

CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

May 7 - 8, 2003

Commission Offices, 1900 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Kristen Beckner, Teacher
Alan Bersin, Administrator
(absent Wednesday, May 7, 2003)
Chellyn Boquiren, Teacher
Margaret Fortune, Public Representative, Chair
Beth Hauk, Teacher
Elaine C. Johnson, Public Representative
Stephen Lilly, Faculty Member
Lawrence Madkins, Jr., Teacher, Vice-Chairman
Alberto Vaca, Teacher
Marilyn Whirry, Designee, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

EX-OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVES

Carol Bartell, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
Athena Waite, Regents, University of California

EX-OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Sara Lundquist, California Postsecondary Education Commission
Bill Wilson, California State University

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENTING

Sam Swofford, Executive Director
Mary Armstrong, General Counsel, Director, Professional Practices Division
Linda Bond, Director, Office of Governmental Relations
Mary Butera, Director, Office of Human Resources
Dale Janssen, Director, Certification, Assignments and Waivers Division
Elizabeth Graybill, Interim Director, Professional Services Division
Leyne Milstein, Director, Information Technology and Support Management
Division
Janet Vining, Staff Counsel, Professional Practices Division
Kimberly Hunter, Staff Counsel, Professional Practices Division
Terri Fesperman, Assistant Consultant, Certification, Assignment and
Waivers Division
Anne Padilla, Consultant, Office of Governmental Relations
Cheryl Hickey, Consultant, Professional Services Division
Karen Sacramento, Assistant Consultant, Professional Services Division
Michael McKibbin, Consultant, Professional Services Division
James Alford, Consultant, Professional Services Division
Kathleen Beasley, Proceedings Document Recorder

Thursday, May 8, 2003

GENERAL SESSION

The general session was called to order by Chair Fortune. Roll was taken and everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Petitions for Reinstatement or For Reduction of Penalty

The Commission reconsidered and denied the following Petitions for Reinstatement:

1. **Michael Minahan**
2. **Steven Short**

Proposed Decisions

The Commission adopted the Proposed Decision in the matter of **Joseph Schaeffer** with additional conditions of probation.

Reconsiderations

The Commission denied reconsideration in the matter of **Robert Carter**.

Pending Litigation

Pending Litigation (Gerstl v. State of California) was discussed and no action was taken.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2003 COMMISSION MINUTES

A motion to approve the April 2003 Commission minutes was made (Madkins), seconded (Whirry) and carried without dissent.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2003 AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda for the May 2003 meeting with in-folder items (pertaining to EXEC-2, GS-5, GS-15, LEG-1 and LEG-2) was made (Hauk), seconded (Johnson) and carried without dissent.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2003 CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion to approve the May 2003 Consent Calendar was made (Madkins), seconded (Vaca) and carried without dissent.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF CREDENTIALS

Education Code section 44244.1 allows the Commission to adopt the recommendation of the Committee of Credentials without further proceedings if the individual does not request an administrative hearing within a specified time.

1. **BENTZ, Norman C.** Sacramento, CA
Mr. Bentz is the subject of **public reproof** for misconduct pursuant to

Education Code section 44421.

2. **CAYTON, Michael A.** Stockton, CA

All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of ten (10) days** for misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.

3. **CLARK, William B.** Locust Grove, VA

Mr. Clark is the subject of **public reproof** for misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.

4. **CONSTANT, Dennis R.** Upland, CA

All pending applications are **denied** for misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44345.

5. **DORIA, Lawrence R.** San Diego, CA

Mr. Doria is the subject of **public reproof** for misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.

6. **HIRSCH, Susan M.** Oakland, CA

Ms. Hirsch is the subject of **public reproof** for misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.

7. **JACQUEZ, Arthur** Fresno, CA

All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of thirty (30) days** for misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.

8. **LOPEZ-GUEVARA, Andres** Los Angeles, CA

Mr. Lopez-Guevara is the subject of **public reproof** for misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.

9. **STEIN, Michelle L.** Redding, CA

All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of ninety (90) days** for misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.

