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Action

General Session

Approval of the October 2011 Minutes

Executive Summary: The Executive Director recommends that the Commission approve the minutes of the October 2011 meeting of the Commission.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the October 2011 meeting.

Presenter: None

Strategic Plan Goal: 2

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

November 2011

Commission on Teacher Credentialing Minutes of the October 5-6, 2011 Meeting

Commission Members Attending

Ting Sun, Public Representative, Chair
Charles Gahagan, Teacher Representative, Vice Chair
Constance Blackburn, Teacher Representative
Erick Casallas, Teacher Representative (10/5 Only)
C. Michael Cooney, Public Representative
Eddie Cuevas, Teacher Representative
Marlon Evans, Public Representative
Kathleen Harris, Teacher Representative (10/5 Only)
Alicia Hinde, Teacher Representative
Shane Martin, Ex-Officio, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (10/6 Only)
Carolyn McInerney, School Board Member (10/5 Only)
Irene Oropeza-Enriquez, Administrative Services Representative (10/5 Only)
Janis Perry, Ex-Officio, California Postsecondary Education Commission (10/5 Only)
Nancy Ramirez, Public Representative
Tine Sloan, Ex-Officio, University of California
Louise Stymeist, Non-Administrative Services Credential Representative
Beverly Young, Ex-Officio, California State University

Commission Members Absent

Linda Darling-Hammond, Faculty Member
Richard Zeiger, Designee, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

General Session

Chair Ting Sun convened the October 5-6, 2011 General Session of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing at 9:06 a.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Sun introduced new Commissioner Eddie Cuevas and welcomed him to the Commission.

1A: Approval of the August and September 2011 Minutes

The Commission tabled this item to a later time.

1B: Approval of the October 2011 Agenda

Commissioner Blackburn moved approval of the Commission's October 2011 Agenda with agenda inserts for items 1C and 5A. Commissioner Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

1C: Approval of the October 2011 Consent Calendar

Commissioner Blackburn moved approval of the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

1D: Chair's Report

Chair Sun expressed appreciation and presented a plaque to Interim Executive Director Beth Graybill for her excellent leadership during a very critical juncture at the Commission.

1E: Executive Director's Report

Interim Executive Director Beth Graybill reported that staff completed and submitted the six-month progress report to the State Auditor. Ms. Graybill acknowledged staff from the Division of Professional Practices for their unflagging effort over the past six months to learn and apply new procedures while handling their existing workload. She further recognized the Commission's Audit Team for their focused and dedicated effort in addressing the audit recommendations.

Ms. Graybill introduced Nanette Rufo, the new General Counsel for the Commission.

Ms. Graybill congratulated Diana Lepley, Yvonne Novelli and Sheila Jensen on their retirement.

1F: Commission Member Reports

There was no report.

1G: Liaison Reports

Ilene Straus, State Board of Education Liaison, introduced herself to the new Commission members and expressed her interest in working with the Commission on teacher preparation and leader preparation.

1H: Progress on Addressing the Recommendations from the April 7, 2011 Audit Report

Patty Wohl, Director, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, Teri Clark, Director, Professional Services Division, and Nanette Rufo, Director, Division of Professional Practices, provided an update on the Bureau of State Audits' Audit of the Division of Professional Practices and the Office of Human Resources, and the Commission's responses to the Audit recommendations.

Kent Burt, California Teachers Association, requested the Commission extend the timeline for the survey and raised concerns regarding the discipline process.

Legislative Committee

Committee Chair Charles Gahagan convened the Legislative Committee.

2A: Status of Legislation

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

Professional Services Committee

Committee Chair Constance Blackburn convened the Professional Services Committee.

3A: Recommendations from the Administrative Services Credential Advisory Panel

Gay Roby and Lawrence Birch, Consultants, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided the advisory panel's recommendations for the Commission's discussion and consideration.

Christopher Maricle, California School Boards Association, and Stephen Davis, Cal Poly Pomona, assisted staff in presenting this item.

Alice Petrossian, Association of California School Administrators, voiced support of the panel's recommendations.

John Borba, California State University, Stanislaus, raised concerns regarding the consistency in terms of the standards and lack of higher standards for the preparation of school administrators.

