

ALASKA STATE
PROFESSIONAL TEACHING PRACTICES COMMISSION

ADOPTED Minutes – January 29 - 30, 2026

The Alaska State Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC) will meet January 29-30, 2026

- A. The Commission virtually met in General Session on Thursday and Friday January 29th and 30th, from 8:30 until 4:30 or until business is concluded.
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GENERAL SESSION

- Call to Order – Emma Melkerson 8:34 am
- Roll Call
 - Emma Melkerson
 - Deborah Riddle
 - Michael Robbins
 - Stephanie Green
 - Kathryn Baird
 - Angela Alston
 - Heidi Barnes
 - Patrick Frymark
- Quorum established
- Melody Mann present
- Jennifer Joanis present to observe
- Hon. Eric Salinger present
- Motion to approve agenda - Stephanie Green, 2nd – Michael Robbins
 - Unanimous approval
- Introductions/Questions
- Public Comment—No one present for public comment. Closed

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 6-7, 2025, meeting
 - Michael Robbins moved to approve October 6-7, 2025, minutes, Patrick Frymark 2nd.
 - Unanimous approval.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Financial Report – received.
- Activity Report -received.
- Case Report – received.

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.

This is Patrick Frymark. I move to enter into executive/deliberative session as outlined in AS44.62.310(b) and (d). 2nd Angela Alston - Unanimous approval, 9:12 am.

PtPC staff left the room and recording was stopped.

This is Deborah Riddle. I move to leave executive/deliberative session as outlined in AS44.62.310(b) and (d). 1:12pm 2nd: Michael Robbins- Unanimous approval

DEED REPORT

- Deputy Director of Innovation and Education Excellence, Kelly Manning Teacher Certification update.
- Rescheduled for April meeting due to time conflict.

Case #24-45

This is Deborah Riddle. In the matter of PTPC Case **24-45**, I move that the Commission **accepts the Mediated Settlement of a warning with conditions** of the Professional Teaching certificate of an educator. 2nd Stephanie Green.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Angela Alston – yes
 - Kathryn Baird - yes
 - Heidi Barnes - yes
 - Patrick Frymark - yes
 - Stephanie Green - yes
 - Emma Melkerson - yes
 - Deborah Riddle - yes
 - Michael Robbins – excused from the vote
- 7-0 Motion Carries.

Case #25-10

This is Angela Alston. In the matter of PTPC case **25-20**, I move that the Commission **accepts the stipulation of a one-year suspension effective September 7, 2024**, of the Initial Teaching Certificate of Emily M. Anderson. 2nd Heidi Barnes.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Angela Alston – yes
 - Kathryn Baird - yes
 - Heidi Barnes - yes
 - Patrick Frymark - yes
 - Stephanie Green - yes
 - Emma Melkerson - yes
 - Deborah Riddle - yes
 - Michael Robbins – yes
- 8-0 Motion Carries.

Case #25-26

This is Stephanie Green. In the matter of PTPC Case **25-26**, I move that the Commission accept the stipulation of reprimand. 2nd Deborah Riddle.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Angela Alston – no
 - Kathryn Baird - no
 - Heidi Barnes - no
 - Patrick Frymark - no
 - Stephanie Green - no
 - Emma Melkerson - no
 - Deborah Riddle - no
 - Michael Robbins – no
- 8-0 Motion Fails.

This is Stephanie Green. In the matter of PTPC Case **25-26**, I move that the Commission reject the stipulation of reprimand. 2nd Deborah Riddle.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Angela Alston – yes
 - Kathryn Baird - yes
 - Heidi Barnes - yes
 - Patrick Frymark - yes
 - Stephanie Green - yes
 - Emma Melkerson - yes
 - Deborah Riddle - yes
 - Michael Robbins – yes
- 8-0 Motion Carries.

Administrative Review

This is Deborah Riddle. In the matter of the PTPC Case #**25-39**, I move that the Commission **overturns** the denial of a complaint. 2nd Patrick Frymark.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Angela Alston – yes
 - Kathryn Baird - yes
 - Heidi Barnes - yes
 - Patrick Frymark - yes
 - Stephanie Green - yes
 - Emma Melkerson - yes
 - Deborah Riddle - yes
 - Michael Robbins – yes
- 8-0 Motion Carries.

Code of Ethics Revision Proposal

This is Patrick Frymark. I move that we revise the Code of Ethics of the Education Profession to include the new language as discussed in October. 2nd Michael Robbins.

Proposed new language to be inserted, underlined, read into the record by Emma Melkerson:

20 AAC 10.020

(b)(4)(A) “may not engage in...physical abuse of a student or sexual conduct with a student or make any effort to groom a student and shall report to the commission knowledge of such an act by and educator; or”

And

20 AAC 10.900 Definitions.

(2) “grooming” means any of the following;

(a) engaging in a pattern of flirtatious behavior.

(b) making any effort to gain unreasonable access to, or time alone with, any student with no

discernible educational purpose.

(c) engaging in any behavior that can reasonably be construed as involving an inappropriate and/or overly personal and/or intimate relationship with, conduct toward, or focus on a student.

(d) engaging in any other individualized, special treatment not in compliance with generally accepted educational practices.

- Roll Call Vote:
 - Angela Alston – yes
 - Kathryn Baird - yes
 - Heidi Barnes - yes
 - Patrick Frymark - yes
 - Stephanie Green - yes
 - Emma Melkerson - yes
 - Deborah Riddle - yes
 - Michael Robbins – yes
- 8-0 Motion Carries.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Future Meetings
 - April 23 and 24, 2026
 - Currently an Administrative Hearing is set for April 23, 2026
- Commission Member Terms
 - Michael Robbins has been reappointed by the Governor
 - Emma Melkerson is in the reappointment process
 - Stephanie Green would like to resign but will remain until a replacement has been appointed

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Annual Report has been distributed

ADJOURNMENT

This is Michael Robbins. I move to adjourn. 2nd Heidi Barnes 1:46 pm. Unanimous.