

STATE OF NEVADA

COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

ACTION REPORT

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education held a meeting on May 1, 2009 in the Board Room of the Nevada Department of Education Office in Carson City, Nevada. The following discussions were held and actions taken:

- The Commission received Department activities update and a Legislative updates from Ms. Dopf. The Commission received an update on the following legislative bills:
 - SB 20 - is still viable which requires the Commission adopt a program of training for substitute teachers and curriculum standards through regulation and mandatory training which includes a requirement to be employed as a substitute teacher after July 1, 2011.
 - SB 330 – the world class education bill. This bill originally eliminated the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, currently the Commission’s has been reinstated in a revision of SB 330.
 - SB 425 – is the bill which would require the Commission to establish a process to accept an ABCTE certificate as qualifying for teacher licensure.
 - AB 155 did not meet the required timelines and is not viable.
 - AB 425 - would allow licensed individuals at specific grade levels to be licensed in other grade levels along with meeting the other requirements for that grade level, but eliminates the student teaching requirement at the other level. It also revises the reciprocity requirements.
 - AB 428 – is the Special Qualifications bill which would bring the requirements for a Special Qualifications license to a bachelor’s degree level and require other pre-requisites, such as previous experience teaching.
- The Commission held a workshop on proposed amendments to NAC 391.015 – Location of State Offices; Acquisition of Forms for Licensure. This would amend the Las Vegas Teacher Licensure Office address which is stated in regulation. The Commission voted to hold a public hearing on NAC 391.015 at the June 19th meeting.
- The Commission held a public hearing and adopted proposed amendments to NAC 391.425 – Business and Industry License for Ethnic Dance.
- The Commission held a workshop on proposed amendments to NAC 391.057 – Conditional Licensure; Categories; Qualifications; Validity; Requirements Following Issuance, NAC 391.058 – Conditional Licensure; Prerequisites to Employment of Person; Assistance, Guidance, Training, Orientation and Evaluation of Person; Cooperation with Commission and Department; and New Sections for Out-of-State License, Categories; Qualifications; Validity, and Requirements Following Issuance for the Alternative Route to Licensure Program. The Commission voted to hold a public hearing on NAC 391.057, 391.058, and New Sections to the Conditional Licensure regulations.
- The Commission tabled and postponed any action on setting the meeting scheduled for the 2009-2010 year until the June 19th meeting.
- The Commissioner received an update from the Elementary Licensure Task Force, Co-Chairs Luft and Mendenhall. Co-Chair Luft stated that the Task Force had to cancel the April meeting due to a lack of a quorum and the Task Force meeting has been rescheduled to May 11, 2009 to begin at 3:30 P.M.

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- The following items will be on the June 19, 2009 meeting agenda: 1) Legislative Update and Report; 2) Public Hearing for NAC 391.015 – Location of State Offices; 3) Public Hearing for NAC 391.057, 391.058 and the new sections for Conditional Licensure; 4) Recommendation from the Elementary Education Licensure Task Force; 5) Schedule meeting dates for 2009/2010; 6) Foreign Transcript Evaluator Approval; and 7) Approval of new ETS Praxis exams for U.S. and World History and Biological Science.

The next meeting of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education is scheduled for **June 19, 2009 at the Nevada Department of Education Office, Board Room, 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.