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## Action

*General Session*

### Approval of the April 2009 Consent Calendar

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**Executive Summary:** The Executive Director recommends that the Commission approve the April 2009 Consent Calendar. After review, the Commission may approve, or amend and approve the Consent Calendar.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the April 2009 Consent Calendar.

**Presenter:** None

**Strategic Plan Goal: 1**

**Promote educational excellence through the preparation and certification of professional educators**

- ◆ Sustain high quality standards for the preparation and performance of professional educators and for the accreditation of credential programs

April 2009

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# Consent Calendar

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## Division of Professional Practices

For your approval, the following items have been placed on the Consent Calendar for the April 23-24, 2009 meeting of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing:

### 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. **ABUKA, Richard O.** San Diego  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
2. **ALSTERLIND, Sarah E.** San Diego, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of forty (40) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
3. **ALVARADO, Christina M.** Brawley, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of forty-five (45) days** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
4. **ARVANCE, William J.** Kerman, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
5. **BASS, Patrick S.** Tarzana, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
6. **BRIANS-ANDERSON, Sherry L.** Bakersfield, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of sixty (60) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.

7. **BRUNSON, Larry Jr.** Long Beach, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of twenty-one (21) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44420.
8. **CASE, Stephen T.** Clovis, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
9. **CASTLE, Carol A.** Klamath Falls, OR  
She is the subject of **public reproof** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
10. **CASTRO, Nicholas D. Jr.** Gaffney, SC  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
11. **CONEY, Kristie M.** Hollister, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
12. **COOMBS, John F.** Danville, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of thirty (30) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
13. **CROSBY, Jon J.** Bakersfield, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
14. **DINH, Duong T.** San Jose, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
15. **DIRIE, Ahmed M.** San Jose, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of seven (7) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
16. **ESSARY, Margaret E.** Mariposa, CA  
She is the subject of **public reproof** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.

17. **EWELL, Paul J.** Rancho Santa Margarita, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
18. **FAIRBANKS, Jessica A.** Fremont, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of ninety (90) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
19. **FULTZ-BERGMAN, Jennifer L.** Poway, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of seven (7) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
20. **HERRERA, Jose** Del Rey, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
21. **HERSHEY, Brian J.** Beaumont, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
22. **ICHORD, Anne S.** Woodland, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
23. **JOHNSON, Jared H.** Carson, CA  
He is the subject of **public reproof** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421, effective immediately.
24. **LAMPERT, Carol C.** Fort Jones, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
25. **LEYVA, Neomi E.** Fresno, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
26. **LITTLEJOHN, Adrienne J.** Oakland, CA  
All pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44345.

27. **LOW, Ryan T.** Arcadia, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of seven (7) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
28. **MATTU, Muhammad S.** San Jose, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
29. **McKNIGHT, Karl R.** Berkeley, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
30. **MOLESKI, Daniel J.** Redondo Beach, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
31. **MOORE, Amanda S.** Victorville, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
32. **MOREHEAD, Charles R.** Visalia, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of seven (7) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
33. **MUNOZ, Vanessa** Monterey Park, CA  
All pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44345.
34. **MURRAY, Kelly T.** Los Angeles, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
35. **NGUYEN, Diana N.** Garden Grove, CA  
All pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44345.
36. **NIEBLAS, Craig A.** Bakersfield, CA  
He is the subject of **public reproof** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421, effective immediately.

37. **PIPAL, Christine M.** Oakdale, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
38. **PLATZ, John C.** La Mesa, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
39. **POWERS, Andrew W.** Los Angeles, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
40. **PRARAT, Gary L.** Hemet, CA  
He is the subject of **public reproof** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
41. **RODRIGUEZ, James E.** Riverside, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of twenty-one (21) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421, effective immediately.
42. **SINGER, Ronald S.** Sonoma, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
43. **SOMAWANG, Gene A.** Visalia, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
44. **STERN, Diane Y.** Palmdale, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **revoked** and any pending applications are **denied** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code sections 44421 and 44345.
45. **SZABO, James R.** Northridge, CA  
He is the subject of **public reproof** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
46. **SZYMUSIK, Amy J.** Rescue, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of thirty (30) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.

