

ALASKA STATE
PROFESSIONAL TEACHING PRACTICES COMMISSION
ADOPTED MINUTES – January 27, 2025

The Alaska State Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC) will meet January 27, 2025.

- A. The Commission will virtually meet via Zoom webinar in General Session on Monday, January 27, at 8:30-4:00 or until business is concluded.
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GENERAL SESSION

- Call to Order @ 8:36 am
- Roll Call—Mary Carlson Excused
 - Kim Bergey
 - Michael Robbins
 - Adam Reid
 - Emma Melkerson
 - Deborah Riddle
 - Stephanie Green
 - Lem Wheelles
- Quorum established
- Melody Mann present
- Approval of Agenda
 - This is Emma Melkerson, I move to adopt the agenda with flexibility
2nd Deborah Riddle
Motion Passed Unanimously
- Introductions/Questions
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- Public Comment
 - No one present in the meeting room or online

[NOTE: Some of the following agenda items may be taken out of order.]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 3, 2024, meeting
- October 4, 2024, special meeting
- This is Emma Melkerson, I move to approve minutes from both the October 3 and October 4 special meeting.
2nd Michael Robbins
Motion Passed Unanimously

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Activity Report
 1. Highlights
 - 24 requests for investigations
 - 2 await criminal
 - 2 dismissed since October meeting
 - Counsel—contract completion
 - Following the district chain of command is encouraged
 - AAG-Resigned Newly assigned is Erin Egan
 - Presentations x4 1 scheduled in April for UAS superintendent candidates
 - Nominations for vacant seats have been sent to Boards and Commissions
 1. Adam Reid and Lem Wheelers term out in March of 2025
 2. May continue until seats have been filled
 - Background checks—NASTEC and FBI If there is a hit then Melody reviews and gives guidance as needed.
 1. 116 to review
 2. Streamlining through TEACH AK
- Financial Report
 - Fully Reviewed
- Case Report
 - Reviewed

No report at this meeting as Ms. Walker was not able to attend. Moved to next meeting

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;

- Approval of Stipulation
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PTPC Case 23-33
PTPC Case 24-41

EXECUTIVE/DELIBERATIVE SESSION: This is Emma Melkerson, I move to enter into executive/deliberative session as permitted by AS 44.62.310(d) solely to consider PTPC Cases 23-33 and 24-41.

2nd Deborah Riddle

Motion passed unanimously

The commission moved into deliberative session. Present in the session were Lem Wheelles, Kim Bergey, Michael Robbins, Adam Reid, Emma Melkerson, Deborah Riddle, and Stephanie Green.

EXECUTIVE/DELIBERATIVE SESSION: This is Emma Melkerson, I move to exit executive/deliberative session.

2nd Michael Robbins

Motion passed unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

- PTPC Cases as listed above

PTPC Case 23-33

- This is Emma Melkerson. In the matter of PTPC Case **23-33**, I move that the Commission *rejects* the stipulation.

2nd Adam

7-0 motion passes

PTPC Case 24-41

- This is Emma Melkerson. In the matter of PTPC Case **24-41**, I move that the Commission *accepts* the stipulation of the Surrender of the Teaching Certificate of Anthony D. Shore.

2nd Stephanie

7-0 Motion passes

- PTPC School Board proposal on Emergency Certification
 - To send to the state board in March—April minutes-
Notes: What do we want to have happen?

Regulation change: Recommendation PTPC moves to recommend to the state board of education to change: 4AAC12.401(c) Emergency Certificate A temporary emergency certificate issued under (b) of this section is valid to the end of the school year in which it was issued and one additional school year. To take effect immediately upon approval by the State Board of Education

April Language: Original Motion: Kim Bergey moves to recommend to the state board of education to change: 4AAC12.401(c) Emergency Certificate A temporary emergency certificate issued under (b) of this section is valid to the end of the school year in which it was issued and one additional school year. Deborah Riddle 2nd. Amended to add: To take effect immediately upon approval by the State Board of Education 2nd Michael Robbins

Deborah Riddle

Notes: for minutes

- Move forward as quickly as possible for those educators without creating upset for the department

- Intent of regulation change is to be more supportive of aspiring/new educators so they may have the time to complete the process without having extra hoops to jump through for the second year.
- Would bring consistency for students in the classroom and school. Remove barriers with increasing risk or liability This is a better option than a long-term sub situation
- Vote
- Motion passes unanimously

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Future Meetings
 - Virtual due to travel costs
 - April 11th and 12th
- Commission Member Terms
 - LemWheeles and Adam Reid - Terms are complete
 - Emma Melkerson -Term is up but may be renewed-has submitted her application to boards and commissions
 - What is quorum? (50% +1) Do vacancies count?

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Annual Report
 - Given to all members
 - Sent out on the DEED Information Exchange
- PTPC Handbook for Educators Revised 2024
 - Updated with changes as directed from the commission
 - Sent out on the DEED Information Exchange
- Anything else?
 - Emma Melkerson -Thank you to those at the end of their terms. Great to work with Adam and Lem. Would love to see you in April. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and if reappointed will be back in April Good to uphold and focus on the ethics of the profession and the work of the commission
 - Adam Reid - Thank you for Lem and leadership and to Melody for all her work in preparing everything for us

ADJOURNMENT

Michael Robbins moved to adjourn at 11:54 am.

2nd Emma Melkerson

Motion approved unanimously