

State of Alaska

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING PRACTICES COMMISSION

Minutes – APRIL 10-11, 2025

A. GENERAL SESSION

- Vice Chair Emma Melkerson called the meeting to order at 8:31 am
- Roll Call
 - Michael Robbins-Excused
 - Kim Bergey
 - Deborah Riddle
 - Heidi Barnes
 - Emma Melkerson
 - Stephanie Green
 - Kathryn Baird
 - Patrick Frymark
 - Angie Alston
- Quorum Established
- Melody Mann present
- Approval of Agenda (as amended to take items out of order)
 - Deborah Riddle moved
 - 2nd Kim Bergey
- Motion approved
- PTPC Orientation -Melody Mann
 - Executive Director Melody Mann provided an orientation for new PTPC members.
- Public Comment – No public comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 27, 2024, meeting (as amended)
 - Kim Bergey Moved
 - 2nd Stephanie Green
- Unanimous approval

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Activity Report
- Financial Report
- Case Report

DEED REPORT – Colleen Walker, Teacher Certification Administrator (at 9 AM)

Key Points

3-4 week processing time

Quicker for renewals

Updated list of content area exams

Reads Act endorsements automatically added based on DEED sponsored courses

Staffing is adequate

Providing presentations and webinars

Emergency certificate review

EXECUTIVE/DELIBERATIVE SESSION

- **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.
- **AS 44.62.310 (d)** a governmental body performing a judicial or quasi-judicial function when holding a meeting solely to make a decision in an adjudicatory proceeding;

- - Motion to enter executive/deliberative session by Deborah Riddle
 - 2nd Stephanie Green
 - Unanimous Approval
 - PTPC Staff left the room

Motion to leave executive/deliberative session by Kathryn Baird
2nd Stephanie Green
Motion passed unanimously

- **Uncontested Hearing**

- **Case #24-29**

This is Deborah Riddle. In the matter of PTPC Case **24-29**, I move that the Commission **accepts the Decision and Order of a one-year suspension effective January 8, 2024**, of the Out of State Professional Administrative and Teaching Certificates of Kerwin C. Cormier.

Stephanie Green 2nd

Roll Call Vote

Michael Robbins-Excused
Yes
Kim Bergey
Deborah Riddle
Heidi Barnes
Emma Melkerson
Stephanie Green
Kathryn Baird
Patrick Frymark
Angie Alston

Motion Passes

- **Approval of Stipulation**
- **Case #23-33**

This is Stephanie Green. In the matter of PTPC Case **23-33**, I move that the Commission **accepts the stipulation of a three-year suspension effective January 25, 2023**, of the expired Limited Teaching Certificate of Johanna M. Tickett.

2nd Kim Bergey

Roll Call Vote

Michael Robbins-Excused

Yes

Kim Bergey

Deborah Riddle

Heidi Barnes

Emma Melkerson

Stephanie Green

Kathryn Baird

Patrick Frymark

Angie Alston

Motion Passes

- **Approval of Stipulation**
- **Case #24-35**

This is Kim Bergey. In the matter of PTPC Case **24-35**, I move that the Commission rejects the stipulation of a warning.

2nd Deb Riddle

Roll Call Vote

Michael Robbins-Excused

Yes

Kim Bergey

Deborah Riddle

Heidi Barnes

Emma Melkerson

Stephanie Green

Kathryn Baird

Patrick Frymark

Angie Alston

Motion Passes

- **Approval of Stipulation**
- **Case #25-16**

This is Deb Riddle In the matter of PTPC Case **25-16**, I move that the Commission accepts the stipulation of a one-year suspension of the Initial Out-of-state Teaching Certificate of Michael R. Maglaque effective October 29, 2024.

2nd Kim Bergey

Roll Call Vote

Michael Robbins-Excused

Yes

Kim Bergey

Deborah Riddle

Heidi Barnes

Emma Melkerson

Stephanie Green

Kathryn Baird

Patrick Frymark

Angie Alston

Motion Passes

- **Approval of Stipulation**

- **Case #25-17**

This is Kim Bergey. In the matter of PTPC Case **25-17**, I move that the Commission accepts the stipulation of a one-year suspension of the Initial Out-of-state Teaching Certificate of Sogelle V. Maglaque effective October 29, 2024.

