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Action

General Session

Approval of the June 2012 Minutes

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

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the June 2012 meeting.

Presenter: None

Strategic Plan Goal: 2

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

August 2012

Commission on Teacher Credentialing Minutes of the June 13-14, 2012 Meeting

Commission Members Attending

Charles Gahagan, Teacher Representative, Chair
Linda Darling-Hammond, Faculty Member, Vice Chair
Constance Blackburn, Teacher Representative
C. Michael Cooney, Public Representative
Marlon Evans, Public Representative
Kathleen Harris, Teacher Representative
Shane Martin, Ex-Officio, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities
Carolyn McInerney, School Board Member
Louise Stymeist, Non-Administrative Services Credential Representative
Alicia Williamson, Teacher Representative
Richard Zeiger/Michelle Zumot, Designees, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Commission Members Absent

Erick Casallas, Teacher Representative
Eddie Cuevas, Teacher Representative
Nancy Ramirez, Public Representative
Tine Sloan, Ex-Officio, University of California
Beverly Young, Ex-Officio, California State University

Ad Hoc Committee

Committee Chair Michael Cooney convened the Ad Hoc Committee at 3:00 p.m. and roll call was taken.

1A: Interview and Selection of Members for the Committee of Credentials

Ani Kindall, Staff Counsel, Professional Practices Division, presented this item which provided information regarding the process of interviewing and selecting two Committee of Credentials (COC) members and possible alternates to recommend to the Commission.

The Committee interviewed the following finalists:

Debra Cook-Lewis
Dana Coleman
Mary Jane Roberts
Elizabeth Summers
Jane Smith
Kim Kang
Susan Broderon
Katherine Esquire
Gregg Law

Commissioner Gahagan moved to appoint Mary Jane Roberts as the public member of the COC and Dana Coleman as an alternate. Commissioner Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Commissioner Gahagan moved to appoint Jane Smith as an alternate school board member of the COC. Commissioner Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Commissioner Gahagan moved to reappoint Gregg Law as an elementary teacher member of the COC and Katherine Esquire as an alternate. Commissioner Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Committee Chair Cooney adjourned the Ad Hoc Committee at 5:40 p.m.

Thursday, June 14, 2012

General Session

Chair Charles Gahagan convened the General Session of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing at 8:41 a.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2A: Approval of the April 2012 Minutes

Commissioner Blackburn moved approval of the April 2012 Minutes with the amendment on page GS 2A-4 under item 4A: One Year Report Update to the BSA to add "Title 5 Regulation §80303" under Mr. Ken Burt's comment. Commissioner Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

2B: Approval of the June 2012 Agenda

Commissioner Darling-Hammond moved approval of the June 2012 Agenda with agenda inserts for items 1A, 2C and 2H. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

2C: Approval of the June 2012 Consent Calendar

Commissioner Zeiger moved approval of the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

The Commission also directed staff to group and classify the type of cases listed on the consent calendar, if possible, for Commission consideration.

2D: Chair's Report

Chair Gahagan reported that eight of the Commissioners completed the process of being confirmed by the Senate Rules Committee.

2E: Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Mary Sandy congratulated the eight Commissioners on their recent confirmation.

Director Sandy provided an update on the Commission's budget and the new CTC Online system.

2F: Commission Member Reports

Commissioner Harris reported that she attended the Common Core Standards Immersion Institute in New York. She also reported that she presented the Common Core standards at the University of California Curriculum Integration Institute in Burlingame.

Commissioner Blackburn reported that she attended the Educator Excellence Task Force (EETF) meeting.

Commissioner Cooney reported on the Senate Rules confirmation process.

2G: Liaison Reports

Ilene Straus, State Board of Education Liaison, reported that she attended the Concurrence Committee for the California Subject Matter Projects with Commissioner Beverly Young representing the Commission in Oakland, and a meeting on AB 250 (Brownley) on pupil assessment. She also provided updates on the work of the EETF and Instructional Quality Commission. Lastly, Ms. Straus announced the recruitment of the Title I Committee practitioner for State Board of Education.

2H: Strategic Plan Development: Draft Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives

Executive Director Mary Sandy presented this item which provided the strategic plan including draft vision, mission, goals and objectives for Commission consideration.

