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## Action

### *General Session*

#### Approval of the April 2012 Minutes

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**Executive Summary:** The Executive Director recommends that the Commission approve the minutes of the April 2012 meeting of the Commission.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the minutes of the April 2012 meeting.

**Presenter:** None

**Strategic Plan Goal: 2**

**Support policy development related to educator preparation, conduct and professional growth**

June 2012

## **Commission on Teacher Credentialing Minutes of the April 26-27, 2012 Meeting**

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### **Commission Members Attending**

Charles Gahagan, Teacher Representative, Chair  
Linda Darling-Hammond, Faculty Member, Vice Chair  
Constance Blackburn, Teacher Representative  
Erick Casallas, Teacher Representative  
C. Michael Cooney, Public Representative (4/26 only)  
Eddie Cuevas, Teacher Representative  
Shane Martin, Ex-Officio, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities  
Carolyn McInerney, School Board Member (4/26 only)  
Nancy Ramirez, Public Representative (4/26 only)  
Tine Sloan, Ex-Officio, University of California  
Louise Stymeist, Non-Administrative Services Credential Representative  
Alicia Williamson, Teacher Representative  
Beverly Young, Ex-Officio, California State University  
Richard Zeiger/Michelle Zumot, Designees, Superintendent of Public Instruction

### **Commission Members Absent**

Marlon Evans, Public Representative  
Kathleen Harris, Teacher Representative

### **Ad Hoc Committee**

Committee Chair Louise Stymeist convened the Ad Hoc Committee at 8:32 a.m. and roll call was taken.

### **1A: Interview and Selection of Members for the Committee on Accreditation**

Cheryl Hickey, Administrator, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided information about the finalists for the Committee on Accreditation.

The Committee interviewed the following K-12 finalists:

**Joseph Jimenez, Tulare County Office of Education**  
**Abigail Soriano, East Side Union High School District**

The Committee interviewed the following postsecondary finalists:

**Gary Kinsey, California State University, Channel Islands**  
**Christine Zeppos, Brandman University**  
**Reyes Quezada, University of San Diego**  
**Lisa Goldstein, Santa Clara University**

Commissioner Blackburn moved to reappoint Joseph Jimenez as a member of the COA to fill the K-12 vacancy. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Commissioner Young moved to reappoint Gary Kinsey and Reyes Quezada as postsecondary members of the COA. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

### **General Session**

Chair Charles Gahagan convened the General Session of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing at 10:33 a.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **2A: Approval of the March 2012 Minutes**

Commissioner Casallas moved approval of the March 2012 Minutes. Commissioner Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

### **2B: Approval of the April 2012 Agenda**

Commissioner McInerney moved approval of the April 2012 Agenda with agenda inserts for items 2C and 3B. Commissioner Zumot seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

### **2C: Approval of the April 2012 Consent Calendar**

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

### **2D: Chair's Report**

Chair Gahagan noted to the public that eight of the Commissioners are in the process of being confirmed by the Senate Rules Committee.

### **2E: Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Mary Sandy provided a preview of the meeting agenda.

### **2F: Commission Member Reports**

Commissioner Blackburn reported that she attended two of the Education Excellence Task Force meetings.

Commissioner Young congratulated Commissioner Casallas on the birth of his new twin daughters. She also congratulated Rebecca Mieliwocki, California Teacher of the Year, for being selected as the 2012 National Teacher of the Year.

### **2G: Liaison Reports**

Commissioner Williamson reported she attended the Teacher Preparation Advisory Panel meeting.

Ilene Straus, State Board of Education Liaison, reported on the upcoming tasks of the Instructional Quality Commission; some of which include the framework of the Common Core Standards, the next generation of Science Standards, and assessments that affect the instructional and alignment work and which will in turn impact the teacher and leader work in the field.

Commissioner Stymeist reported she attended her second meeting of the Committee on Accreditation.

**2H: Report of Ad Hoc Committee**

Chair Gahagan reported that the Committee recommended to the full Commission the appointment of Joseph Jimenez, Gary Kinsey and Reyes Quezada to serve as members on the Committee on Accreditation effective July 1, 2012.

The motion carried without dissent.

**2I: Strategic Planning Development: Reports from Stakeholders**

Mary Sandy, Executive Director, presented this item which provided an update on the Strategic Plan progress to date including summaries of the March 7, 2012 retreat and the April 2012 stakeholder survey.

