STATE OF NEVADA

COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

ACTION REPORT

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education held a meeting on **December 8, 2011** 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 received fiscal and Nevada Department of Education updates.

- The Commission held the following workshops and actions taken:

    - Solicited comments for amendments to NAC 391.045 for the inclusion of parental involvement courses for licensure. The Commission placed these amendments on hold until a Parental Involvement Director is hired and the Commission can work with the Parental Involvement Director and the Parental Involvement Council in the development and adoption of the regulations.
    - Solicited comments for amendments to the Alternative Route to Licensure regulations. Following a discussion of concerns expressed, the Commission agreed to hold another workshop to work on the proposed language for the Alternative Route to Licensure regulations.
    - Solicited comments for amendments to NAC 391.131 - Single-Subject Majors and Minors and NAC 391.1312 – Restrictions on Hours of Credit for Certain Subjects to Add Turkish. The Commission moved to post to hold a public hearing at the January 18, 2012 meeting.
    - Solicited comments for amendments to NAC 391.070 – Renewal of Licenses: General Requirements; Delay of Expiration Date by Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Commission moved to post to hold a public hearing at the January 18, 2012 meeting.

- The Commission received information regarding the new Fingerprinting Renewal Procedure.

- The Commission reviewed, discussed, and approved the letter to the Nevada State Board of Education and the Legislative Committee on Education, the Commission's Work Plan, Goals and Objectives, and the Mission Statement. The Commission moved to transmit the letter and related documents to the Nevada State Board of Education and the Legislative Committee on Education.

- The Commission received updates from the following Task Forces: 1) Standing Task Force of Review of Regulations - NAC 391; 2) Parental Involvement Task Force; and 3) Alternative Route to Licensure Task Force.

- The Commission on Professional Standards in Education met jointly with the State Board of Education.

    - The Commission presented their Annual Report to the State Board and provided an overview of the Commission's Work Plan and Mission Statement.

    - The State Board of Education provided an overview of the State Board's Governance changes, the Superintendent of Public Instruction Search, and an update of the Teachers and Leaders Council.

- The following items will be on the January 18, 2012 meeting agenda: 1) Nevada Department of Education Activities Update; 2) Public hearings for NAC 391.131 and 391.1312 - to add Turkish and NAC 391.070 – Fingerprint Renewal; 3) Presentation regarding National Board Certification; 4) Workshops for the Alternative Route to Licensure Regulations and amendments to NAC 391.185 and 391.187 – School Counselor regulations; and 6) Update, Report, and Recommendations from Task Forces.

The next meeting of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education is scheduled for **January 18, 2012 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.