Burgess

KSDE Staff: Kelli Broers, Assistant General Counsel  
Gwen Kramer, PPC Secretary  
Diana Stephan, Teacher Licensure Consultant  
Nik Stewart, Videographer

Office of Administrative Hearings: Michele Tunnell

**2. Announcements**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

*It was M/S (John McKinney/Jessica Snider) to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2016, meeting.  
Motion carried 5-0.*

**4. Old Business**

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

*It was M/S (Jessica Snider/Justin Henry) that the April 25, 2016, initial order recommending the voluntary surrender of Alan Martens teacher's license be accepted and his license be revoked be vacated as a result of his license having expired prior to April 25, 2016. Motion carried 5-0.*

**5. New Business**

None

**6. Default – Troy Smith**

16-PPC-20

Ms. Broers informed members this case would not be heard today.

## 7. Hearings

- a. Ryan Nuessen 16-PPC-12

Chairman Sieck called the Ryan Nuessen hearing to order at 9:28 a.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE and went through KSDE's exhibits.

Diana Stephan, from the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team, appeared in person on behalf of KSDE and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

Ryan Nuessen appeared in person and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 9:58 a.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 10:04 a.m.

*It was M/S (Jessica Snider/Justin Henry) to recommend to the State Board of Education to renew Ryan Nuessen's initial license and issue a provisional special education license as long as he meets the requirements. Motion carried 5-0.*

- b. Jon Sweeney 16-PPC-18

Chairman Sieck called the Jon Sweeney hearing to order at 10:27 a.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE and went through KSDE's exhibits.

Jon Sweeney appeared in person and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

Tammy Sweeney, his wife, also appeared in person and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

Jon Sweeney will provide updated transcripts, if needed.

The hearing recessed at 10:49 a.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

*It was M/S (Jessica Snider/Justin Henry) to recommend to the State Board of Education to issue an emergency substitute license for Jon Sweeney and any future licenses he applies for as long as he meets the qualifications. Motion carried 5-0.*

- c. Caitlyn Ulbrich 16-PPC-19

Chairman Sieck called the Caitlyn Ulbrich hearing to order at 11:02 a.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE and went through KSDE's exhibits.

Caitlyn Ulbrich appeared in person and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

Caitlyn's mother, Kathy Ulbrich, also appeared in person and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 11:23 a.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

*It was M/S (Jessica Snider/Maret Schrader) to recommend to the State Board of Education to issue the emergency substitute license to Caitlyn Ulbrich, and any subsequent licenses that she is qualified for. Motion carried 5-0.*

- d. Benjamin Hendricks 16-PPC-17

Chairman Sieck called the Benjamin Hendricks hearing to order at 11:32 a.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE and went through KSDE's exhibits.

Benjamin Hendricks appeared in person and following being sworn in, provided testimony.

In closing, Ms. Broers clarified the timeline of letting the Commission know Benjamin Hendricks applied for the substitute license before being charged.

The hearing recessed at 11:50 a.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

*It was M/S (Jessica Snider/Justin Henry) to recommend to the State Board of Education for Benjamin Hendricks to keep the sublicense and any other subsequent licenses issued thereafter on completion of diversion. Motion carried 5-0.*

## 8. Other

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

Friday, September 23, 2016

Friday, November 18, 2016

Chairman Sieck will attend the August, Kansas State Board of Education meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>, representing the Professional Practices Commission.

*It was M/S (Jessica Snider/Justin Henry) to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.*