January Commission Agenda

January 10, 2002
Commission Offices, 1900 Capitol Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Thursday, January 10, 2002 - Commission Office

1. Appeals and Waivers (Committee Chairman Madkins) 8:00 a.m.
   A&W-1 Approval of the Minutes
   A&W-2 Reconsideration of Waiver Denials
   A&W-3 Waivers: Consent Calendar
   A&W-4 Waivers: Conditions Calendar
   A&W-5 Waivers: Denial Calendar

2. Executive Committee (Chairman Bersin) 8:30 a.m.
   EXEC-1 Approval of the October 3, 2001 Executive Committee Minutes
   EXEC-2 Committee of Credentials: Expiration of Terms and Declaration of Vacancies
   EXEC-3 Proposed Amendments to the Commission Policy Manual

3. General Session (Chairman Bersin) 9:00 a.m.
   The Commission will immediately convene into Closed Session
   Closed Session (Chairman Bersin/Vice Chairman Madkins)
   (The Commission will meet in Closed Session pursuant to California Government Code Section 11126 as well as California Education Code Sections 44245 and 44248)

4. General Session (Chairman Bersin) 9:30 a.m.
   GS-1 Roll Call
   GS-2 Pledge of Allegiance
   GS-3 Approval of the December 2001 Minutes
   GS-4 Approval of the January 2002 Agenda
   GS-5 Approval of the January 2002 Consent Calendar
GS-6  Annual Calendar of Events - for Information
GS-7  Chair's Report
GS-8  Executive Director's Report
GS-9  Report on Monthly State Board Meeting

5. Legislative Committee of the Whole (Committee Chair Madkins)
   LEG-1  Status of Legislation of Interest to the Commission
   LEG-2  Analyses of Bills of Interest to the Commission

6. Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee of the Whole (Committee Chair Boquiren)
   FPPC-1  Update on the Teacher Credentialing Service Improvement Project

7. Performance Standards Committee of the Whole (Committee Chair Johnson)
   PERF-1  Recommended Passing Standard for the Preliminary Educational Technology Test

8. Preparation Standards Committee of the Whole (Committee Chair Katzman)
   PREP-1  Approval of Subject Matter Preparation Programs Submitted by Colleges and Universities
   PREP-2  Recommended Approval of Grant Awards for Policy Studies Under the Title II Teacher Quality Enhancement State Grant
   PREP-3  Issues and Options in the Preparation And Licensure of School Administrators
     Addendum to PREP-3 (In-Folder) -- Posted January 9, 2002

9. Reconvene General Session (Chairman Bersin)
   GS-10 Report of Appeals and Waivers Committee
   GS-11 Report of Closed Session Items
   GS-12 Commission Member Reports
   GS-13 Audience Presentations
   GS-14 Old Business
     - Quarterly Agenda for Information
       -- January, February and March 2002
   GS-15 New Business
   GS-16 Nominations of the California Commission On Teacher Credentialing's Chair and Vice Chair for 2002
   GS-17 Adjournment

All Times Are Approximate and Are Provided for Convenience Only
Except Time Specific Items Identified Herein (i.e. Public Hearing)
The Order of Business May be Changed Without Notice
Persons wishing to address the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing on a subject to be considered at this meeting are
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NEXT MEETING:

February 6-7, 2002
California Commission on Teacher Credentialing
1900 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95814

Updated December 14, 2001
Background

The goals of the Teacher Credentialing Service Improvement Project (TCSIP) are to use Web-based functionality and an improved database management system to:

- Provide application status information and check credentials held electronically,
- Implement online submission of renewal applications, and
- Improve the Commission’s ability to compile and analyze data, and prepare reports in response to policymakers’ requests.

Update

Phase 1 of the TCSIP was completed on schedule and implemented in October 2001. PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), and its subcontractor EzGov, worked with Commission staff in the design and implementation of Phase 1. The result of Phase 1 is an interactive, Web-based system for conducting application and credential status inquiries. The new system was demonstrated for Commissioners at the November 2001 meeting. The system allows credential applicants, credential holders, and stakeholders to use a Web browser to determine the status of a credential application or confirm the credentials held by an individual.

Phase 2 of the TCSIP was launched in October 2001. This second phase will enable teachers to renew and pay for their credentials on-line. The project is on schedule to deliver this powerful customer service tool in March 2002, and will subsequently be scheduled for demonstration at a Commission meeting.

The third phase of the project, planned for launch in March 2002, will provide the Commission with a new technology system for credential processing that will enhance the Commission’s reporting capabilities in response to the needs of the Legislature, the Governor, and stakeholders. To achieve these results, Phase 3 will result in the replacement of the Commission’s COBOL-based information technology systems (that are outdated, cannot be cost-effectively modified, and will soon be without vendor support). Final acceptance of the project is targeted for March 2003.