2nd Heidi Barnes

Roll Call Vote

Michael Robbins-Excused

Yes

Kim Bergey

Deborah Riddle

Heidi Barnes

Emma Melkerson

Stephanie Green

Kathryn Baird

Patrick Frymark

Angie Alston

Motion Passes

- **Approval of Stipulation**

- **Case #25-18**

This is Deb Riddle. In the matter of PTPC Case **25-18**, I move that the Commission accepts the stipulation of a one-year suspension of the Initial Out-of-state Teaching Certificate of Mark R. Maglaque effective October 29, 2024.

2nd Kathryn Baird

Roll Call Vote

Michael Robbins-Excused

Yes

Kim Bergey
Deborah Riddle
Heidi Barnes
Emma Melkerson
Stephanie Green
Kathryn Baird
Patrick Frymark
Angie Alston

Motion Passes

- **Approval of Stipulation**
- **Case #25-19**

This is Pat Frymark. In the matter of PTPC Case **25-19**, I move that the Commission accepts the stipulation of a one-year suspension of the Initial Out-of-state Teaching Certificate of Esperanza F. Maglaque effective October 29, 2024.

2nd Angie Alston

Roll Call Vote

Michael Robbins-Excused

Yes

Kim Bergey
Deborah Riddle
Heidi Barnes
Emma Melkerson
Stephanie Green
Kathryn Baird
Patrick Frymark
Angie Alston

Motion Passes

- **Order of Subpoena Power to PTPC Staff for FY 2026.**

This is Kim Bergey. I move that the Commission order subpoena power be issued to Executive Director Melody Mann to conduct investigations for PTPC, effective July 1, 2025, until June 30, 2026.

2nd Deb Riddle

Roll Call Vote

Michael Robbins-Excused

Yes

Kim Bergey
Deborah Riddle
Heidi Barnes
Emma Melkerson
Stephanie Green
Kathryn Baird
Patrick Frymark

Angie Alston
Motion Passes

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Elect Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary) for 2025-26 school year
 - Chair
Emma Melkerson nominated by Angie Alston
Unanimous Approval
 - Vice Chair
Stephanie Green nominated by Kim Bergey
Unanimous Approval
 - Secretary
Kim Bergey nominated by Deborah Riddle
Unanimous Approval
- Determine tentative meeting dates for 2025-26 school year
 - October 6th and 7th-Anchorage
 - January 29th and 30th
 - April 23rd and 24th

Patrick Frymark moved to approve meeting dates as listed for the 25-26 school year.
2nd Stephanie Green
Motion Passes
- FY 2026 Travel Plan
June 11 & 12 Succeed True Speak McGrath Training for the Executive Director
Deborah Riddle moved to approve travel to send Executive Director Melody Mann to McGrath training in June.
2nd Kathryn Baird
Michael Robbins-Excused
Yes
Kim Bergey
Deborah Riddle
Heidi Barnes
Emma Melkerson
Stephanie Green
Kathryn Baird
Patrick Frymark
Angie Alston
- Code of Ethics for Educators language updates?
 - Model legislation around grooming- Melody will email this to commissioners for review and add it to the October agenda.
 - Stephanie Green inquired about updating language about online communication with students
 - Without knowledge and consent of the guardian—communication referenced along with rides from coaches.

- Artificial Intelligence—What do we need to consider for guidance here? Appropriate use and documentation of use. Is there a model policy? Best practices?
- Are there any gaps where we need to strengthen the code of ethics or do we just need to strengthen the communication about the code of ethics?
- *INFORMATION ITEMS*
 - *25 Boundary Violating Behaviors*
 - *Okay to share as a resource on the website.*

ADJOURNMENT 1:21 pm.

Deborah Riddle moved to adjourn

2nd Heidi Barnes

Motion passed

4/10-11/2025