47. **TUPMAN, Karen S.** Barstow, CA  
She is the subject of **public reproof** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
48. **VALERO, Greg M.** Bonita, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of forty-five (45) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
49. **VILLARREAL, Victoria** Dinuba, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of fourteen (14) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
50. **WILLIAMS, Jeremy M.** El Centro, CA  
All certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **suspended for a period of fourteen (14) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.

### CONSENT DETERMINATIONS

The following consent determinations have been adopted:

51. **BOTT, Lynne J.** La Jolla, CA  
The Consent Determination stipulates that all certification documents are **revoked**; however, the **revocation is stayed**, she will serve a **ten (10) day suspension**, and is placed on **probation for a period of two and one half (2.5) years** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
52. **CARMEN, Leland F.** Redlands, CA  
The Consent Determination stipulates that all certification documents are **suspended for a period of fourteen (14) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
53. **COAKLEY, Joseph M.** Hanford, CA  
The Consent Determination stipulates that all certification documents are **suspended for a period of sixty (60) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
54. **HERNANDEZ, Peter J.** Visalia, CA  
The Attorney General's Consent Determination stipulates that pursuant to his written request, pursuant to California Education Code section 44423, his certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are **self-revoked**, and he agrees that any submissions of an application or Petition for Reinstatement will be automatically rejected.
55. **HUDSON, David G.** El Cajon, CA  
The Consent Determination stipulates that all certification documents are **revoked**; however, the **revocation is stayed**, he will serve a **ninety (90) day suspension**, and is placed on **probation for a period of three (3) years** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.

56. **KULBETH, Kristina M.** Tranquility, CA  
The Consent Determination stipulates that all certification documents are **suspended for a period of thirty (30) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
57. **PENSO, Kari D.** Huntington Beach, CA  
The Consent Determination stipulates that stipulates that all certification documents are **revoked**; however, the **revocation is stayed**, she will serve a **seven (7) day suspension**, and is placed on **probation for a period of five (5) years** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.
58. **RAMOS, Michelle M.** San Jose, CA  
The Attorney General's Consent Determination stipulates that all certification documents are **suspended for a period of three (3) days** as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421.

**RECONSIDERATION CONSENT**  
(Deny—no new information)

59. **CADY, Kent E.** San Jose, CA  
At its January 29-30, 2009 meeting, the Commission adopted the Committee of Credentials' recommendation to **suspend** his certification documents for **a period of forty-five (45) days**. Mr. Cady submitted a facsimile received on March 4, 2009, requesting reconsideration. No new information was provided.

**PRIVATE ADMONITION**

Pursuant to Education Code section 44438, the Committee of Credentials recommends **one (1)** private admonition for the Commission's approval.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

60. **NEASBITT, Brian K.** Vallejo, CA  
The Decision and Order, which stipulates that all certification documents are **suspended for a period of sixty (60) days** is adopted.
61. **TATER, Jeannine** Huntington Beach, CA  
The Decision and Order, which stipulates that all certification documents are **suspended for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days** is adopted.

**PROPOSED DECISIONS**

62. **HUGHES, Ronald G.** Emeryville, 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 and **deny** any pending applications, is adopted.

63. **KEENER, Edna L.**

Fresno, 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 and **deny** any pending applications, is adopted.

### **REQUEST FOR REVOCATION**

The following credentials are revoked pursuant to the written request of the credential holder pursuant to Education Code sections 44423 and 44440.

64. **DIEL, Donald C.**

Barstow, CA

Upon his written request, pursuant to Education Code section 44423, his certification documents are **revoked**, and he agrees that any submission of an application or Petition for Reinstatement will be automatically rejected.

### **VOIDED DOCUMENTS**

65. **CHANEY, Gene F.**

Riverside, CA

All certification documents are **void** pursuant to Education Code section 44355 as a result of his felony conviction for violating California Penal Code section 459 (burglary), a serious and violent felony.

