

Bill Walker, Governor

**ALASKA STATE PROFESSIONAL TEACHING PRACTICES COMMISSION**

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APPROVED MINUTES

April 25, 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 (excused). 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 January 2016.

Roberts/van Wagner

AYE

Unanimous

**ACTION**

Executive Director's Report: Jim Seitz, Executive Director, reviewed the financial report (which indicated a small deficit), elimination of support staff position (budget reduction measure from DEED), possible relocation of PTPC offices to Juneau, 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.

van Wagner/Roberts

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/DeVaughn

AYE

Unanimous

**ACTION**

Move into executive session.  
van Wagner/Himschoot

AYE

Unanimous

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**ACTION**

Move out of executive session.  
DeVaughn/van Wagner

AYE

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 15-67: Commission accepted the Stipulated Agreement issuing a **warning** against an educator who currently holds a professional teaching certificate.

Piazza/Roberts

Recuse: Melody Mann

AYE

David DeVaughn

David Piazza

Rebecca Himschoot

Frances Roberts

David Legg

Paul Prussing

Maureen van Wagner

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-19: Commission accepted the Stipulated Agreement ordering a **one year suspension** of the teaching certificate of **Harry H. Faur** effective **October 22, 2015**.  
DeVaughn/van Wagner

AYE

David DeVaughn  
David Piazza  
Rebecca Himschoot  
Frances Roberts  
David Legg  
Paul Prussing  
Maureen van Wagner  
Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-24: Commission accepted the Stipulated Agreement ordering a **six month suspension** of the teaching certificate of **Destiny S. Neade** effective **January 4, 2016**.  
Roberts/van Wagner

AYE

David DeVaughn  
David Piazza  
Rebecca Himschoot  
Frances Roberts  
David Legg  
Paul Prussing  
Maureen van Wagner  
Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-38: Commission does **not** accept the Stipulated Agreement issuing a warning to an educator who currently holds a professional teaching certificate.

Himschoot/DeVaughn

Recuse: Melody Mann

AYE

David DeVaughn  
David Piazza  
Rebecca Himschoot  
Frances Roberts  
David Legg  
Paul Prussing  
Maureen van Wagner

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-32: Commission upholds the decision of PTPC staff to dismiss the case.

Himschoot/Prussing

Recuse: David Legg

AYE

David DeVaughn

David Piazza

Rebecca Himschoot

Frances Roberts

Paul Prussing

Maureen van Wagner

Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ACTION**

PTPC Case No. 16-33: Commission upholds the decision of PTPC staff to dismiss the case.

Himschoot/Prussing

Recuse: David Legg

AYE

David DeVaughn

David Piazza

Rebecca Himschoot

Frances Roberts

Paul Prussing

Maureen van Wagner

Melody Mann

Unanimous

**ADVANCED PLANNING**

2017 Meetings

- October 3-4, 2016 (Monday and Tuesday)
- January 26-27, 2017 (Thursday and Friday)
- April 24-25, 2017 (Monday and Tuesday)

**ACTION**

Move to approve Executive Director and one commissioner to attend PPI Conference.

Piazza/Himschoot

AYE

David DeVaughn

David Piazza

Rebecca Himschoot

Frances Roberts

Paul Prussing

Maureen van Wagner

Melody Mann

NAY

David Legg

**ACTION**

Move to keep Melody Mann, Chair, Maureen van Wagner, Vice-Chair and Frances Roberts, Secretary.  
Piazza/Himschoot

AYE

Unanimous

**ACTION**

Move to adjourn.  
van Wagner/Roberts

AYE

Unanimous

The Commission adjourned at 4:45 p.m.