

STATE OF NEVADA

COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

ACTION REPORT

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education held a meeting on March 26, 2010 via video conference in the Board Rooms of the Nevada Department of Education Office in Carson City and Las Vegas, Nevada. The following discussions were held and actions taken:

- Ms. Gloria Dopf, Deputy Superintendent, updated the Commission on the following activities that occurred during the Legislative Special Session:
 - Senate Bill 3 which proposed amendments to operations of state agencies to include a four day/ten hour day was vetoed by the Governor.
 - Senate Bill 2 which eliminated the statutory barrier of using student achievement data for teacher evaluation was passed and signed by the Governor.
- Ms. Dopf reported with regard to “Race to the Top” activities that the State Department of Education, school districts, and key stakeholders have been engaged in work for applying for the “Race to the Top” funding.
- The Commission approved Academic & Credential Records, Evaluation & Verification Services (ACREVS) to the list of approved foreign transcript evaluators.
- The Commission received a report and recommendations from the Alternative Route to Licensure for Administrators Task Force. The proposal will be on the next agenda for a workshop.
- President Owens reported that she testified before the ACR 2 Interim Committee on March 11, 2010. It was recommended by the ACR 2 Committee that the Alternative Route to Licensure for Administrators Task Force to move forward quickly on a recommendation.
- The Commission held a workshop to solicit comments for NAC 391.036 – Tests of Competency Required for Initial License. The Commission moved to post for a public hearing to receive comments and possible adoption of the proposed amendments.
- The Commission held a public hearing to solicit public comments and approved the proposal of R007-10 – NAC 391.170 – Endorsement as Professional Administrator for School or Program.
- The Commission held a workshop to solicit comments for a New Regulation for the Alternative route to Licensure for Administrators. The Commission moved to post for a public hearing to receive comments and possible adoption of the proposed amendments.
- The Commission received final recommendations from the AB 428 Special Qualifications Task Force and approved to accept the recommendations and hold a workshop at the next meeting.
- The Commission appointed a Task Force to review the Career and Technical Teacher preparation regulations.

- The Commission received updates from the following Task Forces: 1) AB 425 – Special Education – scheduling a meeting finalize recommendations; 2) Elementary Licensure – will be meeting on April 14, 2010 and will provide an update at the next meeting.
- The Commission agreed to meet face to face for the May 21, 2010 meeting in Carson City. The meeting will also be video conference for public to be able to attend the meeting.
- The following items will be on the May 21, 2010 meeting agenda: 1) Nevada Department of Education Activities Update; 2) Public Hearings for NAC 391.036 – Tests of Competency; 3) Public Hearing for Alternative Route to Licensure for Administrators; 4) Workshop for NAC 391.0583 – Special Qualifications License; 5) Recommendation from the AB 425 – Special Education Task Force; 6) Workshop for Special Education Regulations; and 7) Update and Report from Task Forces.

The next meeting of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education is scheduled for **May 21, 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.