

Alaska State Professional Teaching Practices Commission
550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1236
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ADOPTED MINUTES
December 15-16, 2022
Via Zoom

Call to Order: Lem Wheelles called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. There were 7 members present so there was a quorum.

Members Present: Secretary Jamie Burgess, Chair Lem Wheelles, Vice-Chair Adam Reid, Kim Bergey, Emma Melkerson, Deborah Riddle and Danette Peterson. Melody Mann, PTPC Executive Director, and Judge Danika Swanson, were also present. Participants for the administrative hearing are also present.

Members Absent: Jennifer Stafford and Mary Carlson are excused.

Agenda Approval: Kim Bergey moved and Emma Melkerson seconded to approve the agenda as presented with flexibility. No discussion or amendments were proposed. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING: In the matter of Prophetess Hayden OAH #21-2165-PTP, PTPC Case #21-22, an administrative hearing, Administrative Law Judge Danika Swanson, was held. Judge Danika Swanson gave a brief overview of the process prior to the hearing. Susan Mitchell is attorney for the Executive Director, and Sara Bloom is attorney for Ms. Hayden.

The meeting went into recess for a lunch break at 12:34pm, and resumed at 1:42pm. Roll call was called again and all 7 commission members are present.

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 4:34pm.

The meeting came back to order at 9:04am on December 16th, 2022. The same members from the first day of the hearing were present, so a quorum was re-established.

The meeting went into recess for a lunch break at 12:23pm, and resume at 1:40pm. Roll call was called again and all 7 commission members are present.

EXECUTIVE/DELIBERATIVE SESSION: Kim Bergey moved and Emma Melkerson seconded to go into executive session as permitted by AS 44.62.310(d) solely to consider a decision on the administrative hearing referenced above. The motion passed unanimously. The commission moved into deliberative session at 3:36pm. Judge Swanson was in the deliberative session.

It was moved by Danette Peterson and seconded by Kim Bergey to move out of executive session at 6:32pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Hearing

OAH Case #21-2165-PTP/PTPC Case 21-22: The Commission orders the reprimand of the Administrative and expired Initial Teaching Certificates of Prophetess Hayden. Completion of an ethics course will be required in order for any Alaska certificates to be renewed.

Moved: Jamie Burgess

Second: Kim Bergey

AYE

Lem Wheelles

Adam Reid

Jamie Burgess

Danette Peterson

Emma Melkerson

Kim Bergey

Deb Riddle

NAY

Motion passed unanimously.

Commission Comments: Lem Wheelles thanked Judge Swanson for her support during the process, Ms. Bloom and Ms. Mitchell for their work in the hearing. Mr. Wheelles also recognized the respondent for her long and distinguished teaching career.

Mr. Wheelles discussed calendaring an administrative review with commission members. Lem Wheelles appointed Emma Melkerson, Kim Bergey and Jennifer Stafford to conduct the review of PTPC Case 23-21. Ms. Mann will schedule with Commission members who were appointed to participate.

Adjournment: Kim Bergey moved and Deb Riddle seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. Lem Wheelles adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Submitted by,
Jamie Burgess