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Action

Executive Committee

Approval of a Revised Date for the October 2008 Commission Meeting

Executive Summary: The Committee will consider a change to the 2008 meeting calendar adopted at the August 2007 meeting.

Recommended Action: That the Committee approve the October 9, 2008 Commission meeting be moved to October 7, 2008.

Presenter: Rhonda Brown, Program Analyst, Executive Office.

Strategic Plan Goal: 2

Promote policy development related to educator preparation, conduct and professional growth.

March 2008

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Introduction

Each year at the May or June meeting, the Commission reviews and approves its proposed meeting dates for the following year. This item will present one change to the Commission's 2008 meeting schedule for consideration by the Executive Committee.

Background

At the August 2007 meeting, the Commission adopted the following 2008 meeting schedule:

January 31-February 1	Thursday, Friday
March 5	Wednesday
April 10-11	Thursday, Friday
June 5	Thursday
August 7-8	Thursday, Friday
October 9	Thursday
November 6	Thursday
December 11-12	Thursday, Friday

In determining the proposed schedules each year, the Commission staff attempts to maximize attendance by all members. As such, the Commission staff considers the following:

- All state holidays
- Major religious holidays
- The timing of spring break for most K-12 and higher education institutions
- The meeting dates of the Committee of Credentials, which meets during the third week of each month.
- Several major conferences such as California Council on Teacher Education, American Educational Research Association, and American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

The October 9, 2008 meeting date conflicts with the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur. The observance of Yom Kippur begins at sunset on October 8 and ends the evening of October 9. To maximize attendance by all members, the Executive Committee may wish to consider moving the date of the October Commission meeting.

The Executive Director and Senior staff has determined that moving the meeting earlier by two days to October 7, 2008 would facilitate the work of the Commission and resolve potential conflicts with the holiday.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Executive Committee approve the October 9, 2008 Commission meeting be moved to October 7, 2008.