Commission on Teacher Credentialing
Minutes of the June 2011 Meeting

Commission Members Attending
Ting Sun, Public Representative, Chair
Charles Gahagan, Teacher Representative, Vice Chair
Constance Blackburn, Teacher Representative
C. Michael Cooney, Public Representative
Steven Dean, Teacher Representative
Marlon Evans, Public Representative
Mark Freathy, Teacher Representative
James Hines, Teacher Representative
Leslie Littman, Designee, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Shane Martin, Ex-Officio, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities
Carolyn McInerney, School Board Member
Irene Oropeza-Enriquez, Administrative Services Representative
Janis Perry, Ex-Officio, California Postsecondary Education Commission
Nancy Ramirez, Public Representative
Hilda Villarreal Wright, Teacher Representative
Beverly Young, Ex-Officio, California State University

Commission Members Absent
Tine Sloan, Ex-Officio, University of California

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Ad Hoc Committee
Committee Chair Young convened the Ad Hoc Committee at 3:05 p.m. and roll call was taken.

1A: Interviews for Appointment to the Committee of Credentials
Ani Kindall, Attorney, Division of Professional Practices, presented this item which provided information regarding the process of interviewing and selecting three Committee of Credentials (COC) members to recommend to the Commission.

The Committee interviewed the following finalists for the Administrative member position:
Helio Braisl, Merced River School District
Ruben Presiado, Bellflower Unified School District
Mark Ryan, Oakland Military Institute
Bob Loux, San Joaquin County Office of Education
Commissioner Sun moved to appoint Mr. Braisl as the administrative member of the COC and Mr. Ryan as an alternate. Commissioner Freathy seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

The Committee interviewed the following finalists for the Secondary Teacher Position:
- Laverne Denyer, River Valley High School
- Sheila Ryskamp, Bryant Middle School
- Kim Jacobsma, Mayfair High School

Commissioner Freathy moved to appoint Ms. Ryskamp as a secondary teacher member of the COC and Mr. Jacobsma as an alternate. Commissioner Sun seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Commissioner Sun moved to reappoint Mr. Albert Dolata as a public member of the COC. Commissioner Freathy seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Adjournment
There being no further business, Committee Chair Young adjourned the Ad Hoc Committee at 4:50 p.m.

Thursday, June 2, 2011

General Session
Chair Ting Sun convened the June 2, 2011 General Session of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Sun welcomed Nancy Ramirez and Michael Cooney as new members of the Commission and administered the oath of office.

Chair Sun announced that Executive Director Dale Janssen modified his retirement plan and that his last day in the office would be June 3 since he believed that he could no longer be an effective leader or spokesperson for the Commission. Chair Sun also announced General Counsel Mary Armstrong’s retirement plan.

2A: Approval of the April 2011 Minutes
Commissioner Blackburn moved approval of the April 2011 Minutes with the following corrections: 1) page GS 2A-14, #12 should be: RAMOS, Esther I. Royal Oaks, CA. all certification documents under the jurisdiction of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing are suspended for a period of thirty (30) days as a result of misconduct pursuant to Education Code section 44421; 2) correct the Chair’s Report to reflect the complete statement made by Chair Sun at the April Commission meeting. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Cooney abstaining.

2B: Approval of the June 2011 Agenda
Commissioner Litman moved approval of the Commission’s June 2011 Agenda with agenda inserts for items 1A and 2C. Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.
2C: Approval of the June 2011 Consent Calendar
Commissioner Littman moved approval of the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

2D: Chair’s Report
Chair Sun reaffirmed that the mission of this agency and what the Commission stands for would not change during management transitions.

2E: Executive Director’s Report
Executive Director Dale Janssen shared a book that he received from Rick Steil (an Eminence Credential holder in the subject of Photography) which was published by Mr. Steil’s students.

Crista Hill, Director, Administrative Services Division, gave an update on the Governor Brown’s May Revised Budget.

2F: Commission Member Reports
Commissioner Young congratulated Mr. Janssen on his retirement and expressed appreciation on behalf of the CSU for Mr. Janssen’s restoration of relationships between the agency and stakeholders.

Commissioner Martin echoed the same appreciation for the private independent colleges and universities within the state.

2G: Liaison Reports
Ilene Straus, State Board of Education Liaison, thanked the Commission for the warm welcome and expressed her interest for collaborative working relationships between the Commission and the State Board of Education.

Chair Sun opened the public hearing.

2I: Proposed Amendments to 5 California Code of Regulations Pertaining to the Education Specialist Teaching Credential
Terri Fesperman, Consultant, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, presented this item which provided proposed amendments to 5 California Code of Regulations pertaining to the Education Specialist Teaching Credential.

Chair Sun solicited input from the Commissioners and the public.

Maureen Burness, Association of California School Administrators, voiced support of the Education Specialist Teaching Credential and thanked staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Blackburn moved to adopt the proposed amendments to 5 California Code of Regulations pertaining to Education Specialist Teaching Credential. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

2J: Proposed Amendments and Deletions to 5 California Code of Regulations Pertaining to the Reading and Literacy Added Authorization and Leadership Specialist Credential
Terri Fesperman, Consultant, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, presented this item which provided proposed amendments and deletions to 5 California Code of Regulations pertaining the Reading and Literacy Added Authorization and Leadership Specialist Credential.

Chair Sun solicited input from the Commissioners and the public.

Alexandra Condon, California Teachers Association, raised concerns regarding the proliferation and potential misuse of the credential by school districts.

