

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

Monday, November 23, 2015

1. Call To Order

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

Members Present:

Dorsey Burgess
Tavis Desormiers
Justin Henry
John McKinney
Ginger Riddle
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 Blaufuss

Office of Administrative Hearings:

Michele Tunnell

2. Announcements

None

3. Approval of Minutes

It was M/S (Jessica Snider/Ginger Riddle) to approve the minutes as corrected (p. 3, 3rd paragraph – change “your to her.” Motion carried.

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

Ms. Broers reminded members that a January 20, 2016 hearing regarding breach of contract/s had been added to the docket.

6. Voluntary Surrenders

- a. Debra Ellebracht 15-PPC-30
- b. Loc Ha 15-PPC-58

c. Wesley Loewen 15-PPC-59

It was M/S (Dorsey Burgess/Jessica Snider) to accept the voluntary surrenders of Debra Ellebracht, Loc Haq and Wesley Loewen. Motion carried 7-0.

7. Hearings

a. Enas Fakira 15-PPC-43

Ms. Broers reported Ms. Fakira called on November 20, 2015 and withdrew her application.

b. Adam McElwain 15-PPC-54

Chairman Sieck called the Adam McElwain hearing to order at 9:17 a.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE. Adam McElwain appeared in person and provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 9:40 a.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 9:53 a.m.

It was M/S (Dorsey Burgess/Jessica Snider) moved to recommend to the State Board of Education that Adam McElwain's request for an e-sub license be approved. Motion carried 7-0.

Recessed at 9:53 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:02 a.m.

c. Suzette Ramos 15-PPC-32

Chairman Sieck called the Suzette Ramos hearing to order at 10:02 a.m.

Kelli Broers appeared on behalf of KSDE. Those appearing as witnesses were: Heath Hogan, Deputy Superintendent, and Gabriela Moreno.

Suzette Ramos and her attorney, Mike Francis, appeared in person. Ms. Ramos provided testimony.

Since there were no objections by either Ms. Broers or Mr. Francis, all exhibits were admitted into evidence.

The hearing recessed at 11:23 a.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 12:29 p.m.

It was M/S (Justin Henry/Ginger Riddle) moved to recommend to the State Board of Education that Suzette Ramos be publicly censured for her conduct. Motion carried 5-2, with Dorsey Burgess and Jessica Snider voting in opposition.

It was M/S (Justin Henry/Ginger Riddle) moved to recommend to the State Board of Education that a copy of the PPC's decision be shared with the Liberal school district. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Burgess and Ms. Snider voted "no," because they did not feel a censure was severe enough for Ms. Ramos behavior.

Meeting recessed at 12:32 p.m.