

# STATE OF NEVADA

## COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

### ACTION REPORT

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education held a meeting on October 23, 2009 in the Board Room of the Nevada Department of Education Office via video conference in Carson City and Las Vegas, Nevada. The following discussions were held and actions taken:

- The Commission received an update of Department activities from Ms. Dopf to include:
  - Title II monitoring of Teacher Quality and No Child Left Behind funding with positive feedback.
  - The State Improvement Plan being finalized on November 15, 2009 with final adoption by the State Board at their December 3, 2009 meeting.
  - The State Board of Education and the Commission will hold a Joint Meeting on December 4, 2009.
  - The ACR 2 Interim Study Group review of the educational governance structure and currently engaged in activities related to the collection of information.
- The Commission solicited public comments and adopted the following proposals at public hearings for temporary regulations to be adopted as permanent regulations on the following:
  - R047-09 – NAC 391.015 – Location of State Offices; Acquisition of Forms for Licensure;
  - R017-09 – NAC 391.075 – Renewal of License: Credits and Courses;
  - R018-09 – NAC 391.425 – Business and Industry Endorsement; Qualifications for Receipt and First Renewal – Ethnic Music and Ethnic Dance;
  - R048-09 – 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 held workshops on the following proposals and approved to post for public hearings in December:
  - NAC 391.131 – Single-Subject Majors and Minors. Adding Korean, Filipino (Tagalog), and Hebrew under Foreign Languages
- The Commission received a staff report on the review of Special Endorsement in Administration, Physical Education, Art, and Music to be added to a K-12 license. It was discussed that the only special endorsement specifically for a K-12 license is physical education with the other areas listed in reference to teaching experience in K-12. Following the review and discussion it was agreed that a holistic review of the basic teacher licensure framework is appropriate in clarifying the teacher licensure process.
- The Commission received reports from the following Task Forces:
  - AB 4215 Sections 1 & 5 – The Task Force is holding meetings and moving forward with discussion for possible amendments to the regulation.
  - AB 425 Special Education – The Task Force is holding meetings, discussing special education licensure and reciprocity.

- AB 425 Special Qualifications – The Task Force is meeting and discussing possible amendments in detail to the regulation and anticipates submitting a proposal to the Commission at the December meeting.
- The following items will be on the December 3, 2009 meeting agenda: 1) Joint meeting with the State Board of Education for overview and highlights of the State board of Education, Commission, and Department of Education; 2) Nevada Department of Education Activities Update and Report; 3) ACR 2 – Discussion and Recommendations on the gathering of information; 4) Election of Officers; 5) A request from Career and Technical Education for individuals holding a Business and Industry Endorsement to be allowed to pursue an Administrative Endorsement; 6) Public Hearing for NAC 391.131 – adding Korean, Filipino and Hebrew in the foreign language single-subject majors and minors; 7) Submission and Approval of Report to Legislature of the AB 425 Special Education Task Force; and 8) Report from Task Forces.

The next meeting of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education is scheduled for **December 3, 2009 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](mailto:charper@doe.nv.gov), Department of Education, Carson City Office.