The Commission directed staff to bring the item back as an action item with the panel's recommendations for adoption by the Commission, along with a possible timeline for the development and implementation of standards based on the recommendations. The Commission also requested staff provide information on preliminary program sponsors for individuals that take the competency test.

3B: Annual Report Card on California Teacher Preparation Programs for the Academic Year 2009-10 as Required by Title II of the Higher Education Act

Marjorie Suckow, Consultant, and Teri Clark, Director, Professional Services Division, presented this report which included a description of credentialing requirements to teach in California public schools, the qualitative and quantitative information on teacher preparation programs, and the passing rate data for all examinations used by the state for credentialing purposes.

Katie Valenzuela, Public Advocates, spoke on the importance of strengthening the oversight of low performing teacher preparation institutions at the state level.

Commissioner Sun moved to adopt the 2009-10 Annual Report Card on California Teacher Preparation Programs and transmit this report to the U.S. Department of Education. Commissioner Gahagan seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

3E: Adoption of Program Standards for a Special Class Authorization in Information and Digital Literacy for the Teacher Librarian Services Credential

Terry Janicki, Administrator, and Geri Mohler, Consultant, Professional Services Division; and Roxann Purdue, Assistant Consultant, Certification, Assignments and Waivers Division, presented this item which provided the Program Standards for a Special Class Authorization in Information and Digital Literacy for the Teacher Librarian Services Credential for Commission consideration and possible adoption.

Jo Ellen Misakian, Fresno Pacific University, assisted staff in presenting this item.

Jenny Teresi, Human Resources Administrators from San Bernardino/Riverside Counties, voiced support of the Special Class Authorization for the Teacher Librarian Services Credential.

Commissioner Harris moved to approve the Program Standards for a Special Class Authorization in Information and Digital Literacy for the Teacher Librarian Services Credential. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

3C: Discussion of Initial Institutional Approval Process

Cheryl Hickey, Administrator, and Teri Clark, Director, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided information on the Commission's current Initial Institutional Approval process and proposed several clarifications and procedural modifications for Commission discussion.

Jane Robb, California Teachers Association, asked the Commission to clarify if it has the legal authority to prohibit an institution to retroactively grant credentials and suggested the Commission start the program standards review process prior to the initial institutional approval but not to complete the process until the Commission grants initial institutional approval. She also suggested that the Commission has the authority to not accept courses completed at an institution that did not have an approved preparation program for credentialing purposes.

The Commission directed staff to provide all the documentation that was submitted by the institution and also the feedback sheets from the reviewers for the initial institutional approval.

3D: Initial Institutional Approval

Cheryl Hickey, Administrator, and Teri Clark, Director, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided one program sponsor, Bard College, for initial institutional approval by the Commission.

Ric Campbell, Bard College, answered questions regarding the institution.

Lindsay Kuntz, representing herself, spoke about Bard College's misrepresentation to the 2010-11 and currently enrolled MAT students and asked the Commission to consider offering support to the 2010-11 cohort.

Cathy Rudnick, representing herself, stated pursuing a New York credential was not a viable option and raised concerns regarding the accreditation of Bard College by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Harold Acord, California Teachers Association, raised concerns regarding granting retroactive approval.

Jane Robb, California Teachers Association, voiced concerns regarding the credibility of the institution and requested a copy of the courtesy recommendation letter that was sent to Dean Campbell.

The Commission directed staff to bring this item back at the December Commission meeting to continue the discussion. The Commission also asked that Bard College provide supporting documentation and evidence to assure the Commission that the institution met the common standards and preconditions.

Recess

Chair Sun recessed the meeting to go into Closed Session at 2:10 p.m.

Thursday, October 6, 2011

General Session

Chair Sun reconvened the General Session of the Commission at 8:42 a.m. and roll call was taken.

1A: Approval of the August and September 2011 Minutes

Commissioner Blackburn moved approval of the April 2011 Minutes with the following corrections: 1) page GS 1A-4 under Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee, the sentence should be: Acting Committee Chair Charles Gahagan convened the Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee; 2) page GS 1A-5 under 1J: Report of Closed Session Items, the sentence should be: The Commission considered one pending litigation item *Carroll v. Commission on Teacher Credentialing* and no action was taken; and 3) page GS 1A-5 under Adjournment, the sentence should be: There being no reportable action from the Closed Session, Chair Sun adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm. Commissioner Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Credentialing and Certificated Assignments Committee

Chair Sun announced that Commissioner Young would serve as the Acting Committee Chair for the Credentialing and Certificated Assignments Committee in Commissioner McInerney's absence.

