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General Session

Nominations of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing's Chair and Vice Chair for 2007

Executive Summary: Each year the Commission nominates and elects its Chair and Vice Chair.

Recommended Action: Accept nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair.

Presenter: Dale Janssen, Interim Executive Director

Strategic Plan Goal: 2

Continue to refine the coordination between Commissioners and staff in carrying out the Commission's duties, roles and responsibilities.

- ◆ Continuously improve the development, distribution and dissemination of agenda and information to the Commission.

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Introduction

Officers of the Commission are the Chair and Vice Chair. Both positions are elected on an annual basis to serve a one-year term and may, by Commission policy, be elected to serve a second year. Pursuant to Section 301 of the Policy Manual, nominations are opened at the second-to-last Commission meeting and are closed at the last Commission meeting of the year when elections occur, with the new officers taking office at the start of the following year.

Background

Attached is the Commission's adopted policy for nominating and electing the Chair and Vice Chair as it appears in the Policy Manual under Section 301.

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for 2007 will be opened under General Session by the Executive Director at the September 2006 Commission meeting (Policy Manual Section 301c).

The Commission's Policy Manual requires elections to be held at the meeting following the nominations.

§ 301. PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- (a) The election for Chair and Vice Chair shall be at the last meeting of the calendar year of the Commission. Notice of the pending election will be given at the meeting immediately preceding the last meeting of the calendar year of the Commission. All commissioners will be appropriately advised concerning pending elections.
- (b) There are two ways of nominating, one by mail and one in open session. In either case, if an individual plans to nominate, it is his/her responsibility to procure the consent of the individual to be nominated.
- (c) During the 30 days preceding the last meeting of the calendar year, nominations by mail for Chair and Vice Chair may be submitted to the Executive Director. If a nomination is being made by mail, it is to be submitted by the date set by the Executive Director and announced in open session at the time of nominations. Nominations may be made orally in open session at both the meeting immediately preceding the last meeting of the calendar year and the last meeting. At the last meeting of the year, each nominee shall make a presentation, not to exceed five minutes in duration, concerning his or her vision for the Commission's future and how his or her attributes will contribute to that vision.
- (d) The Chair and Vice Chair shall be selected by roll call voice vote, and both elections shall be conducted by the Executive Director. Commissioners shall be called upon alphabetically and each shall announce his or her choice. If there are more than two nominees for either Chair or Vice Chair and no nominee receives a majority of the votes of those present, then the two nominees receiving the greatest number of the votes of those present will be selected for runoff election which shall be conducted immediately thereafter by roll call voice vote. Commissioners' votes shall be duly recorded in the official record of the proceedings.
- (e) In the event a nominee receives a majority of the votes of the current eligible voting members (i.e., 1 more than 50%) at the election, then the election shall become final, and he or she shall assume office immediately upon the conclusion of the Commission meeting. No proxy votes are permitted. In the event a nominee does not receive a majority vote, then the election will not be officially concluded until any absent members are given the opportunity to cast a vote as the first order of business at the next scheduled Commission meeting. Immediately upon announcement by the Executive Director that the election is completed, the newly elected Chair and/or Vice Chair shall assume office.