Commissioner McInerney moved to adopt the proposed amendments and deletions to 5 California Code of Regulations pertaining to the Reading and Literacy Added Authorization and Leadership Specialist Credential. Commissioner Oropeza-Enriquez seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

2K: Proposed Amendments and Additions to 5 California Code of Regulations Pertaining to the Mathematics Instructional Added Authorization and Leadership Specialist Credential
Tammy Duggan, Assistant Consultant, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, presented this item which provided proposed amendments and additions to 5 California Code of Regulations pertaining to the Mathematics Instructional Added Authorization and Leadership Specialist Credential.

Chair Sun solicited input from the Commissioners and the public.

Alexandra Condon, California Teachers Association, raised concerns regarding the proliferation and potential misuse of the credential by school districts.

Commissioner McInerney moved to adopt the proposed amendments and additions to 5 California Code of Regulations pertaining to the Mathematics Instructional Added Authorization and Leadership Specialist Credential. Commissioner Gahagan seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

2H: Recommendations from the April 7, 2011 Audit Report
Mary Armstrong, Director, Division of Professional Practices (DPP), Andy Munguia, Senior Information Systems Analyst, Enterprise Technology Services Section and Crista Hill, Director, Administrative Services Division, provided an update on the Bureau of State Audits’ Audit of the DPP and the Office of Human Resources and the Commission’s responses to the Audit Recommendations. Staff also provided a report on DPP’s current workload.

The Commission directed staff to hold a study session on the history and processes of the Committee of Credentials.

Professional Services Committee
Committee Chair Constance Blackburn convened the Professional Services Committee.

5A: Adoption of Preconditions and Program Standards for the Teacher Librarian Services Credential
Terry Janicki, Administrator, Professional Services Division, and Roxann Purdue, Assistant Consultant, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, presented this item which provided Preconditions and Program Standards for the Teacher Librarian Services Credential for Commission adoption and a possible Special Class Authorization in the area of information theory and digital literacy for Commission discussion.

Jo Ellen Misakian, Fresno Pacific University and Amy Linden, Nevada Joint Union High School District, assisted staff in presenting this item.

Commissioner Littman moved to adopt the proposed Preconditions and Program Standards for the Teacher Librarian Services Credential. Commissioner Gahagan seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Recess
Chair Sun recessed the meeting to go into Closed Session.

Legislative Committee
Committee Chair Charles Gahagan convened the Legislative Committee.

3A: Status of Legislation
Marilyn Errett, Administrator, Office of Governmental Relations, presented this item which provided an update on the status of bills on which the Commission has adopted a position.

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

4A: Proposed Amendments to 5 California Code of Regulations Pertaining to the Education Specialist Instruction Credentials for Out-of-State and Out-of-Country Credentialed Teachers
Tammy Duggan, Assistant Consultant, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, presented this item which provided proposed amendments pertaining to Education Specialist Instruction Credentials for out-of-state and out-of-country credentialed teachers.

Professional Services Committee
Committee Chair Constance Blackburn reconvened the Professional Services Committee.

5B: Plan for the Study of Teacher Preparation
Phyllis Jacobson, Consultant, and Teri Clark, Director, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided a proposed plan for the study of teacher preparation beginning in Fall 2011 for the Commission’s consideration.

Katie Valenzuela, Public Advocates Inc., suggested the Commission consider that student or equity organizations be included in the panel membership process.

Harold Acord, California Teachers Association, questioned the timeline and capacity for the Commission to undertake this initiative and suggested the Commission include CTA members from
both higher education and Pre K-12 to implement this plan in a careful and inclusive way. He also said that no unfunded mandates should result from the final product.

5C: Report on Passing Rates of Commission-Approved Examinations from 2005-2006 to 2009-2010
This item was tabled by the Commission.

5D: Discussion of Recondition 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 a rationale for the possible revision of Precondition 1 for the Commission’s discussion.

5E: Update on the Work of the Administrative Services Advisory Panel
Gay Roby and Larry Birch, Consultants, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided a summary of the work to date by the Administrative Services Advisory Panel on the Study of the Preparation of Leaders for California Schools.

Patrick Godwin, Folsom Cordova Unified School District, assisted staff in presenting this item.

Reconvene General Session
Chair Sun reconvened the General Session.

2L: Report of Ad Hoc Committee
Chair Sun reported that the Committee recommended to the full Commission the appointment of Helio Brasil to serve as the administrative member and Mark Ryan to serve as a secondary teacher member on the Committee of Credentials commencing July 1, 2010. The Committee further recommended that Mark Ryan and Kim Jacobsma be appointed as alternates for the Committee of Credentials. The Committee also recommended the reappointment of incumbent Albert Dolata for the public member position.

2M: New Business
The Quarterly Agenda was presented.

The Commission directed staff to include the update on the work of the Teacher Preparation Advisory Panel on the Quarterly Agenda.

Audience Presentations
Sharon Robison, Association of California School Administrators, thanked Executive Director Dale Janssen for his service to both students and educators in the state of California.

Recess
Chair Sun recessed the meeting to go into Closed Session.

2N: Report of Closed Session Items
Chair Sun reported that the Commission denied the Petition for Reinstatement in the matter of Patrick Bass.
The Commission postponed the Petitions for Reinstatement in the matters of Anthony Prescott and Dean Jex.

The Commission considered pending litigation and no action was taken.

The Commission named Patty Wohl and Teri Clark as acting Executive Directors until an interim director can be appointed.

**Adjournment**
There being no further business, Chair Sun adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.