**Harold Acord, California Teachers Association**, asked staff to clarify information on agenda item 2K: Strategic Plan Development: Identifying Strategic Priorities and raised concerns regarding the possibility of conflicting with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

**Legislative Committee**

Committee Chair Linda Darling-Hammond convened the Legislative Committee.

**3A: Status of Legislation**

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

**3B: Analyses of Bills**

Anne Padilla, Interim Administrator, Office of Governmental Relations, presented an analysis of SB 1385 (Hancock).

**Ken Burt, California Teachers Association**, voiced concerns regarding posting requirements of the agenda in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

**Danette Brown, California Teachers Association**, provided reasons why CTA took a “Watch” position on this bill.

Commissioner Casallas moved to take a position of “Support if Amended” on SB 1385. Commissioner Zumot seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Erin Sullivan, Assistant Consultant, Office of Governmental Relations, presented an analysis of AB 1853 (Bonilla).

**Deborah Kong, Preschool California**, voiced support of this bill.

**Danette Brown, California Teachers Association**, stated that CTA currently has a “Watch” position on this bill but they have been diligently working with the author to address their concerns.

Commissioner Blackburn moved to take a position of "Support" on SB 1853. Commissioner Casallas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

### **Professional Practices Committee**

Acting Committee Chair C. Michael Cooney convened the Professional Practices Committee.

#### **4A: One-Year Report Update to the BSA**

Nanette Rufo, Director, Division of Professional Practices, presented this item which provided an update to the Commission on the April 7, 2011 Bureau of State Audits' Audit of the Division of Professional Practices, the Commission's one-year response to the Audit and a report on DPP's current workload.

**Ken Burt, California Teachers Association**, stated that it is now a good opportunity for the Commission to enforce Title 5 regulation §80303 in the most egregious circumstances.

#### **5A: Update on the Proposed 2012-13 Governor's Budget**

Crista Hill, Division Director, Administrative Services Division - Fiscal and Business Services Section, presented this item which provided an overview of the budget process and update on the Governor's proposed budget for the Commission. Ms. Hill further provided an overview of current operations and analysis of the short and long-term projected impact of the proposed reduction in revenues, positions and expenditure authority.

### **Professional Services Committee**

Committee Chair Constance Blackburn convened the Professional Services Committee.

#### **6A: Administrative Services Credential: Possible Criteria to Implement the Five Years of Experience and an "Examination Plus" Option**

Lawrence Birch and Gay Roby, Consultants, Professional Services Division, and Terri Fesperman, Consultant, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, presented this item which provided possible criteria for the Commission to consider as it implements its policy decisions related to requiring five years of experience in the schools prior to being eligible for a Preliminary Administrative Services Credential and an "Examination Plus" route to the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential.

**Bob Wells, Association of California School Administrators**, submitted a written letter regarding the possible criteria to implement the five years of experience and an "Examination Plus" option for the Administrative Services Credential.

**Sharon Robison, Association of California School Administrators**, stated that an administrator or the employer should be the one who files an appeal for the five year experience requirement when no suitable candidate is available for a specific position. She asked the Commission to make "Exam Plus" a viable route for a credential and stated that all credentials be included as prerequisite credentials for the "Exam Plus" route. She requested the Commission to postpone the development of the administrative credential standards until such time as sufficient resources are available to complete the task appropriately.

**Jenny Teresi, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties**, voiced support for the two year appeal and the flexibility that it offers the employer in rare circumstances. She also voiced support of the “Exam Plus” option offering flexibility to the employers and prerequisite credential requirement for both routes. She suggested the work for the content standards be undertaken when sufficient funds are available.

**Danette Brown, California Teachers Association**, stated that preparation standards serve as the critical foundation for the new administrative services credential and suggested delaying the work if the Commission could not give thorough attention to develop the standards.

**Tara Kini, Public Advocates**, voiced support of the five year experience requirement and the suggestion of holding a clear teaching or services credential being a prerequisite for obtain a Preliminary Administrative Services credential. She also voiced support of the “Examination Plus” route to earn the credential.

**David Simmons, Ventura County Office of Education**, spoke in support of having the flexibility for the base credential and the exam option to earn the administrative credential.