10. **THOMAS, Suzie C.** Campbell, CA

Ms. Thomas is the subject of **public reproof** for misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.

11. **TRIGO, Jesus C.** Lynwood, CA

All pending applications are **denied** for misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44345.

CONSENT DETERMINATIONS

12. **BOSCHETTI, Richard P.** Pinole, CA

The Proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that the Administrative Services Credential is **revoked**, however, the **revocation is stayed** and Mr. Boschetti's credential is **suspended for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days**, and he is placed on **probation for a period of five (5) years**, is adopted.

13. **CHIN, Jeffrey** Modesto, CA

The Proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that Mr. Chin's credential is **suspended for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days**, however, the one hundred eighty (180) day suspension is **stayed** with an **actual thirty (30) day suspension**, and he is placed on **probation for a period of three (3) years**, is adopted.

14. **FRANCES, Paula** San Rafael, CA

The Proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that Ms. Frances be allowed to **withdraw her application**, is adopted.

15. **GRIFFITH, Michael W.** Salinas, CA

The Proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that the Single Subject Teaching Credential is **suspended for a period of fifteen (15) days**, is adopted.

16. **JONES, Clifford A.** Chula Vista, CA

The Proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that Mr. Jones **surrender his credential**, is adopted.

17. **LERMA, Ruben S.** Sacramento, CA

The Proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that Mr. Lerma's credential is **revoked**, however, the **revocation is stayed**, Mr. Lerma's credential is **suspended for a period of one year (365 days)**, and at the end of the suspension, he is placed on **probation for a period of three (3) years**, is adopted.

18. **MONTGOMERY, Coleman** Hanford, CA

The proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that Mr. Montgomery **surrender** his credential for **revocation** pursuant to 44423, however, the **revocation is stayed in order to allow him to maintain his current employment only** at Corcoran State Prison as an instructor, and if he quits or resigns from the prison, the credential is revoked, is adopted.

19. **OTIS, Russell J.** Carson, CA

The Proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that Mr. Otis's application is **granted** and **revoked**, however, the **revocation is stayed** and Mr. Otis is placed on **probation for a period of eighteen (18) months**, is adopted.

20. **PITZLER, Wayne C.** Phelan, CA

The Proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that Mr. Pitzler's credentials are **revoked**, is adopted.

21. **SHIBATA, Clifford T.** San Mateo, CA

The Proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that Mr. Shibata be allowed to **withdraw his application**, is adopted.

22. **SWIFT, William A.** Wrightwood, CA

The Proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that Mr. Swift's application is **granted and revoked**, however, the **revocation is stayed** and Mr. Swift is placed on **probation for a period of three (3) years**, is adopted.

23. **TELLERS, Thaddeus P.** Cambria, CA

The Proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that Mr. Tellers' credential is **revoked**, however, the **revocation is stayed**, and Mr. Tellers is placed on a **three (3) year suspension**, is adopted.

24. **TREGLE, Charles C.** Stockton, CA

The Proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that Mr. Tregle's teaching credential is **revoked**, however, the **revocation is stayed**, Mr. Tregle's credential is **suspended from May 15, 2003 through July 17, 2005**, and he is placed on **probation for a period of four (4) years commencing July 18, 2005**, is adopted.

25. **WARE, Laurel J.** Los Angeles, CA

The Proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that Ms. Ware is the subject of a **public reproof**, is adopted.

26. **WONG, Gregory J.** San Leandro, CA

The Proposed Consent Determination, which stipulates that Mr. Wong's Professional Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential is **suspended for a period of thirty (30) days**, is adopted.

PRIVATE ADMONITIONS

Pursuant to Education Code section 44438, the Committee of Credentials recommends two (2) private admonitions for the Commission's approval.

PROPOSED DECISION

27. **CROSS, Bobby** Yuba City, CA

The Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Decision, which reflects the Committee of Credentials' recommendation to **revoke** all credentials, life diplomas or other certification documents under the jurisdiction of the Commission, is adopted.

REQUESTS FOR REVOCATION

The Commission may revoke credentials upon the written request of the

credential holder pursuant to Education Code sections 44423 and 44440.

