

# STATE OF NEVADA

## COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

### ACTION REPORT

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education held a meeting on May 21, 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:

- Les McCallum, The Pearson Group, presented information regarding computer based testing for teacher licensure. The Commission directed Dr. Barbee, Director of Teacher Licensure, to work with the Pearson Group to determine the impact of new testing on teacher licensure in Nevada, a test cost comparison of the testing with Educational Testing Service, the cost and time allocation for test validation, and how this might affect licensure reciprocity with other states. Dr. Barbee will provide a report at the next meeting.
- The Commission received information regarding possible amendments to NAC 391.332 – Endorsement as Substitute Teacher; Period for Which Substitute Teacher may be hired; and moved to post for a workshop at the next meeting to receive public input with regard to the amendments.
- The Commission held a workshop to solicit comments for NAC 391.0583 – Special Qualifications Licensure. 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 and adopted R047-10; New Regulation prescribing requirements for a Conditional Endorsement as a Professional Administrator of a School; and amendments to NAC 391.170 – Endorsement as Professional Administrator of School or Program.
- The Commission appointed a Task Force to review NAC 391.088 – Qualifications for Teaching Pupils from Birth through Kindergarten and NAC 391.089 – Qualifications for Teaching Pupils from Birth through Second Grade. Task Force Chair Zastawniak will report back to the Commission at the next meeting.
- The Commission received updates from the following Task Forces: 1) AB 425 – Special Education – scheduling a meeting in June to finalize recommendations; 2) Career and Technical Education Licensure – held one meeting, with the next scheduled next meeting on June 1, 2010; and 3) Elementary Licensure – held a meeting and approved language to be resubmitted to Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) and waiting from the language from LCB to post for public hearing.
- The Commission received information from James Kenyon, Assistant Director of Teacher Licensing, regarding the new process the licensure office will be implementing on July 1, 2010 to eliminate paper copy of teacher licenses.

- The Commission approved the 2010-2011 meeting schedule:
  - September 3, 2010 – Carson City;
  - October 15, 2010 – site to be determined;
  - December 10, 2010 – proposed joint meeting with the State Board of Education;
  - February 11, 2011 – site to be determined;
  - March 25, 2011 – site to be determined;
  - May 6, 2011 – site to be determined; and
  - June 17, 2011 – site to be determined.
  
- The following items will be on the September 3, 2010 meeting agenda: 1) New Member Orientation; 2) Nevada Department of Education Activities Update; 3) Election of Vice President; 4) Report of Legislative Commission on Education and ACR2 Committee work session and recommendations; 5) Public Hearings for NAC 391.095 and 391.098 – Elementary Education Licensure and NAC 391.0583 – Special Qualifications Licensure; 6) Workshops for NAC 391.332 – Substitute Teacher Endorsement and NAC 391.1306 – Social Studies Endorsement; 7) Update and Report from Task Forces; and 8) Report regarding the impact and costs of the Pearson teacher licensure exams.

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