Jane Robb, California Teachers Association, asked the staff to provide clarification on what would change under the new proposed vision and mission statement. She also raised concerns regarding the 2012-13 proposed activities for the Professional Services Division; specifically that performance assessments only be used to the extent that they are relevant to accreditation and that they are truly valid in making accreditation decisions.

Commissioner Zeiger moved approval of the draft vision, mission, and goals and directed Director Sandy to bring back the revised documents for the Commission's final review. Commissioner McInerney seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

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

Erin Sullivan, Assistant Consultant, Office of Governmental Relations, presented an analysis of SB 1245 (Alquist).

Commissioner Gahagan moved to take a position of "Support" on SB 1245. Commissioner McInerney seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Zeiger abstaining.

Anne Padilla, Interim Administrator, Office of Governmental Relations, presented an analysis of SB 1291 (Evans).

Commissioner Blackburn moved to take a position of “Support” on SB 1291. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Zeiger abstaining.

Anne Padilla, Interim Administrator, Office of Governmental Relations, presented an analysis of SB 1292 (Liu).

Sharon Robison, Association of California School Administrators, voiced support of this bill.

Commissioner McInerney moved to take a position of “Support” on SB 1292. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Zeiger abstaining.

Professional Practices Committee

Committee Chair Kathleen Harris convened the Professional Practices Committee.

4A: Workload Report and One-Year Update

Nanette Rufo, Director, Division of Professional Practices, presented this item which provided an update to the Commission on its one-year response to the Bureau of State Audits Report and on Los Angeles Unified School District Reports.

Ken Burt, California Teachers Association, voiced concerns regarding posting of the agenda in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. Mr. Burt also raised concerns regarding the Commission withdrawing its request for an opinion from the Attorney General to delegate authority to staff to close cases and suggested the Commission wait for an opinion from the Attorney General. Lastly, Mr. Burt suggested the Commission discuss the statutory authority regarding a superintendent’s reporting duties at the August Commission meeting.

Janet Davis, California Federation of Teachers, suggested the Commission not withdraw the request for an opinion from the Attorney General. Ms. Davis also raised concerns regarding the system of fairness for providing evidence of non-reelects.

The Commission directed staff to bring back an item for Commission discussion regarding the withdrawal of a request for an opinion from the Attorney General. The Commission also directed staff to bring Title 5 Regulation §80303: Reports of Change in Employment Status for Commission review and discussion.

Credentialing and Certificated Assignments Committee

Committee Chair Shane Martin convened the Credentialing and Certificated Assignments Committee.

5A: Modifications to the Proposed Amendments and Additions to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Pertaining to Education Specialist Instruction Credentials for Out-of-State and Out-of-Country Credentialed Teachers

Tammy Duggan, Consultant, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, presented this item which provided modifications to the proposed regulations pertaining to Education Specialist Instruction Credentials for out-of-state and out-of-country credentialed teachers.

Commissioner Harris moved to approve the modifications to the proposed regulations pertaining to Education Specialist Instruction Credentials for out-of-state and out-of-country credentialed teachers. Commissioner McInerney seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

5B: Authorizations and Certificated Assignments in California

Roxann Purdue, Consultant, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, presented this item which explained the statutory role of the Commission in the development of authorizations and permissible teaching assignments and provided an introduction to the Commission's statutory role in assignment monitoring activities conducted by county offices of education.

Tara Kini, Public Advocates, thanked staff for an overview of the assignment and monitoring process.

Derek Ramage, Los Angeles Unified School District, provided an update on the status of teachers with English learner authorizations in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Professional Services Committee

Committee Chair Constance Blackburn convened the Professional Services Committee.

6A: Implementing the Change to the Administrative Services Credential Requirement for Five Years of Experience in the Schools Prior to Being Eligible for a Preliminary Administrative Services Credential

Lawrence Birch and Gay Roby, Consultants, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided proposed criteria that might be used to implement an appeal for up to two of the five years of experience required in the schools prior to recommendation for a Preliminary Administrative Services Credential.

Janet Davis, California Federation of Teachers, voiced support of the proposed criteria for excusing up to two years of experience required for the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential and suggested an annual report be provided to the Commission to make sure requests from employing agencies are legitimate.

Jenny Teresi, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, asked the Commission to design a procedure which will allow Commission staff to analyze and approve the request from the employer to avoid delays in the process.