28. **KEARNEY, Patricia H.** Carmichael, CA

29. **MOLINA, Rose L.** Huntington Beach, CA

30. **RUPPERT, Barbara, J.** Crescent City, CA

MANDATORY ACTIONS

All certification documents held by and applications filed by the following individuals are mandatorily revoked or denied pursuant to Education Code sections 44346, 44346.1, 44424, 44425 and 44425.5, which require the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to mandatorily revoke the credentials held by individuals convicted of specified crimes and to mandatorily deny applications submitted by individuals convicted of specified crimes.

31. **ARCE, Jason L.** Los Angeles, CA

32. **EVANS, Shawna R.** Redlands, CA

33. **FALLONE, Francesco** Whittier, CA

34. **JENKINS, Jason P.** Daly City, CA

35. **HEDRICK, Harry S.** Canyon Lake, CA

36. **KINSLER, Robyn** San Diego, CA

37. **MADISON, James H.** Palmdale, CA

38. **McCALL, William S.** Penngrove, CA

39. **MEJIA, Elizabeth C.** Riverside, CA

40. **MOSS, Whitney A.** Paso Robles, CA

41. **PHILLIPS, Ronald S.** Sutter Creek, CA

42. **QUINTANA, Michael J.** Atwater, CA

43. **ROBERTSON, James H.** Anaheim, CA

44. **ROBLES-VARGAS, Ramon L.** Bellflower, CA

45. **SERRANO, Ruby E.** King City, CA

46. **SMITH, Mitchell M.** Tracy, CA

47. **SOTO, Gladis** Ventura, CA
48. **STEELE, Craig M.** Orange, CA
49. **TAYLOR, John P.** Rio Linda, CA
50. **WILLIAMS, Cindy A.** Quartz Hill, CA

AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS

All certification documents held by the following individual were automatically suspended because a complaint, information or indictment was filed in court alleging that the individual committed an offense specified in Education Code section 44940. His certification documents will remain automatically suspended until the Commission receives notice of entry of judgment pursuant to Education Code section 44940(d) and (e).

51. **AVANI, Kari L.** Sunnyvale, CA
52. **AZAR, Rudolph J.** Lake Forest, CA
53. **HERN, Scott L.** Friant, CA
54. **KENNEDY, John W.** Santa Rosa, CA
55. **LEONARDOS, Nickolas J.** Pacifica, CA
56. **MILNER, Jeffrey D.** Fountain Valley, CA
57. **NEWELL, Christy L.** Oakdale, CA
58. **QUINTANA, Michael** Atwater, CA
59. **REESE, Jeff S.** Garden Grove, CA
60. **THOMPkins, Glen T.** Rialto, CA
61. **TRUITT, Albert G. Jr.** Atwater, CA
62. **YANEZ, Gilberto B.** Hayward, CA

NO CONTEST SUSPENSIONS

All credentials held by the following individuals were suspended, pursuant to Education Code section 44424 or 44425, because a plea of no contest was entered to an offense specified in the above sections of the Education Code. The credentials will remain suspended until final disposition by the Commission.

- 63. **FARMER, Kenneth E.** Clovis, CA
- 64. **JOHNSON, Gary A.** Ceres, CA
- 65. **MANNING, Susan M.** Fairfield, CA
- 66. **WENNEKER, Kurt J.** Sisters, OR

TERMINATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS

Pursuant to Education Code section 44940(d), the automatic suspension of all credentials held by the following individuals is terminated and the matter referred to the Committee of Credentials for review.

- 67. **KENNEDY, John W.** Santa Rosa, CA
- 68. **SAILEANU, Christian** Salinas, CA

TERMINATION OF NO CONTEST SUSPENSION

The suspension of all credentials held by the following individual is terminated, pursuant to Education Code section 44424 or 44425, following final disposition of the case.

- 69. **AROSTIGUI, Arthur P.** San Jose, CA

DENIAL OF CREDENTIAL WAIVER REQUESTS

The Appeals and Waivers Committee having reviewed these waiver requests has recommended they be denied. The employing districts have not asked for reconsideration of the Committee's decisions.