### **DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES**

#### **MANDATORY ACTIONS**

All certification documents held by and applications filed by the following individuals were 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.

66. **DOMINGUEZ, Elizabeth A.**

Santa Maria, CA

67. **FRAYND, Maria A.**

Crestline, CA

68. **HALL, Richard W.**

Elk Grove, CA

69. **HIRLEMAN, James A.**

Roseville, CA

70. **JOHNSON, Katherine E.**

Fullerton, CA

71. **KILGORE, Scott W.**

Brentwood, CA

72. **MARTINEZ, Maria A.**

West Covina, CA

73. **McWILLIAMS, Roxanne L.**

Napa, CA

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| 74. <b>PRAY, Edward J.</b>         | San Jose, CA      |
| 75. <b>VELASCO, Daniel R.</b>      | Los Angeles, CA   |
| 76. <b>VELLANOWETH, Roberto P.</b> | W. Sacramento, CA |
| 77. <b>WATSON, Bijon S.</b>        | Santa Ana, CA     |
| 78. <b>WILEY, Carmelatee C.</b>    | Los Angeles, CA   |

### **AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS**

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

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| 79. <b>ANTONY, Steven</b>                  | Carlsbad, CA      |
| 80. <b>BUSTAMANTE, Graciela</b>            | Moreno Valley, CA |
| 81. <b>ESTRADA-FERNANDEZ,<br/>Wendi S.</b> | Corona, CA        |
| 82. <b>FIRESTONE, Russ E.</b>              | Beaumont, CA      |
| 83. <b>GEFFENEY, Michael A.</b>            | Los Angeles, CA   |
| 84. <b>HARTLEY, John T.</b>                | San Diego, CA     |
| 85. <b>LERPIDO, Jaime C.</b>               | Lakewood, CA      |
| 86. <b>LOPEZ, Carmina E.</b>               | San Diego, CA     |
| 87. <b>OLIVER, Christina E.</b>            | Stockton, CA      |
| 88. <b>OSTOVICH, David L.</b>              | Granada Hills, CA |
| 89. <b>TVEIT, Jason C.</b>                 | West Covina, CA   |

### **NO CONTEST SUSPENSION**

All credentials held by the following individual 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.

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| 90. <b>HASSMAN, Aaron H.</b> | Venice, CA |
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## 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.

91. **DONAHUE, Gregg J.** Lancaster, CA
92. **RADOCCHIA, Claudio** Sherman Oaks, CA
93. **RODRIGUEZ, Armando** Chula Vista, CA
94. **YOUNG, Carol A.** Corona, CA

## TERMINATION OF PROBATION

95. **GARCIA, Irma I.** Chula Vista, CA  
Having successfully complied with the terms and conditions of probation contained in the Consent Determination and Order, which was adopted by the Commission on April 26, 2007, **the stay order has been made permanent and her application is granted.**
96. **PLATT, Mark A.** Loma Linda, CA  
Having successfully complied with the terms and conditions of probation contained in the Consent Determination and Order, which was adopted by the Commission on November 30, 2004, **the stay order has been made permanent and his credentials are fully restored.**

## Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division

**VALIDATION OF SERVICE RENDERED WITHOUT A CREDENTIAL**  
**The service rendered by the following persons is approved**  
**pursuant to the provisions of the California Education Code, Section 45036.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School District</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Period of Service</b>
Christina Alley	Grossmont Union	San Diego	03/01/09-03/09/09
Patricia Arzola	Fresno Unified	Fresno	02/01/09-02/04/09
Lora Askea	Manzanita Elementary	Butte	01/01/09-01/22/09
Tina Boles	Weaver Union SD	Merced	03/01/09-03/15/09
Elizabeth Boyer	Manzanita Elementary	Butte	01/01/09-01/22/09
Yaritza Cheng	Fresno Unified	Fresno	01/01/09-01/19/09
Maria Clifton	Hueneme SD	Ventura	01/05/09-01/10/09
Matthew Cruz	Santa Ana	Orange	12/01/08-12/18/08
Jenna Gonsalves	Sacramento City	Sacramento	01/01/09-02/17/09
Christina Hockenson	Newcastle	Placer	10/02/08-10/13/08
Denise Keane	Oak Park Unified	Ventura	02/02/09-02/20/09
Jeri Kuebitz	Valley Center USD	San Diego	02/01/09-02/20/09
Eugenia Pedraza	Santa Ana USD	Orange	12/01/08-12/15/08
Celestina Soto	Fresno Unified	Fresno	02/01/09-02/19/09
Susan Tracy	Poway Unified	San Diego	02/01/09-02/11/09
Andrea Young	Grossmont Union	San Diego	03/01/09-03/09/09

