Bill Walker, Governor

**ALASKA STATE PROFESSIONAL TEACHING PRACTICES COMMISSION**

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ADOPTED MINUTES

January 25-26, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m., Monday, April 25, 2016, by Chair Melody Mann.

**Members present**: Chair Melody Mann, Vice Chair Maureen van Wagner, Secretary Francie Roberts, David DeVaughn, Paul Prussing, David Legg, Rebecca Himschoot, David Piazza. Absent: Martin Laster. James A. Seitz, Executive Director, and Atiya Lawhorne, Secretary, were also present.

**ACTION**

Move to approve the agenda.

DeVaughn/van Wagner

AYE

Unanimous

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one was present for public comment.

**ACTION**

Move to approve the minutes of September 2015.

Laster/DeVaughn

AYE

Unanimous

**ACTION**

Executive Director’s Report: Jim Seitz, Executive Director, reviewed annual report, addition to certification costs, activity report, and case report.

**CERTIFICATION REPORT**

Sondra Meredith, Teacher Certification Director, discussed educator evaluations. The State board has adopted revisions to educator evaluations regulations. Student data component is being piloted this year instead of implemented. Also removed the percentages tied into evaluations.

**ACTION**

Move into executive session.

Roberts/van Wagner

AYE

Unanimous

**AS 44.62.310 (b)** If permitted subjects are to be discussed at a meeting in executive session, the meeting must first be convened as a public meeting and the question of holding an executive session to discuss matters that are listed in (c) of this section shall be determined by a majority vote of the governmental body. The motion to convene in executive session must clearly and with specificity describe the subject of the proposed executive session without defeating the purpose of addressing the subject in private. Subjects may not be considered at the executive session except those mentioned in the motion calling for the executive session unless auxiliary to the main question. Action may not be taken at an executive session, except to give direction to an attorney or labor negotiator regarding the handling of a specific legal matter or pending labor negotiations.

**ACTION**

Move out of executive session.

van Wagner/Fry

AYE

Unanimous

**ACTION**

Move to adjourn.

DeVaughn/van Wagner

AYE

Unanimous

The Commission adjourned for the day.

January 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 26, 2016, by Chair Melody Mann.

**Members present**: Chair Melody Mann, Vice Chair Maureen van Wagner, Secretary Francie Roberts, David DeVaughn, Martin Laster, David Legg, Rebecca Himschoot, David Piazza, Eric Fry. James A. Seitz, Executive Director and Atiya Lawhorne, Secretary, were also present.

Move into executive session.

van Wagner/DeVaughn

AYE

Unanimous

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**ACTION**

Move out of executive session.

DeVaughn/Himschoot

AYE

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 14-49: Commission ordered a **two-year suspension** of the Alaska Professional Teaching

Certificate of **David C. Bierria** effective August 1, 2015.

DeVaughn/Laster

Recuse: David Legg

AYE

David DeVaughn

Martin Laster

Frances Roberts

Maureen van Wagner

Eric Fry

David Piazza

Melody Mann

NAY

Rebecca Himschoot

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 15-65: Commission accepted the **surrender** of the Alaska Professional Teacher Certificate of **Kim R. Cresap**.

Laster/DeVaughn

AYE

Rebecca Himschoot

David DeVaughn

Martin Laster

David Legg

Frances Roberts

Maureen van Wagner

Eric Fry

David Piazza

Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-02: Commission accepted the **surrender** of the Alaska Professional Teacher Certificate of **Michael J. Wier**.

Roberts/Himschoot

AYE

Rebecca Himschoot

David DeVaughn

Martin Laster

David Legg

Frances Roberts

Maureen van Wagner

Eric Fry

David Piazza

Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-03: Commission ordered an **eighteen (18)** **month suspension** of the Alaska Professional

Teaching Certificate of **Tiffiny H. Shuttleworth** effectiveMay 23, 2015.

van Wagner/DeVaughn

AYE

Rebecca Himschoot

David DeVaughn

Martin Laster

David Legg

Frances Roberts

Maureen van Wagner

Eric Fry

David Piazza

Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-05: Commission ordered a **one-year suspension** of the Alaska Professional Teaching

Certificate of **Robert F. Thompson** effective August 10, 2015.

Fry/Piazza

AYE

Rebecca Himschoot

David DeVaughn

Martin Laster

David Legg

Frances Roberts

Maureen van Wagner

Eric Fry

David Piazza

Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-11: Commission ordered **a one-year suspension** of the Alaska Initial Teaching Certificate of

**Mary M. Strickland** effective August 24, 2015.

DeVaughn/Roberts

AYE

Rebecca Himschoot

David DeVaughn

Martin Laster

David Legg

Frances Roberts

Maureen van Wagner

Eric Fry

David Piazza

Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-13: Commission issued an order **warning** the holder of an Alaska Initial Teacher Certificate. Himschoot/DeVaughn

AYE

Rebecca Himschoot

David DeVaughn

Martin Laster

David Legg

Frances Roberts

Maureen van Wagner

Eric Fry

David Piazza

Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-14: Commission ordered a **one-year suspension** of the Alaska Initial Teaching Certificate of **Aimee E. Goodew** effective October 1, 2015.

Piazza/Legg

AYE

Rebecca Himschoot

David DeVaughn

Martin Laster

David Legg

Frances Roberts

Maureen van Wagner

Eric Fry

David Piazza

Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-15: Commission ordered a **one-year suspension** of the Alaska Initial Teaching Certificate of

**Valerie J. Tillman** effective September 25, 2015.

Roberts/Laster

AYE

Rebecca Himschoot

David DeVaughn

Martin Laster

David Legg

Frances Roberts

Maureen van Wagner

Eric Fry

David Piazza

Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-20: Commission accepted the **surrender** of the Alaska Professional Teacher Certificate of

**Susanna M. DiFranco.**

Fry/Piazza

AYE

Rebecca Himschoot

David DeVaughn

Martin Laster

David Legg

Frances Roberts

Maureen van Wagner

Eric Fry

David Piazza

Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-27: Commission **upheld** staff’s decision to **dismiss** the case.

van Wagner/Himschoot

AYE

Rebecca Himschoot

David DeVaughn

Martin Laster

David Legg

Frances Roberts

Maureen van Wagner

Eric Fry

David Piazza

Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-28: Commission **upheld** staff’s decision to **dismiss** the case.

van Wagner/Himschoot

AYE

Rebecca Himschoot

David DeVaughn

Martin Laster

David Legg

Frances Roberts

Maureen van Wagner

Eric Fry

David Piazza

Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ADVANCED PLANNING**

1. Meetings

* April 25-26, 2016 (Monday and Tuesday)

**ACTION**

Move to adjourn.

DeVaughn/Roberts

AYE

Unanimous

The Commission adjourned.