- 1. Claudia N. Talambayan/Keyes Union Elementary School District
- 2. Izabel Beitsarkiss/Turlock Joint Elementary School District
- 3. Brandy Irby/New Directions School (NPS)
- 4. Ardell Harrison/New Dimension Learning Academy (NPS)
- 5. Ludivina Flores/Inglewood Unified School District
- 6. Dana Fletcher/Antioch Unified School District
- 7. Bernadette Barretta/Long Beach Unified School District

VALIDATION OF SERVICE RENDERED WITHOUT A CREDENTIAL

The service rendered by the following person is approved pursuant to the provisions of Education Code Section 45036.

- | Name | School District | County | Period of Service |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Argo, Nancy | Paradise Unified School District | Butte | 1/2/03 to 1/29/03 |
| Gioia,, Adra | Paradise Unified School District | Butte | 1/2/03 to 1/27/03 |
| Moriarty, Abbie | Paradise Unified School District | Butte | 1/2/03 to 1/28/03 |
| Spring, James | Gridley Unified School District | Butte | 1/2/03 to 1/27/03 |
| Neel, Steven | Siskiyou Union High School District | Siskiyou | 9/01/02 to |

1/21/03

Westfall, Mary Jo Siskiyou Union High School District Siskiyou 7/21/02 to 1/21/03

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The annual calendar of events was provided as an information item.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Fortune noted that the Commission would be celebrating the Day of the Teacher later in the morning and would break away from its agenda when Assembly Member Goldberg arrived. She also thanked all of those who participated in the decision last month to name her Commission Chair and expressed the hope that she will serve the Commission well.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Swofford had no report.

REPORT ON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

As the Commission's liaison to the State Board of Education, Commissioner Bersin noted that this is a time of deep discussions and divergent views about what it means to be a highly qualified teacher. Although the Board is charged with defining the way the state will meet the mandates of No Child Left Behind, he said the Commission's role must continue to be an important one if the state is to avoid having separate processes with respect to teacher quality. He said he is confident that a process is under way that will produce an improvement, and that the challenge is to ensure that the end result is deliberate and thoughtful.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXEC-1: Approval of April 2, 2003 Executive Committee Minutes

It was moved (Johnson), seconded (Madkins) and carried without dissent to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2003 Executive Committee meeting.

EXEC-2: Committee of Credentials: Interviews for Appointment to the Committee of Credentials

It was moved (Johnson), seconded (Beckner) and carried without dissent that the Commission appoint Sharon Gray to the School Board Member position on the Committee of Credentials for a term of two (2) years to commence July 1, 2003. It was moved (Johnson), seconded (Lilly) and carried without dissent to appoint Duane Stiff as alternate School Board Member for a term of two (2) years to commence July 1, 2003.

EXEC-3: Terms of Committee on Accreditation Members

It was moved (Lilly), seconded (Madkins) and carried without dissent to extend the term of each member for two years. It was moved (Madkins), seconded (Lilly) and carried without dissent to extend the term of each alternate member for two years.

CREDENTIALING AND CERTIFICATED ASSIGNMENTS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Commissioner Hauk convened the Credentialing and Certificated Assignments Committee of the Whole.

C&CA-1: Proposed Amendment to Title 5, Section 80020.1, California Code of Regulations, Concerning Additional Assignment Authorizations for Specialist Teaching Credentials in Learning and Severely Handicapped

Terri Fesperman, Assistant Consultant, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, noted that in January 2003 the Commission approved an addition to regulations that aligned the authorizations of pre-Ryan special education credentials with the current Ryan Education Specialist Credential, and the authorization for the low-incidence disability areas for the Ryan Specialist Teaching Credential through the use of an assignment option. At that time, public input suggested that the Ryan Specialist Teaching Credential in Learning and Severely Handicapped should have been included in the realignment process. This would clear up confusion that has surrounded whether holders of this credential also need an Early Childhood Education Specialist Certificate to teach birth to age 3.

The proposed amendment would give local agencies the option of assigning teachers to birth to pre-school students if they have three year's experience, if they meet all qualifications and if the teacher consents to the assignment. Ms. Fesperman asked the Commission to approve the proposal so that staff may begin the rule-making process that leads to a public hearing.