Staff is available to answer any questions the Commissioners may have.
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<td>For all endorsements with the exception of principal or assistant principal: MA; 5 years experience; pass basic skills and admin. content area exam; intensive coursework in education management, governance, organization and planning; full-time administrative position for one year; comprehensive assessment of performance assessment and recommendation for certification.</td>
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<td>Massachusetts is currently implementing new regulations (effective 10/01/01) that were modified to take into account: 1) the various alternative routes to licensure, and 2) efforts to attract new candidates to the teaching profession (and administrative roles within). New regulations provide for experience and demonstration of competencies to satisfy licensure requirements as long as they satisfy the standards. Allows requirements for all licenses to be waived, with the exception of a passing score on the communication and literacy test (ELL test administered by NES), for candidates with significant managerial experience who meet the standards through both their experience and their formal education.</td>
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<td>State Department of Education, Division of Teacher Quality – Office of Teacher Certification (set to adopt new standards based on NCATE draft administrator standards) State department of Education (division separate and distinct from certification) in conjunction with NCATE.</td>
<td>Administrative Certificate is divided into 4 areas: 1. Administrator 2. Elementary Principal and Supervisor 3. Secondary School Principal and Supervisor 4. School Superintendent</td>
<td>Administrator and Superintendent allow candidates to substitute a Master’s Degree, addition coursework in administration, a qualifying score on a nationally recognized approved administrator examination (Praxis II) and work experience in the field for program of administrator or superintendent preparation. Every candidate for school principal must complete the Principal Assessment Center (they are reviewed and get diagnostic feedback that becomes part of their professional development program prior to appointment as a principal).</td>
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<td>The State Board of Education and the Professional Standards Board determine levels of certification. Maryland issues certificates in the following administrative or supervisory areas: 1. Assistant in Administration and Supervision 2. Superintendent 3. Supervisor and Principal 4. Educational Media Administrator 5. Supervisor of Guidance 6. Supervisor of School Psychological Services 7. Supervisor of Pupil Personnel 8. Supervisor of Special Education 9. Supervisor of Speech Pathologists and Audiologists 10. Supervisor of Teachers of Hearing Impaired</td>
<td>There are two “alternative routes” to certification. The first is specific to principal certification authorizing an Alternative Principal certificate. The certificate qualifies an applicant, who is recommended by the local superintendent of schools, to serve as a school principal for 1 year at a specific school in that school system (the certificate is not transferable). It is renewable each year upon satisfactory performance and the written recommendation to the State Superintendent of Schools from the local superintendent of schools. Individuals who successfully serve 5 consecutive years and obtain an MA qualify for an Administrator II certificate. The second alternative route is a waiver authorized by regulation that allows the</td>
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*The School Leaders Licensure Assessment is required by Arkansas, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia as part of their licensure process for principals.

Supervisors and Principals:
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  4. 18 semester hours of graduate

State Superintendent of Schools to waive any requirement based on an individual’s experience. Staff indicated that this is mostly used for teacher certification, however it can be used for all levels of certification.
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**Administrator II:**
This certificate qualifies an individual to be assigned as a school principal (prior to initial appointment the applicant must complete the requirements for Administrator I and present evidence of a qualifying score as established by the State Board on a Department-approved principal certification assessment). To renew an Administrator II certificate (valid for 5 years), the local school system and each Administrator II shall develop an Individualized Professional Development Plan (IPDP) for each renewal period by the end of the third year of service as a principal, according to guidelines issued by the local superintendent of schools with the approval of the local school board.

**Superintendents:**
The requirements for certification as a superintendent, deputy superintendent, associate superintendent, assistant superintendent or equivalent position are that the applicant shall:
1. Meet the requirements for certification in early childhood education, elementary education or a secondary education area;
2. Have a master's degree from an accredited institution;
3. Have 3 years of successful teaching experience and 2 years of administrative or supervisory experience; and
4. Have successfully completed a 2-year program with graduate courses in administration and supervision in an institution or institutions approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Superintendent of Schools. Graduate may be applied toward the requirements of this section, provided that a minimum of 60 semester hours of graduate work is presented.

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3. What is leadership about – common understanding?  
4. What do future leaders need to see this as a career path?  
5. Alternative career paths?  
6. Keep the certificate at two levels or make it one? |
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| The Center for School Leadership (leading revision efforts) plans to put out a paper in March 2002 to summarize their findings to date and then conduct further discussion and eventually take action:  
1. Presenting efforts to date at AASA in San Diego  
2. Statewide in the Summer 2002  
3. Create all new standards |
| Likely assessment system to accompany new certification requirements. |
AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: PREP - 3 INFOLDER ITEM

COMMITTEE: Preparation Standards Committee

TITLE: Issues and Options in the Preparation and Licensure of School Administrators

Action

Information

Report

Strategic Plan Goal(s):

Goal 1: Promote educational excellence through the preparation and certification of professional educators
  • Sustain high quality standards for the preparation of professional educators
  • Sustain high quality standards for the performance of credential candidates

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Director, Professional Services Division

Authorized By: Dr. Sam W. Swofford
Date: 1/8/02
Executive Director
## Executive Summary
At the direction of the Executive Director, Commission staff conducted a focussed review of the Administrative Services Credential during 2001. This report provides additional information about preparation and licensure of administrators in other states.

## Policy(s) Issue to be Considered
How should school administrators be prepared and licensed in California?

## Fiscal Impact Statement
Activities related to the review and potential revision of this credential are covered under the Commission’s base budget.
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