

Alaska State Professional Teaching Practices Commission
550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1236
Anchorage AK 99501
ADOPTED MINUTES of
Panel Meeting to Review Decision to Dismiss Complaint
June 29, 2021 (Via Zoom)

Call to Order: Lem Wheelles called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

Language read into the record: Chair Lem Wheelles read the pertinent language entitled Review of Decision to Dismiss Complaint found at 20 AAC 10.220 prior to taking roll.

Members Present: Chair Lem Wheelles, Janine Todd, and Danette Peterson. All members present attended via Zoom. Melody Mann, PTPC Executive Director, was also present.

Members Absent: Tony Graham, Jamie Burgess, Adam Reid, Tammy Van Whye, and Jennifer Stafford.

Members Appointed to Panel to Conduct Administrative Review: Chair Lem Wheelles appointed himself, Janine Todd, and Danette Peterson, to the panel to conduct administrative reviews, thereby satisfying 20 AAC 10.220 which provides that the review shall be conducted by a panel of not less than three commission members appointed by the chair.

Agenda Approval: Janine Todd moved and Danette Peterson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The agenda was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE/DELIBERATIVE SESSION: Danette Peterson moved and Janine Todd seconded the motion to go into executive session as permitted by AS 44.62.310(d). The motion passed unanimously. It was noted by Chair Lem Wheelles that PTPC staff would not be in the room during executive session. PTPC Executive Director, Melody Mann, noted that she would remain online in another room during executive session to answer any questions that the panel might have.

GENERAL SESSION: It was moved by Danette Peterson and seconded by Janine Todd to move out of executive session. There were no objections.

Action Items

Professional Teaching Practices Commission Cases: PTPC Case #21-26 and PTPC Case #21-28

PTPC Case 21-26: The panel appointed by Chair Lem Wheelles upheld the staff's decision to dismiss the case. It was moved by Janine Todd and seconded by Danette Peterson to uphold the staff's decision to dismiss PTPC case 21-26.. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved: Janine Todd

Second: Danette Peterson

AYE:

Lem Wheelles

Danette Peterson

Janine Todd

NAY:

It was noted by panel member Danette Peterson that circumstances involving Covid made timeliness difficult, that concerns regarding timeliness were not a bar to the complainant, but fairness must be considered as it pertains to all parties. She noted that failures to attempt to resolve the matter at the local level were problematic and that the process needs to be followed. She further added that there might be contractual obligations or EEOC concerns and possible remedies elsewhere, that the employment matter presented was not within the purview of PTPC.

PTPC Case 21-28: The panel appointed by Chair Lem Wheelles upheld the staff's decision to dismiss the case. It was moved by Danette Peterson and seconded by Janine Todd to uphold the staff's decision to dismiss PTPC case 21-28. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved: Danette Peterson

Second: Janine Todd

AYE:

Lem Wheelles

Danette Peterson

Janine Todd

NAY:

Adjournment: Danette Peterson moved and Janine Todd seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. Lem Wheelles adjourned the meeting at 2:32 pm.

Public Comment: There was no public comment during these proceedings.

Submitted by,
Danette L. Peterson
August 18, 2021