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# Program Approval

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## **Introduction**

This agenda item presents three single subject matter programs submitted by institutions of higher education for single subject matter program approval.

## **Background**

The Commission regularly receives recommendations for program approval from single subject matter review panels. These panels of subject matter experts review all program documentation and make an informed determination whether the program meets the standards common to all subject matter programs and also the content specific subject matter standards. The content specific subject matter standards are closely aligned to the K-12 academic content standards. These subject matter programs are usually undergraduate courses of study completed before candidates begin teacher preparation programs. However, the two programs may be completed concurrently.

## **Subject Matter Program Review Procedures**

Following are the general procedures for the review of subject matter programs:

1. Technical Assistance – After the Commission adopts a set of new program standards, Commission staff members provide technical assistance to prospective program sponsors wishing to submit responses to the new standards. Technical assistance materials are provided on the Commission’s website. Staff members train, assign, and coordinate review team work.
2. Preconditions Review – After the program proposal is received, Commission staff review the sponsor’s response to the preconditions. The preconditions are based on both state laws and Commission policies, and address minimum unit and content area requirements. If the preconditions response is incomplete, the sponsor is requested to provide specific information necessary for compliance with the preconditions.
3. Program Review – The program sponsor’s responses to the Commission’s subject matter program standards are reviewed by a team of two or more subject matter educators to determine if the program meets the program standards, including the subject matter requirements (SMRs). The SMRs are the content knowledge required to be covered in the program and are aligned to the K-12 content standards that the candidate will be expected to know. The reviewers are trained in the alignment of the standards and subject matter requirements and in the review process before they are assigned proposals to review. Reviewers are instructed to find explicit evidence that programs not only align with K-12 content standards but also introduce their candidates to those standards within the

context of their subject matter studies. The team must reach consensus that each standard is met based upon evidence provided in the document. If the program does not meet the standards, the sponsor is given an explanation of the findings. The sponsor may then submit the additional information requested. Once reviewers determine that the program proposal provides a convincing and adequate body of evidence to meet the Commission's adopted subject matter program standards, the program is recommended to the Commission for approval.

4. After subject matter program approval is granted by the Commission, the institution may admit candidates to the approved subject matter program. Graduates of a Commission approved single subject matter preparation program meet the Commission's subject matter requirement and are not required to take the subject matter examination (California Subject Examinations for Teachers - CSET).

This report presents three single subject matter programs which have been deemed to have met all of the appropriate *Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Single Subject Matter Preparation Programs* ([www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/STDS-subject-matter.html](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/STDS-subject-matter.html)) by the appropriate review panel and are recommended to the Commission for approval. The three programs are existing programs that have now been aligned to the SB 2042 subject matter standards adopted by the Commission. The three programs brought forward to the Commission at this time are California State University, Los Angeles: Science (Biology, Chemistry, Geoscience and Physics); California State University, Los Angeles: Physical Education; and San Jose State University: Social Science.

