

STATE OF NEVADA

COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

ACTION REPORT

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education held a meeting on **January 29, 2014** via video conference in the board rooms of the Nevada Department of Education Office in Carson City and Las Vegas, Nevada. The following discussions were held and actions taken:

- The Commission postponed the election of Commission President and Vice President until the appointment of new commissioners.
- The Commission received an update on the ability to issue a provisional non-renewable license for core academic subjects; for the 2013-14 school year the Superintendent of Public Instruction has allowed for the emergency relief for the issuance of provisional licenses which will end at the end in June 2014 (end of the school year) and has requested an Attorney General Opinion regarding the issuance of provisional licensure for core academic subjects in conjunctions with the No Child Left Behind law and the ESEA requirements. The Commission will be updated when the opinion has been issued.
- The Commission received an update on the formation of the special education task force to discuss the consolidation of endorsement areas; Ms. Durish was directed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to collect names and appointed a task force with representation from higher education, rural school district, urban school district and a parent. Ms. Durish will be contacting the task force members to schedule a meeting date in the near future and hope to have a recommendation for the Commission at the March meeting. There were requests for the addition of additional stakeholders as task force members.
- The Commission adopted R133-13; for the inclusion of pedagogy requirements for the Alternative Route to Licensure program for secondary teachers and discussed the potential to add pedagogy requirements for elementary and special education ARL teachers in the near future.
- The Commission was advised that they do not have the statutory authority to require ARL provider staff to be fingerprinted.
- The Commission approved the provider application for the Alternative Route to Licensure program.
- The Commission reviewed of NAC 391.179, 391.180, 391.185, 391.187, 391.215, 391.220, 391.223, and 391.225 with recommendations for further amendments.

The next meeting of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education is scheduled for **March 19, 2014 via video conference at the Nevada Department of Education Office, Board Rooms – 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City and 9890 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.** For your convenience, minutes and agendas are posted on the Nevada Department of Education's website, under Commissions, at <http://www.doe.nv.gov>. For further details, contact Christina Harper at 775-687-9226, FAX 775-687-9202 or E-mail charper@doe.nv.gov, Department of Education, Carson City Office.