

Commission on Teacher Credentialing Minutes of the August 4-5, 2011 Meeting

Commission Members Attending

Ting Sun, Public Representative, Chair

Charles Gahagan, Teacher Representative, Vice Chair

Constance Blackburn, Teacher Representative

Erick Casallas, Teacher Representative

C. Michael Cooney, Public Representative

Linda Darling-Hammond, Faculty Member (8/5 Only)

Kathleen Harris, Teacher Representative

Alicia Hinde, Teacher Representative

Shane Martin, Ex-Officio, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (8/4 Only)

Carolyn McInerney, School Board Member

Janis Perry, Ex-Officio, California Postsecondary Education Commission

Nancy Ramirez, Public Representative

Tine Sloan, Ex-Officio, University of California

Louise Stymeist, Non-Administrative Services Credential Representative

Beverly Young, Ex-Officio, California State University

Richard Zeiger, Designee, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Commission Members Absent

Eddie Cuevas, Teacher Representative

Marlon Evans, Public Representative

Irene Oropeza-Enriquez, Administrative Services Representative

Thursday, August 4, 2011

General Session

Chair Ting Sun convened the August 4, 2011 General Session of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing at 9:33 a.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Sun introduced Beth Graybill as the new Interim Executive Director.

Chair Sun announced the resignation of Steven Dean and recognized his contributions to the work of the Commission.

Chair Sun announced that Commissioners Mark Freathy, James Hines and Hilda Wright's appointments had been withdrawn by the Governor's Office.

Chair Sun welcomed Erick Casallas, Eddie Cuevas, Linda Darling-Hammond, Kathleen Harris, Alicia Hinde and Louise Stymeist as new members of the Commission.

Chair Sun also welcomed Richard Zeiger and Michelle Zumot as the new designees for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Chair Sun said farewell to Leslie Littman, the former Superintendent of Public Instruction designee, and expressed the Commission's appreciation for her contributions to the work of the Commission.

Chair Sun announced that Commissioner Blackburn would serve as the Acting Committee Chair for the Professional Practices Committee and Vice Chair Gahagan would serve as the Acting Committee Chair for the Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee.

1E: Executive Director's Report

Interim Executive Director Beth Graybill stated her goal to continue the progress towards meeting the recommendations from the April 2011 Bureau of State Audits report.

Ms. Graybill introduced Brittney Lee, a new attorney in the Division of Professional Practices.

1A: Approval of the June and July 2011 Minutes

Commissioner Blackburn moved approval of the June and July 2011 Minutes. Commissioner McInerney seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

1B: Approval of the August 2011 Agenda

Commissioner Blackburn moved approval of the Commission's August 2011 Agenda with agenda inserts for items 1C and 3B. Commissioner McInerney seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

1C: Approval of the August 2011 Consent Calendar

Commissioner McInerney moved approval of the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

1D: Chair's Report

There was no report.

1F: Commission Member Reports

Vice Chair Gahagan reported that he attended the Committee on Accreditation (COA) meeting on August 3, 2011.

1G: Liaison Reports

There was no report.

1H: Recommendations from the April 7, 2011 Audit Report

Patty Wohl, Director, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, and Teri Clark, Director, Professional Services Division, provided an update on the Bureau of State Audits' Audit of the Division of Professional Practices and the Office of Human Resources, and the Commission's responses to the Audit recommendations.

Professional Practices Committee

Acting Committee Chair Constance Blackburn convened the Professional Practices Committee.

2A: Discussion of a Plan to Study California's Educator Discipline Process

Patty Wohl, Director, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, and Teri Clark, Director, Professional Services Division, provided information on California's Educator Discipline Process and presented a plan to bring policymakers, stakeholders and other interested parties together to discuss potential recommendations for changes and actions which could improve the process, including increasing the number of cases the Committee of Credentials reviews each month.

Professional Services Committee

Committee Chair Constance Blackburn convened the Professional Services Committee.

3A: Adoption of Precondition 1 Related to Non-Regionally Accredited Institutions and Other Program Sponsors

Cheryl Hickey, Administrator, and Teri Clark, Director, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided proposed revised language for Precondition 1 for the Commission's discussion and consideration.

