

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

**Wednesday, August 5, 2015**

**1. Call To Order**

Chairman Sieck called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Members Present: Dorsey Burgess  
Tavis Desormiers  
Kimberly Groom  
Justin Henry  
John McKinney  
Bradley Nicks  
Linda Sieck  
Jessica Snider

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

KNEA Staff: Marjorie Blaufaus  
Idalia Shuman

Office of Administrative Hearings: Michele Tunnell

**2. Announcements**

Justin Henry and John McKinney were introduced and welcomed as PPC members. Justin serves as the superintendent at Goddard USD 265 and John is the principal at Shawnee Mission East High School.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

*It was M/S (Dorsey Burgess/Bradley Nicks) that the minutes of the June 15, 2015 Professional Practices Commission meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously, 8-0.*

**4. Old Business – moved to afternoon**

**5. New Business**

a. Default Orders – All orders include adopting the findings of facts that were contained in the complaint.

**1) Scott Smith                      15-PPC-16**

*It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Kimberly Groom) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Scott Smith's request for a license be denied. Motion carried unanimously, 8-0.*

**2) Shelli Cammisa 15-PPC-26**

*It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Tavis Desormiers) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Shelli Cammisa's license be revoked. Motion carried unanimously, 8-0.*

**3) Jeb Woodford 15-PPC-27**

*It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Kimberly Groom) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Jeb Woodford's request for a license be denied. Motion carried unanimously, 8-0.*

**4) Brad West 15-PPC-28**

*It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Kimberly Groom) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Brad West's license be revoked. Motion carried unanimously, 8-0.*

**5) Mallory Latimore 15-PPC-29**

*It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Kimberly Groom) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Mallory Latimore's request for a license be denied. Motion carried unanimously, 8-0.*

**6) Matthew Hobbs 15-PPC-34**

*It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Kimberly Groom) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Matthew Hobb's license be revoked. Motion carried unanimously, 8-0.*

**b. Voluntary Surrender**

**1) Ronald Michels 15-PPC-37**

*It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Tavis Desormiers) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Ronald Michels' voluntary surrender be accepted and that his license be revoked. Motion carried unanimously, 8-0.*

**6. Hearings**

**a. Jackie Brand 15-PPC-36**

Chairman Sieck called the Jackie Brand hearing to order @ 9:34 a.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE. Ms. Brand appeared in person and provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 9:51 a.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 10:11 a.m.

*It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Kimberly Groom) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Jackie Brand's license be approved. Motion carried, 7-0, with Dorsey Burgess abstaining.*

Kimberly Groom spoke to Ms. Brand on behalf of the Commission. The Commission had concerns that Ms. Brand had not disclosed that she was on a diversion; however, they were impressed that she had told the school and that she was very forthcoming. The Commission was hopeful that Ms. Brand will take what she has learned and apply it wisely.



Chairman Sieck called the Christopher Nabors hearing to order at 1:06 p.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE. Christopher Nabors did not appear. The Commission considered the Complaint and all materials submitted by Mr. Nabors despite the fact that the materials he submitted did not meet the regulatory requirements for an Answer.

The hearing recessed at 1:22 p.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations the hearing reconvened at 1:38 p.m.

*It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Kimberly Groom) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Christopher Nabors license be revoked. Motion carried, 7-1, with Jessica Snider voting in opposition.*

## **6. Hearings (con't)**

### **d. Rachelle Cole                      15-PPC-33**

Chairman Sieck called the Rachelle Cole hearing to order at 1:45 p.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE. Ms. Cole appeared in person and with her attorney, Daniel C. Walter. Ms. Cole provided testimony. Mr. Walter had no objections to submission of exhibits. Mr. Walter provided original documents to the PPC Secretary.

The hearing recessed at 2:30 p.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations the hearing reconvened at 2:35 p.m.

*It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Kimberly Groom) to recommend to the State Board of Education to issue the renewal of Rachelle Cole's license. Motion carried unanimously, 8-0.*

## **4. Old Business**

Ms. Broers reported that the complaint from Kansas City Kansas USD 500 against Karen Hannah had been dismissed.

Commission members discussed the order of proceedings and it was the consensus of members to have KSDE present their findings, followed by the applicant's testimony and then questions from KSDE representative and PPC members. If the applicant has an attorney then the order will change accordingly.

Adjourned at 2:47 p.m.