

STATE OF NEVADA

COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

ACTION REPORT

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education held a meeting on September 11, 2009 in the Board Room of the Nevada Department of Education Office in Las Vegas, Nevada. The following discussions were held and actions taken:

- The Commission received an update of Department activities from Ms. Dopf to include
 - The appointment of Dr. Katherine Rohrer, as Program Officer III in the Carson City Licensure Office;
 - Progress continues in the effort towards an electronic file system for teacher licensure files; and
 - A federal audit of the NCLB Title II program will begin on September 15th.
- The Commission appointed Commissioners to the following Task Forces:
 - Task Force AB 425 to address Sections 1 & 5 – Chair Terry Owens;
 - Task Force AB 425 to address special education issues – Chair Bill Mendenhall;
 - Task Force AB 428 to address the special qualification license – Chair Nick Ungaro
- The Commission held workshops on the following proposals and moved to post for public hearings in October:
 - NAC 391.095 and 391.098 – Elementary Education Licensure;
 - NAC 391.015 – Location of State Offices; Acquisition of Forms for Licensure;
 - NAC 391.075 – Renewal of License: Credits and Courses;
 - NAC 391.425 – Business and Industry License for Ethnic Music and Ethnic Dance;
 - 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 agreed to hold the October 23, 2009 meeting via video conference, with the northern Commissioners attending the meeting in Carson City and the southern Commissioners attending the meeting at the Las Vegas office.
- The Commission received a request to add Korean, Filipino and Hebrew to NAC 391.131 under the single subject major and minor for foreign languages; and directed staff to draft the language for a workshop in October.
- The Commission received a status report on the administration of the Nevada School Law, Nevada Constitution, and United States Constitution examinations required for teacher licensure in Nevada, which is provided by the Department of Educational Leadership at the University of Nevada, Reno.

- The following items will be on the October 23, 2009 meeting agenda: 1) Nevada Department of Education Activities Update and Report; 2) Public Hearings for NAC 391.095 and 391.098 – Elementary Education Licensure; NAC 391.015- Location of State Offices; NAC 391.075 – Renewal of License: Credits and Courses; and NAC 391.057 and 391.058 and the new sections for Conditional Licensure; 3) Workshop for NAC 391.131 – adding Korean, Filipino and Hebrew in the foreign language single-subject majors and minors; 4) Report from Task Forces; 5) Election of President and Vice President; and 6) Staff review and report on the K-12 Physical education, Music and Art endorsements.

The next meeting of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education is scheduled for **October 23, 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, Department of Education, Carson City Office.