**Teri Burns, California School Boards Association**, echoed the same support and suggested the Commission use a broad group to set the standards.

**Derek Ramage, Los Angeles Unified School District**, also spoke in support of the panel’s recommendations, particularly to continue the flexibility for the prerequisite credential.

**Harold Acord, California Teachers Association**, voiced concerns regarding that the Commission’s providing direction to staff could be in possible violation of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

### **Recess**

Chair Gahagan recessed the meeting to go into Closed Session at 3:05 p.m. pursuant to California Government Code sections 11126(e), to consider pending litigation (*Carroll v. Commission on Teacher Credentialing* (SPB 11-0739)) and to also consider adverse actions, petitions for reinstatement and requests for reconsideration in discipline cases pursuant to California Education Code sections 44245 and 44248.

**Friday, April 27, 2012**

### **General Session**

Chair Gahagan reconvened the General Session of the Commission at 8:32 a.m. and roll call was taken. Ex-Officio member Shane Martin was appointed to serve as a voting member in the event that a quorum was needed.

### **Professional Services Committee**

Committee Chair Constance Blackburn reconvened the Professional Services Committee.

**6C: Accreditation Activities and Plan for 2012-13**

Cheryl Hickey, Administrator, and Teri Clark, Director, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided an overview of the implementation of the Commission's current accreditation system.

**Reconvene General Session**

Chair Gahagan reconvened the General Session.

**2J: Update on the Common Core State Standards**

Sue Burr, Executive Director, State Board of Education, provided an update on the recently adopted implementation plan for the Common Core State Standards.

**Professional Services Committee**

Committee Chair Constance Blackburn reconvened the Professional Services Committee.

**6B: Update on the Implementation of the Teaching Performance Assessment Requirement**

Michael Taylor and Wayne Bacer, Consultants, and Teri Clark, Director, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided an overview of the three Commission-approved Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) models and an update on the implementation of the TPA.

**Catherine Kearney, representing herself**, asked the Commission to remain practical rather than idealistic when considering making any changes to the TPA.

**6D: Draft Program Standards and Preconditions for the English Learner Instructional Leadership Specialist Credential**

Paula Jacobs, Consultant, Professional Services Division, and Roxann Purdue, Consultant, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, presented this item which provided draft Program Standards and Preconditions as well as a proposed authorization statement and rationale for the English Learner Instructional Leadership Specialist Credential for the Commission's consideration.

**Danette Brown, California Teachers Association**, requested the Commission to grandfather the candidates who already had those set of professional development skills. She also suggested "Professional Development" be the heading for Section C on page PSC 6D-12 and provided revised languages for some of the bullets that were listed on page PSC 6D-13.

**6E: Report of Services Credentials Issued in California, 2006-07 to 2010-11**

This item was tabled by the Commission.

**Reconvene General Session**

Chair Gahagan reconvened the General Session.

**2K: Strategic Plan Development: Identifying Strategic Priorities**

Mary Sandy, Executive Director, presented this item which provided strategic priorities from the March 2012 retreat and from the stakeholder survey results for Commission discussion.

The Commission directed Executive Director Sandy to work with the Executive Committee members to prepare a draft strategic plan to provide a starting point for deliberation at the June meeting.

**2L: Report of Closed Session Items**

Chair Gahagan reported that the Commission considered one pending litigation item, *Carroll v. Commission on Teacher Credentialing*, and no reportable action was taken.

The Commission granted the following Petitions for Reinstatement:

- Oscar Suarez
- Kristen Thompson

The Commission denied the following Petitions for Reinstatement:

- Raymond Bernd
- Steven Singh

The Commission rejected the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Decision in the matter of Eugene Mackey and decided to revoke his certification documents.

The Commission granted reconsideration and sustained its previous action to publicly reprove Diana Diaz.

The Commission granted reconsideration and sustained its previous action to suspend Simon Romero, Jr.'s certification documents for a period of seven days. (Commissioner Casallas recused)

The Commission granted reconsideration and sustained its previous action to suspend Sergio Reyes's certification documents for a period of ninety days. (Commissioner Zumot recused)

The Commission granted reconsideration and rejected the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Decision in the matter of Sondra Tompkins and called for the transcript.

**2M: New Business**

The Quarterly Agenda was presented.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Gahagan adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.