John Borba, California State University, Stanislaus, asked staff to clarify if Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation is a precondition for establishing a credential program.

Commissioner Sun moved to adopt the revised Precondition 1. Commissioner McInerney seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

3B: Adoption of the Passing Score Standard for the California Preliminary Administrative Credential Examination (CPACE)

Michael Taylor and Yvonne Novelli, Consultants, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided the Commission with recommendations relevant to the determination of passing score standards for the CPACE-Written and CPACE-Video examinations.

John Borba, California State University, Stanislaus, raised concerns regarding the passing rate for the CPACE-Video.

Commissioner Sun moved to adopt the recommended passing score standards for the CPACE-Written and the CPACE-Video examinations. Commissioner Casallas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

3C: Adoption of Specific Terms for Title II Reporting

Cheryl Hickey, Administrator, and Teri Clark, Director, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided revised definitions of "Low Performing Institutions" and Institutions "At Risk of Low Performing" as used in the federal Title II report for Commission consideration and possible adoption.

Commissioner Harris moved to adopt the proposed revised definitions for Title II reporting. Commissioner Hinde seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

3D: Initial Institutional Approval

Cheryl Hickey, Administrator, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided one program sponsor, Bard College, for initial institutional approval by the Commission.

Ric Campbell, Bard College, answered questions regarding the institution via telephone.

Jane Robb, representing herself, raised concerns regarding Bard College's institutional capacity.

The Commission directed staff to bring this item back at the October 2011 Commission meeting with information on current policy and procedures for initial institutional approval, and options for institutions that are denied approval. The Commission further directed staff to bring back the materials regarding the common standards and preconditions that were submitted by Bard College for Commissioners to review.

3E: Update on the work of the English Learner Authorizations Advisory Panel

This item was tabled by the Commission.

Recess

Chair Sun recessed the meeting to go into Closed Session.

Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee

Acting Committee Chair Charles Gahagan convened the Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee.

4A: Approval of a "Revenue Only" Agreement for Fiscal Year 2011-12

Crista Hill, Division Director, Administrative Services Division - Fiscal and Business Services Section, presented this item which provided a "revenue only" agreement with LexisNexis for the Commission's consideration.

Commissioner Cooney moved approval for the Executive Director to execute the agreement with LexisNexis for a contract term of September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2016. Commissioner Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Legislative Committee

Committee Chair Charles Gahagan convened the Legislative Committee.

5A: Status of Legislation

Marilyn Errett, Administrator, Office of Governmental Relations, presented this item which provided updates on the status of bills on which the Commission has adopted a position.

5B: Analyses of Bills

Anne Padilla, Consultant, Office of Governmental Relations, presented an analysis of AB 229 (Lara).

Commissioner Harris moved to take a position of "Seek Amendments" on AB 229. Commissioner Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Credentialing and Certificated Assignments Committee

Committee Chair Carolyn McInerney convened the Credentialing and Certificated Assignments Committee.

6A: Proposed Amendments to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Pertaining to Fingerprint Submissions

Tammy Duggan, Assistant Consultant, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, presented this item which provided proposed amendments pertaining to fingerprint submissions as recommended by the Bureau of State Audits.

Reconvene General Session

Chair Sun reconvened the General Session.

II: New Business

The Quarterly Agenda was presented.

1J: Report of Closed Session Items

Chair Sun reported that the Commission granted the following Petition(s) for Reinstatement:

1. Dean Jex
2. Renee Jackson

The Commission denied the following Petition(s) for Reinstatement:

1. Anthony Prescott
2. Clark Cranston

The Commission rejected the Proposed Decision in the matter of Alberto Galindo, Jr.

The Commission granted reconsideration and reversed its previous action to deny Brian Divizich's Petition for Reinstatement.

Commission considered one pending litigation item, *Carroll vs Commission on Teacher Credentialing*, and no action was taken.

Recess

Chair Sun recessed the meeting to go into Closed Session at 2:50 p.m.

Friday, August 5, 2011

General Session

Chair Sun reconvened the General Session of the Commission at 8:30 a.m. and roll call was taken.

Recess

Chair Sun recessed the meeting to go into Closed Session.

Adjournment

There being no reportable action from the Closed Session, Chair Sun adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.