A motion to approve moving forward with the proposed regulatory amendment was made (Lilly), seconded (Johnson) and carried without dissent.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chair Fortune announced that Commissioner Beckner is now chair of the Legislative Committee of the Whole. Commissioner Beckner convened the committee.

LEG-1: Status of Legislation of Interest to the Commission

Linda Bond, Director, Office of Governmental Relations, began with a review of the Commission's strategy on legislation this year. Because of the budget difficulties policy makers face and the fact that there are many new legislative members, the Commission's approach is to provide information on bills and try to influence their content through educational guidance when the bills are in the house of origin. If they move to the second house and are still in need of modification, staff will ask the Commission if they want to become more aggressive about its concerns. Ms. Bond said the atmosphere in the Legislature is extremely tense and issues are apt to be raised with very little notice. Nonetheless, the Commission's staff has had considerable success in getting bills to be dropped or amended simply by providing information and

expertise.

Ms. Bond reported that SB 84 (Scott), a Commission-sponsored spot bill has moved out of Senate Education Committee on a consent vote. At this point, the bill remains a shell that is available if it is needed.

The Legislative Committee of the Whole was then adjourned for the Day of the Teacher Celebration.

DAY OF THE TEACHER CELEBRATION

Chair Fortune introduced Assembly Member Jackie Goldberg, who has had a long career as a teacher and public advocate. She began her career as a teacher in Compton Unified School District and worked as a reading specialist for more than 18 years. She served two terms on the Los Angeles Unified School District board and worked for Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina as her Children's Services Deputy for two years. In November 2000, she was elected to her first term to the Assembly and was re-elected in 2002. She currently chairs the Assembly Education Committee.

Assembly Member Goldberg presented the Commission's Day of the Teacher Award for 2003 to Jo-Ann Krohn, a teacher for 38 years, almost all of them in an East Los Angeles elementary school. For the past 22 years, she has taught fifth and sixth grade at Glen Alta Elementary School in the Lincoln Heights area of Los Angeles. Assembly Member Goldberg talked not only of Ms. Krohn's accomplishments in identifying children from low-income families as gifted but also of her impact on Assembly Member Goldberg's executive assistant, Bertha. Ms. Krohn, who taught Bertha and her siblings, knew how to reach out to children and families and inspire children to succeed.

Ms. Krohn accepted the honor, saying it was better than receiving an Academy Award and calling it one of the most thrilling days of her life. She said seeing the success that Bertha has had is the kind of achievement that makes teaching worthwhile.

The Commission recessed briefly for a reception in honor of Ms. Krohn.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Commissioner Beckner reconvened the Legislative Committee of the Whole. Ms. Bond discussed SB 696 (Scott), the Commission-sponsored measure that eliminates state duplication of statutorily mandated local due process in cases of mental disability. The bill has drawn opposition from the California Teachers Association (CTA) because of problems with the underlying statute unrelated to the Commission, written before federal protection for the disabled. The CTA is arguing that the underlying statute is unconstitutional.

Ms. Bond said that an early meeting of the two sides conducted by Senator Scott appeared to end with an agreement on how to proceed with the bill. However, the CTA then notified Senator Scott that they did not agree to the

bill moving forward. Rather than try to pass the bill when there is a question of constitutionality, Commission staff agreed to the measure becoming a two-year bill to give more time for a more thorough review of the whole issue. The bill would be available to the Commission for other purposes if it becomes necessary.

Commissioner Johnson asked what steps needed to be taken to make sure the bill continues to move forward. Ms. Bond replied that staff will come back to the Commission with a recommendation for a different approach or language regarding the issue.

Ms. Bond also reported that AB 242 (Liu), which enacts recommendations by the Joint Master Plan Committee, has been placed on the Assembly suspense file because its cost exceeds \$150,000. Similarly, AB 422 (Chan), which requires a report by the Commission on licensing children's center instructors, has been placed on suspense because of cost.