### **Summary Information on the Single Subject Matter Programs**

California State University, Los Angeles: Science (Biology, Chemistry, Geoscience and Physics)  
The Natural Sciences Program at California State University, Los Angeles has been carefully designed to prepare science teachers who understand the subject matter as expressed in the K-12 academic content standards and can instill the knowledge, that understanding, and the excitement of science to their students. The curriculum models good teaching by incorporating active, collaborative, and inquiry-based learning. Candidates design a research project, carry out data collection, analyze their results, and draw conclusions for oral and written presentations. They use higher-level thinking skills to plan their project and correctly interpret their results. Candidates practice scientific inquiry and learn the nature of science through laboratory and fieldwork experiences. They are taught the importance of honesty and reproducibility in all scientific research and they have to decide matters of interpretation where data do not agree with their expected results. The expected Natural Sciences programmatic learning outcomes include:

- The problem solving, analytical, and communication skills that provides a strong foundation for lifelong learning and progressive career development.
- A clear understanding of major science concepts and an awareness of how these connect various areas of the life and physical sciences.
- Understanding the relevance of science to everyday life and applying it to daily life.
- Understanding integration and interconnectedness of science.
- Ethical conduct in science applications.

- Applying the scientific process, including inquiry, hypotheses building, designing and conducting investigative experiments.
- Using principles of laboratory safety.
- Ability to work in groups.
- Giving oral presentations.
- Locating and retrieving information.
- Using mathematics and statistics to evaluate scientific evidence.
- Interpreting graphs and tables.
- Distinguishing between fact and opinion with scientific evidence.
- Writing scientific papers.
- Demonstrating computer literacy.

#### California State University, Los Angeles: Physical Education

The CSULA Physical Education Subject Matter Program philosophy incorporates a clear understanding of the requisite preparation needed for the prospective teachers of California schools. Prospective teachers will acquire the content knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to teach in California's diverse schools and to instill that knowledge, understanding, and excitement of physical education in their future students. An underpinning of the program is that prospective teachers engage in subject matter content for the expressed purpose of understanding how they will be able to affect student learning and assess student performance. Evidence of prospective teachers' competencies in the subject matter is demonstrated in the course work and field experiences and subsequent assessment of student learning. The learning outcomes, subject matter and pedagogical skills measured by the program are consistent with the standards and framework for public K-12 schools in California. The Physical Education Subject Matter Program has been designed to develop physical education teachers who:

- Accurately assess and prescribe levels of student performance.
- Design and deliver developmentally appropriate lessons.
- Use varied teaching strategies to affect student learning.
- Efficiently manage the physical education environment.
- Ensure that a positive learning atmosphere is maintained.
- Clearly communicate concepts related to the science of human movement.
- Use technology to aid student learning.
- Motivate students to engage in physical activity for life.
- Modify learning tasks as necessary to ensure student success, including those with disabilities.

#### San Jose State University: Social Science

The mission of the San Jose State University College of Social Science Subject Matter Program is to train teachers who will use knowledge and practice to enable diverse students to reach challenging learning goals and reach their potential. Candidates are encouraged to see beyond the walls of the classroom to the social, political, and economic effects education has on their students and on their everyday experiences as teachers. Candidates are challenged to promote civic engagement and active involvement to encourage their students to engage in the democratic process. The College of Social Science at San Jose State University has designed the proposed subject matter curriculum to meet the State adopted academic content standards for K-12

students. The following outcomes ensure that candidates will be prepared to teach to those standards and promote student success.

- Candidates will have the ability to analyze and critique the major episodes in United States and World History.
- Candidates will examine and explore fundamental concepts in the social science disciplines (history, geography, economics, and political science).
- Candidates will engage in comparative and interdisciplinary social science activities that provide them with fundamental understanding of the major frameworks and methods of inquiry of each discipline.
- Candidates will take an interdisciplinary approach to understanding, analyzing and critiquing the historical, social, political, economic, and cultural condition of women and people of color in our local community, California, the U.S. and globally.
- Candidates will learn the content and practice the methods of investigation of history and the social sciences.
- Candidates will demonstrate and model effective research, writing, and presentation skills and techniques.
- Candidates will demonstrate proficiency in different teaching/learning styles and their pedagogical implications for teaching of the social sciences.

### **Recommendations**

Based upon a determination by reviewers that the following entities have met all relevant standards and requirements, staff recommends Commission approval of the following subject matter programs:

California State University, Los Angeles: Science (Biology, Chemistry, Geoscience and Physics)

California State University, Los Angeles: Physical Education

San Jose State University: Social Science