STATE OF NEVADA

COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

ACTION REPORT

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education held a meeting on **March 14, 2012** 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, with regard to teacher licensure testing, agreed to form a Task Force, in the 2012-2013 timeframe, to investigate and obtain information regarding the following issues:
  - Availability of tests for all licenses and specialty testing areas identified by the Commission.
  - Test alignment with common core standards, if applicable.
  - Availability of tests to be delivered via computer testing to include proposed testing sites in Nevada.
  - Practice tests and feedback available to test takers to improve candidate pass rates or remediation efforts.
  - Availability of specific reports provided to the State and the Commission to analyze effectiveness of the testing program.
  - Proposed costs to provide the specific program identified in the RFP with the vendor expected to recover costs through fees assessed to program participants ("no-cost" to the state) and may include turn-around time for test reporting, types of test questions, etc.

- The Commission held the following public hearing and workshops; took the following actions:
  - Held a public hearing and adopted amendments to LCB File No. R114-11; NAC 391.070 – Renewal of Licenses: General Requirements; Delay of Expiration Date by Superintendent of Public Instruction.
  - Held a public hearing and adopted amendments to LCB File No. R131-11; NAC 391.185 - Qualifications for Endorsement as School Counselor and NAC 391.187 - Authorization to serve as School Counselor Without Endorsement.
  - Held a third workshop to solicit comments for amendments to LCB File No. R115-11; the Alternative Route to Licensure regulations. The Commission moved to post for a public hearing in either May or June 2012.

- The Commission received updates from the following Task Forces: 1) Standing Task Force of Review of Regulations - NAC 391.

The next meeting of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education is scheduled for **May 2, 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.