LEG-2: Analyses of Bills of Interest to the Commission

Ms. Bond updated the Commission on AB 1575 (Pavley), which among other things clarified that advanced university work is an alternate for induction to earn a clear credential. As the Commission had directed in April 2003, staff recently issued coded correspondence to explain that current law indicates a preference for induction but that until the Commission "triggers" an induction requirement by finding that full funding is in place, other options are available to teachers. As a result of the coded correspondence, AB 1575 has been amended to deal with issues that do not impact credentialing.

SB 789 (Johnson) was described as a bill that takes the governor's favorite programs, including induction, and eliminates them until the governor is able to declare that the budget crisis is over. The bill also would have repealed the statutes creating the clear credential, as well as the entire chapter governing the Commission. That part of the bill has been eliminated because of the coded correspondence.

Commissioner Lilly asked if there are any education issues at risk in the present form of the bill. Ms. Bond said the bill no longer impacts the Commission's work but with respect to issues outside of the Commission's purview, she would have to provide that information upon further analysis.

Anne Padilla, Consultant, Office of Governmental Relations, described SB 187 (Karnette), which accomplishes three things: changes the name of the document issued to district interns from certificate to credential; deletes the mandated two-year program length; and clarifies that interns earn a preliminary credential, with the clear credential to follow after induction. Staff is recommending two amendments that have been accepted by the author's staff. One clarifies that a professional credential can be obtained through either induction or an alternative described in existing law. The other includes special education credentials. Staff recommended a "seek

amendments" position until the changes are reflected in print.

A motion to seek amendments to SB 187 was made (Madkins), seconded (Lilly) and carried without dissent.

Ms. Bond described AB 424 (Richman), which would have established a commission to revise large sections of the Education Code and repeal several, including the entire section governing the Commission and the credentialing process. The author chose to drop the bill when he learned a Constitutional Revision Commission is already in place.

Moving to AB 791 (Pavley), Ms. Bond said the bill calls for a study of Commission operations and whether it is feasible and economical for the Commission to be moved under the Department of Education. Ms. Bond said that the bill can be attributed to the CTA, which is unhappy with the Commission over such issues as wanting induction to be a bargained issue, teacher discipline measures and internal Commission decisions about the Commission's leadership. Ms. Bond expressed gratitude to a variety of stakeholders who have expressed support for the Commission, including the California Federation of Teachers, the California School Boards Association, the Association of California School Administrators, the California Catholic Conference, San Bernardino schools and others.

The measure did pass out of the Assembly Education Committee, but there was strong opposition. Ms. Bond also noted that information provided by the legislative staff analysis was inaccurate and out of date, so Commission staff provided correct information about items like the number of credentials issued, the decrease in emergency permits and the ease of entrance into teaching for people from other states.

The issue addressed by this measure is also before the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance. Leyne Milstein, Director, Information Technology and Support Management Division, is playing a key role in providing information about the numerous costs involved in placing the Commission under the Department of Education. Ms. Milstein reported that it appears it is the Subcommittee's decision to put off looking at any such move this year.

Commissioner Johnson says she has been concerned that very few people understand the scope of work undertaken by the Commission and how much is accomplished despite a constrained budget. Ms. Bond said that Ms. Milstein arranged for a number of key policy makers to be taken on a VIP tour of the Commission's inner workings. Ms. Milstein agreed with Commissioner Johnson that many people have no idea of the work that is done. She offered the opinion that what is done at the Commission is unique and can't be easily transferred to another department.

Commissioner Bersin said the professionalism with which the Commission

responds to the kinds of attacks represent by AB 791 is extremely important in the Commission's ability to continue to maintain focus on improving teacher quality. He said there needs to be communication to policy makers about the overarching strategy that the Commission has been pursuing for the past 15 years to improve teacher quality. This is especially important in a time of term-limited legislators. People need to understand SB 2042 and its context so that the long-term strategic plan is clear.

Commissioner Lilly asked Ms. Bond to clarify the status of the legislation. Ms. Bond said there are three fronts to be concerned about: the bill itself, the Budget Subcommittee and any budget trailer bill language that could result from Budget Subcommittee action. The bill itself (which provides for a study) is still alive, but from a fiscal perspective the Budget Subcommittee has decided not to pursue consolidation this year.