Jane Robb, California Teachers Association, supported requiring all the criteria listed in the agenda item for recommendation for the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential. She also suggested the Commission put restrictions on the numbers of requests allowed from employing agencies or having an annual/biannual report to track the requests submitted by each employing agency.

Sharon Robison, Association of California School Administrators, requested the Commission delegate the approval responsibility to Commission staff.

Commissioner Darling-Hammond moved to approve the specific criteria for excusing up to two years of experience required for the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential and directed staff to bring back the approval process for Criteria #5 for Commission discussion. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

6B: Implementing the Commission's Accreditation System in 2012-13

Teri Clark, Director, and Cheryl Hickey, Administrator, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided 14 recommendations for the implementation of the Commission's accreditation system in 2012-13 in light of the Commission's current fiscal constraints.

Sharon Robison, Association of California School Administrators, stressed the importance of the accreditation process and urged the Commission to maintain rigor, quality and strong preparation programs while considering modifications to the accreditation system.

Janet Davis, California Federation of Teachers, voiced support of all the recommendations listed in the agenda item particularly the value of site visits.

Tara Kini, Public Advocates, spoke in support of increasing the consistency of the data collected across the programs to compare and strengthen the rigor of the accreditation processes and developing and piloting a program completer survey if the Commission decided to suspend site visits for a year.

Commissioner McInerney moved to adopt the 14 recommendations as presented in the agenda item. Commissioner Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

6C: Initial Institutional Approval

Cheryl Hickey, Administrator, and Teri Clark, Director, Professional Services Division, presented two program sponsors for initial institutional approval by the Commission.

Laurien Alexandre, Antioch University, assured the Commission of the institution's commitment to high quality educational programs and their assurance to comply with the requirements and expectations of the Commission.

Luis Pedraja, Antioch University, also commented on their commitment to ensure high quality programs and to be compliant with all the state requirements.

Catherine Kearney, Teachers College of San Joaquin, thanked the staff for their assistance with the approval process.

Commissioner Cooney moved to grant Antioch University and Teachers College of San Joaquin as institutions eligible to offer educator preparation in California. Commissioner McInerney seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

6D: Plan for Work Related to the Teaching Performance Expectations

Phyllis Jacobson and Michael Taylor, Consultants, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided a scope of work for reviewing and updating the Teaching Performance Expectations to align with the Common Core standards and a proposed plan for proceeding with the work for the Commission's consideration.

Commissioner Stymeist moved to approve the proposed plan to review and update the Teaching Performance Expectations in alignment with the California Standards for the Teaching Profession and the Common Core standards. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

6E: Update on the Work of the Teacher Preparation Advisory Panel

Gay Roby, Consultant, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided a summary of the work to date of the Teacher Preparation Advisory (TAP) Panel.

Page Tompkins, Teacher Preparation Advisory Panel, assisted staff in presenting the item.

Reconvene General Session

Chair Gahagan reconvened the General Session.

2I: Report of Ad Hoc Committee

Chair Gahagan reported that the Committee recommended to the full Commission the appointment of Mary Jane Roberts to serve as the public member and Gregg Law to serve as the elementary teacher member on the Committee of Credentials commencing July 1, 2012. The Committee further recommended that Dana Coleman, Jane Smith and Katherine Esquire be appointed as alternates for the Committee of Credentials.

The motion carried without dissent.

2J: New Business

The Quarterly Agenda was presented.

Recess

Chair Gahagan recessed the meeting to go into Closed Session at 2:41 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.

2K: 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 denied the Petition for Reinstatement in the matter of Lise McGilvery.

The Commission adopted the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Decision in the matter of Shahriar Kalhor.

The Commission denied reconsideration in the matter of Jeffrey Dvorak.

The Commission denied reconsideration in the matter of Marion Franklin.

The Commission granted reconsideration in the matter of Valerie Mayers and granted reinstatement.

The Commission rescinded its previous revocation in the matter of Matthew Maxwell and remanded the matter back to the Committee of Credentials for discretionary review.

The Commission rescinded its previous revocation in the matter of Peggy Nowlin and remanded the matter back to the Committee of Credentials for discretionary review.

The Commission discussed the matter of Keith Jameson and no action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Gahagan adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.