

STATE OF NEVADA

COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

ACTION REPORT

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education held a meeting on **February 15, 2008** in the 2nd Floor Board Conference Room at the Nevada Department of Education Office, Las Vegas, Nevada. The following discussions were held and actions taken:

- The Commission conducted a New Member Orientation and reviewed the following: 1) Organizational Chart of the Nevada Department of Education; 2) Nevada Open Meeting Law; 3) Commission Procedures and meetings; 4) Ethics for Commissioners; 5) State Statutes and Regulations for NAC 391; and 6) Travel arrangements and reimbursements.
- The Commission received updates of Department of Education activities and an update on the possible new building for the Southern Nevada licensure office.
- The Commission held a workshop on NAC 391.378 – Qualifications for Teaching Pupils Who Have Autism and scheduled a public hearing for May 2, 2008. The Commission will hold a public hearing with possible action to adopt extending the Option Program sunset date from July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2012.
- The Commission held a public hearing and adopted the proposed amendments to R187-07; NAC 391.056 – Provisional Nonrenewable Licensure: Qualifications; Period of Validity; Addition of Endorsement; Restrictions extending the date for those licenses from 2008 to 2010.
- The Commission approved amendments in the Early Childhood Praxis Test to Exam #0021 and Exam #0022 with a no-fault period for one year beginning on February 16, 2008.
- The Commission received a report from the Business and Industry Substitute Teacher Endorsement Task Force and will hold a public hearing at the next meeting for possible adoption of proposed amendments.
- The Commission received an update from the Alternative Route to Licensure Task Force. They will be holding their first meeting on March 5, 2008 via video conference with locations at the Nevada Department of Education offices in Carson City and Las Vegas. The Commission also received an update from the Permanent Licensure of Retired Teachers Task Force indicating that the Task Force membership has been established and are waiting for final consensus of the members on a meeting date. Dr. Barbee will provide an update at the next meeting
- The Commission appointed a Task Force to review the elementary licensure requirements. Commissioner McMillan will chair this task force and Commissioner Mendenhall will serve as a member of the task force. President Luft asked Commissioners to recommend individuals to serve on this task force.
- The Commission received an update from the Early Childhood Special Education Praxis Task Force. This Task Force met on January 31, 2008 and another meeting will be held, as more information was needed for this Task Force to continue their discussions.
- The Commission amended their meeting schedule and will now conduct their regular meeting on May 2nd in the morning and will meet with the Nevada State Board of Education in the afternoon of May 2nd.

- The Commission agreed that the following issues will be discussed at the next meeting: 1) Public Hearing on NAC 391.400 and NAC 391.332 – Business and Industry Substitute Teacher; 2) Public Hearing on NAC 391.378 – Qualifications for Teaching Pupils Who Have Autism; and 3) Reports from the following Task Forces: Early Childhood Praxis Task Force on the special education Praxis test; Alternative Route to Licensure Task Force; Elementary Licensure Task Force; and Permanent Teacher Licensure Task Force.

The next meeting of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education is scheduled for **May 2, 2008 at the Nevada Department of Education, Board Room, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, 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.