Designee Whirry said it is worth noting that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is neutral on the bill. Vice Chair Madkins asked what staff was seeking. Ms. Bond replied that the recommendation is for a "seeks amendments" position.

Commissioner Bersin asked why the Commission should not be opposed to the bill. Ms. Bond replied that there are two reasons: first, the Commission should stick with its strategy of working with authors in the house of origin and second, legislators are notoriously unhappy when a state body opposes what appears on the surface to be a reasonable study. Ms. Bond said the better approach is to request an amendment that ensures funding is part of the bill to accomplish the study.

A motion to seek amendments to AB 791 was made (Bersin), seconded (Johnson) and carried without dissent.

Commissioner Boquiren said she appreciated the attachment for the bill that staff created indicating how barriers have been reduced for out-of-state teachers. She said a friend of hers who is credentialed in New York and is trying to get credentials in Florida and California has reflected how much smoother and more responsive the process is in California. She said if a bill like AB 791 goes through and the Commission's functions are moved elsewhere, customer satisfaction would be greatly diminished.

Ms. Milstein presented AB 1650 (Simitian), which places certain categoricals in a block grant, including the Commission's teacher preparation programs. Ms. Milstein noted that proposals by both the administration and the legislative analyst recognize the distinction between teacher preparation and teacher development, but that the Simitian bill groups them together. The administration's AB 1266, which offers a different consolidation of categoricals, did not pass out of the Assembly. She said staff is recommending a "seek amendments" position, with the goal of removing the Commission's programs from the bill. She said their inclusion threatens

certification for some candidates and decreases accountability. Ms. Milstein also noted that contrary to other categoricals, no funds are earmarked for administration, so consolidating the programs does not save any money.

Ms. Milstein said the author has indicated he will consider amendments. A motion to take a "seek amendments" position was made (Johnson), seconded (Whirry) and carried without dissent.

Ms. Padilla described SB 510, a spot bill that involves a teacher exchange program between California and El Salvador. Staff is recommending a "watch" position. A motion to adopt a "watch" position was made (Madkins), seconded (Hauk) and carried without dissent.

FISCAL PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Commissioner Boquiren convened the Fiscal Planning and Policy Committee of the Whole.

FPPC-1: Update of the Governor's Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-04

Ms. Milstein said that the Commission's budget had been considered by Senate Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance and, with the exception of the funded programs which are Proposition 98 General Fund, was approved on a consent calendar. In the Assembly, however, no action is being taken until after the May revision of budget estimates.

Ms. Milstein also provided a brief overview of the Commission's current position. The Commission has lost 10.5 positions and not been allowed to fill another 12. Staff is continuing to work on ways to accomplish what needs to be done within the constraints of fewer resources.

PREPARATION STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Commissioner Johnson convened the Preparation Standards Committee of the Whole.

PREP-1: Approval of Professional Teacher Induction Programs

Cheryl Hickey, Consultant, Professional Services Division, and Karen Sacramento, Assistant Consultant, Professional Services Division, presented eight teacher induction programs that have been reviewed and that are being recommended for approval. Ms. Hickey said that when these are completed, 21 programs will have been approved, covering 259 districts and providing services to 5,400 beginning teachers. A June window for submissions has been added to the existing August and September windows. The programs presented for approval were:

El Dorado County Office of Education, a consortium covering 14 school districts and a program that will serve 80 beginning teachers annually.

Escondido Union School District, a single-district program that serves 20,000 students by supporting 108 beginning teachers.

Modesto City Schools, a single-district program serving 130 first- and

second-year teachers.

Napa County Office of Education, serving five school districts and providing support to 63 beginning teachers.

Peninsula New Teacher, a consortium that serves 19 school districts and provides services to more than 500 beginning teachers.

Rialto Unified School District, a single-district program that serves 150 first- and second-year teachers in a district that has 30,000 students.

Rowland Unified School District, a single-district program for 18,500 students and 70 beginning teachers.

Westside Union School District, a single-district program serving 26 teachers in a district with 7,200 students.

