

STATE OF NEVADA

COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

ACTION REPORT

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education held a meeting on **December 4, 2009** in the Board Room of the Nevada Department of Education Office in Las Vegas and video conferenced to the Nevada Department of Education Office in Carson City, Nevada. The following discussions were held and actions taken:

- The Commission held a joint meeting with Nevada State Board of Education/Nevada State Board for Career and Technical Education. The following items were presented and discussions were held:
 - An overview and presentation from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) regarding the services they provide to the State of Nevada for educator licensure exams;
 - An overview of the process for the approval of teacher education programs in Nevada, new teacher standards to include an update on INTASC, an update of the progress of Highly Qualified Teachers, and ongoing professional development.
 - The State Board of Education shared the State Board's recommendation on K-12 Governance to include the recommendation to retain the Commission as the regulatory entity for licensure.
 - The State Board and the Commission agreed to a future joint meeting within the next year.
- The Commission held their regular meeting in the afternoon of December 4, 2009.
- The Commission held a public hearing and adopted amendments to R136-09; NAC 391.131 – Single-Subject Majors and Minors which added Korean, Filipino, Tagalog, and Hebrew under Foreign Languages.
- The Commission postponed due to the language not available; and will post a public hearing for February 5, 2010 for R086-09; NAC 391.095 – Qualifications for License: General Physical Education Elementary License; NAC 391.098 – Endorsements and New Section for Qualification for License; Physical Education Elementary License; K-08 Physical Education; New Section for Subject Area Minor Endorsements.
- The Commission reviewed the proposed K-12 Governance Structure and changes document presented to the State Board on December 3rd. The Commission discussed the importance of completing the on-line survey of the Legislative Interim Committee for Governance and Oversight of System of K-12 Public Education. There is a link to this survey on the Department of Education's website. Staff was directed to develop a position paper from the Commission based upon comments to be submitted to the Committee.
- The Commission agreed to hold a workshop at the next meeting to solicit comments and discuss amendments to NAC 391.170, in which an individual with a Business and Industry Endorsement be allowed to pursue an Administrative Endorsement.
- The Commission received updates from the following Task Forces:
 - AB 425 Sections 1 & 5;
 - AB 428 Special Qualifications; and
 - AB 425 Special Education
- The Commission approved the draft report from the AB 425 Special Education Task Force and directed staff to incorporate the report into the proper format to be submitted to the Legislature by January 1, 2010.
- The Commission elected Dr. Terry Owens as the new President and Nicholas Ungaro as the new Vice President.

- The following items will be on the February 5, 2010 meeting agenda: 1) Nevada Department of Education Activities Update and Report; 2) Public Hearings for NAC 391.095 and 391.098 – Elementary Education Licensure; 3) Workshop for amendments to NAC 391.170 that will allow a Business and Industry Endorsement Holder to be Allowed to Pursue an Administrative Endorsement; 4) Approve ACR 2 position statement of the Commission; 5) Adoption of Recommendation for the AB 425 Section 1 & 5 Subcommittee; 6) Adoption of Recommendations of the AB 428 Subcommittee; 7) Update and Report from Task Forces.

The next meeting of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education is scheduled for **February 5, 2010 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.