

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

Monday, March 30, 2015

1. Call to Order

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

Members present:

Dorsey Burgess
Phil Clark
Tavis Desormiers
Kimberly Groom
Calin Kendall
Susan Myers
Bradley Nicks
Linda Sieck
Jessica Snider

KSDE Staff:

Theresa Coté, PPC Secretary
Scott Gordon, Director, General Counsel
Diana Stephan, Teacher Licensure and Accreditation
Nick Stewart, Videographer

KNEA Staff:

Marjorie Blaufauss

Office of Administrative Hearings:

Michele Tunnell

2. Announcements/Welcome

Mr. Gordon announced Kelli Broers is out on leave.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was M/S (Susan Myers/Dorsey Burgess) that the minutes of the February 26 & 27, 2015 Professional Practices Commission meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

4. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

5. New Business

Mr. Gordon shared Kelli had been researching information on public censure. Regulations and statutes do not describe as far as what you can do as public and private censure, which are two different things. For a private censure, the parties involved acknowledge the private censure. Protected information and facts contained within the Consent Order would be redacted in the event that the document becomes publically disseminated. The PPC would have the authority

to have a public censure, which would be included in the order to the State Board; however, the State Board's record is public. Mr. Gordon also shared examples of censures from the Kansas Board of Healing Arts. It was noted that on the teacher/educator license application, there is a question asking if there had been any disciplinary action taken, which would include censure.

6. Hearings

a. Kelly Lillis 15-PPC-07

Chairman Kendall convened the Kelly Lillis hearing at 9:25 a.m.

Scott Gordon appeared on behalf of KSDE. Ms. Lillis appeared in person and provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 9:33 a.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Linda Sieck) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Kelly Lillis' license be approved. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

b. Diego Garcia 15-PPC-09

Chairman Kendall convened the Diego Garcia hearing at 9:42 a.m.

Scott Gordon appeared on behalf of KSDE. Mr. Garcia appeared in person and provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 10:00 a.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 10:07 a.m.

It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Linda Sieck) to recommend to the State Board of Education that the license requested by Mr. Garcia be approved, as well as any subsequent licenses, as long as he meets all requirements. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

Recessed at 10:11 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:22 a.m.

- c. Allan Hammond 15-PPC-04
- d. Sarah Coursen 15-PPC-05
- e. Bradley Deal 15-PPC-08

Chairman Kendall convened the Allan Hammond, Sarah Coursen and Bradley Deal hearings at 10:22 a.m.

Scott Gordon appeared on behalf of KSDE. Mr. Hammond, Ms. Coursen and Mr. Deal did not appear.

The hearing recessed at 10:38 a.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Tavis Desormiers) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Allen Hammond's application for a license be denied as a consequence of his felonious activity. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Tavis Desormiers) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Sarah Coursen's application for a license be denied as a consequence of her felonious activity. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Tavis Desormiers) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Bradley Deal's application for a license be denied as a result of his criminal activity. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

Recessed at 10:50 a.m. for lunch.

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

6. Hearings (cont'd)

f. Austin Russell 15-PPC-13

Chairman Kendall convened the Austin Russell hearing at 1:00 p.m.

Scott Gordon appeared on behalf of KSDE. Mr. Russell appeared in person and with his attorney, David Schauner, and John Popp, Assistant Superintendent, Great Bend USD 428. Mr. Russell and Mr. Schauner provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 1:12 p.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Jessica Snider) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Austin Russell's license be approved. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

g. Nathan Roth 15-PPC-12

Chairman Kendall convened the Nathan Roth hearing at 1:17 p.m.

Scott Gordon appeared on behalf of KSDE. Mr. Roth appeared in person and provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 1:55 p.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Susan Myers) to continue the Nathan Roth hearing until the April PPC meeting. Motion carried, 8-1, with Mr. Burgess voting against the motion.

On behalf of the Commission, Mr. Clark spoke to Mr. Roth and requested that he provide the Commission documentation to his rehabilitation, e.g., letters of recommendation, drug analysis. Mr. Roth apologized for not being prepared.

h. Gabe Moyer 15-PPC-06

Chairman Kendall convened the Gabe Moyer hearing at 2:38 p.m.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Kendall recused themselves from the Gabe Moyer hearing.

Scott Gordon appeared on behalf of KSDE. Mr. Moyer appeared in person and provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 3:04 p.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

It was M/S (Bradley Nicks/Kimberly Groom) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Gabe Moyer's application be approved. Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Mr. Nicks left at 3:20 p.m.

i. Michael Offerman 15-PPC-10

Chairman Kendall convened the Michael Offerman hearing at 3:24 p.m.

Mr. Burgess recused himself from the Michael Offerman hearing.

Scott Gordon appeared on behalf of KSDE. Mr. Offerman appeared in person and provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 3:34 p.m. for deliberations by the Commission. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 3:42 p.m.

It was M/S (Kimberly Groom/Jessica Snider) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Michael Offerman's application be approved. Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

j. Kraig Hilmes 15-PPC-11

Chairman Kendall convened the Kraig Hilmes hearing at 3:43 p.m.

Scott Gordon appeared on behalf of KSDE. Mr. Hilmes appeared in person and provided testimony.

The hearing recessed at 4:02 p.m. for deliberations. Following deliberations, the hearing reconvened at 4:13 p.m.

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It was M/S (Kimberly Groom/Susan Myers) to recommend to the State Board of Education that Kraig Hilmes' application be denied as a consequence of his criminal activity. Motion carried unanimously, 7-1, with Jessica Snider voting no.

On behalf of the Commission, Mr. Clark spoke to Mr. Hilmes. Protections against children are taken seriously and it is hoped Mr. Hilmes understands the wrongfulness of his action. If Mr. Hilmes chooses to reapply, it was suggested he provide letters of support-- people who are in his corner and consider him worthy of a license.

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

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April 27, 2015