A motion to approve the programs was made (Madkins), seconded (Hauk) and carried without dissent. In response to questions from Commissioners, staff said a map will be provided at the next meeting to display the geographic dispersion of approved programs.

PREP-2: Approval of Contract with the Sacramento County Office of Education to Provide Service for the Troops to Teachers Program in the State of California

Dr. Michael D. McKibbin, Consultant, Professional Services Division, presented a proposed contract with the Sacramento County Office of Education to continue to provide statewide services under the Troops to Teachers program. The program originally was contracted out to Sacramento when the two limited-term positions handling the program were eliminated. Dr. McKibbin said the Sacramento County Office of Education has been successful in operating the program. He recommended approval of the pass through of \$277,295 in federal funds to continue to operate the program.

A motion to continue the contract was made (Fortune), seconded (Madkins) and carried without dissent. In response to a question from Commissioner Johnson, Dr. McKibbin indicated that staff is looking into having the federal government send the money directly to the Sacramento County Office of Education.

PREP-3: Proposed Adoption of New Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Educational Leadership Preparation Programs Leading to the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential

Beth Graybill, Interim Director, Professional Services Division, and Jim Alford, Consultant, Professional Services Division, presented the revised standards that the Commission had reviewed in April, noting that there were only modest wording changes.

Sharon Robison, representing the Association of California School Administrators, supported the standards. She thanked the Commission and staff for continuing to listen to and respond to concerns from the field. She also noted that ACSA's membership is very excited about the reform of the administrative credential and the options that are being created.

Commissioner Johnson thanked her for her acknowledgement of the collaborative work that has been accomplished.

Ex-Officio Representative Bartell asked staff about the implementation schedule. Ms. Graybill said it is being worked on.

Commissioner Lilly noted that stakeholders are already working together to provide options within the new options. A motion to approve the standards was made (Lilly), seconded (Whirry) and carried without dissent.

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

The Commission returned to General Session. Chair Fortune shared with the Commission that her absence during an earlier portion of the meeting was due to her attendance with Assembly Member Goldberg and Mrs. Krohn at an Assembly floor ceremony to honor the Day of the Teacher and Mrs. Krohn. She said she was pleased to be able to participate in what was a special moment for Mrs. Krohn and, by extension, teachers everywhere.

REPORT OF THE APPEALS & WAIVERS COMMITTEE

A&W-1: Approval of the April 2, 2003 Appeals & Waivers Minutes

It was moved (Johnson), seconded (Hauk) and carried without dissent that the Commission approve the minutes of the April 2, 2003, Appeals & Waivers Committee meeting.

A&W-2: Waivers: Consent Calendar

It was moved (Johnson), seconded (Whirry) and carried without dissent that the Commission approve the 270 waiver requests on the Consent Calendar.

A&W-3: Waivers: Conditions Calendar

It was moved (Johnson), seconded (Boquiren) and carried without dissent that the Commission approve the 5 waiver requests on the Conditions Calendar with the specific conditions attached to each.

A&W-4: Waivers: Denial Calendar

It was moved (Hauk), seconded (Whirry) and carried without dissent to recommend preliminary denial of the 15 Waiver Requests on the Denial Calendar. These waiver requests will be brought to the Commission for action at the June 2003 meeting.

Commission Member Reports

Commissioner Hauk said she has been privileged to have two student teachers in a row, something that is becoming more rare with so many teacher candidates pursuing alternative routes to certification.

Commissioner Lilly said he wanted to share the work that is being done in Northern San Diego County to improve teacher preparation. California State University, San Marcos is working with school districts to encourage teachers to complete an induction program rather than begin a master's degree

program. Those who do are eligible for six units to begin their master's degree after they have completed induction. He called the collaboration an attempt to make sense of a new teacher's life in a systematic way.

Commissioner Lilly also announced the sad news that Kay Meredith, a long-time credential analyst for the university, passed away suddenly after a short illness. Chair Fortune expressed sympathy on behalf of the Commission.

Audience Presentations

None.

Old Business

The quarterly agenda for June, August and October 2003 was presented for information only.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2003 at the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Office, 1900 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California.