

## MANDATORY RELEASE TIME

The issue of mandatory release time for Committee members came up at the first stakeholder meeting.

Here are the code sections governing this issue.

- Education Code section 44241 states: “Sections 44215, 44216, 44217, 44218, 44220, and 44221 are applicable to the Committee of Credentials.”
- Education 44216 (which is applicable to the COC as stated above) states: “Whenever an employee of any public school district, state college, or other public agency is appointed to membership on the commission, his employer shall grant him sufficient time away from his regular duties, without loss of income or other benefits to which he is entitled by reason of his employment, to attend meetings of the commission and to attend to the duties imposed upon him by reason of his membership on the commission. ...”