Acting Committee Chair Beverly Young convened the Credentialing and Certificated Assignments Committee.

4A: Proposed Amendments to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Pertaining to Fingerprint Submissions

Tammy Duggan, Assistant Consultant, Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division, presented this item which provided proposed amendments pertaining to fingerprint submissions as recommended by the Bureau of State Audits.

Commissioner Cooney moved to approve the proposed amendments to the regulations pertaining to fingerprint submissions for the purpose of beginning the rulemaking file for submission to the Office of Administrative Law and scheduling a public hearing. Commissioner Gahagan seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee

Committee Chair Marlon Evans convened the Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee.

5A: Overview of the Budget Process and the Commission on Teacher Credentialing Budget

Crista Hill, Division Director, Administrative Services Division - Fiscal and Business Services Section, presented this item which provided information on the salient points of the budget process, as well as specific details regarding the Commission's 2011-12 current year budget components.

Russell Booker, Student Liaison, California Teachers Association, voiced concerns regarding reducing the renewal period to adjust revenues in the Teacher Credentials Fund.

Danette Brown, California Teachers Association, voiced concerns regarding lack of time to review the information in the agenda insert since it was listed as an action item.

Staff clarified that item 5A is an information item and the action listed on the agenda insert was a typo.

Janet Davis, California Federation of Teachers, voiced concerns regarding imposing fees on teachers for the accreditation process, increasing fees for candidates completing requirements for certification, and the need for the Commission to have the necessary staff to oversee the monitoring systems of the agency.

The Commission directed staff to bring the item back with more information on each proposed option and information on how expenditures could be reduced for Commission consideration.

Recess

Chair Sun recessed the meeting to go into Closed Session.

II: Report of Closed Session Items

Chair reconvened the General Session and announced the appointment of Mary Vixie Sandy as the new Executive Director for the Commission starting on November 1, 2011.

Ms. Sandy thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve the Commission and shared some of her thoughts on the Commission's work.

Chair Sun noted that the remainder of the Report of the Closed Session would be given after conclusion of the Professional Services Committee.

Professional Services Committee

Committee Chair Constance Blackburn reconvened the Professional Services Committee.

3F: Update on the Work of the English Learner Authorizations Advisory Panel

Phyllis Jacobson, Paula Jacobs, and Claudia Lockwood, Consultants, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided an update on the work of the English Learner Authorizations Advisory Panel.

Carol Anderson-Woo, Tracy Joint Unified School District, and Linda Ventriglia-Navarrette, National University, assisted staff in presenting this item.

Martha Zaragoza Diaz, California Association for Bilingual Education and Californians Together, requested the Commission to approve one additional panel meeting to finalize the draft of English Learner Instructional Leadership Specialist Credential standards.

Alexandra Condon, California Teachers Association, raised a concern regarding the English Learner Instructional Leadership Specialist Credential.

3G: Review of the English Learner Authorizations Structure

Phyllis Jacobson, Paula Jacobs, and Claudia Lockwood, Consultants, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided a review of the current English learner authorizations structure, a revised authorizations structure for the Commission's consideration, a recommendation from the Panel concerning the authorization for the new Single Subject Credential in World Language: English Language Development, and information relative to Panel-recommended updates/modifications to current educator preparation program standards.

Carol Anderson-Woo, Tracy Joint Unified School District, and Linda Ventriglia-Navarrette, National University, assisted staff in presenting this item.

Martha Zaragoza Diaz, California Association for Bilingual Education and Californians Together, voiced concerns regarding the SDAIE and ELD authorization for the Single Subject English as a World Language/ English Language Development credential and requested the Commission to direct the staff to establish a process to share information across various panels on similar issues relating to English learners.

Katie Valenzuela, Public Advocates, voiced concerns regarding the SDAIE and ELD training and asked the Commission to reverse the previous adopted action in October 2010 to restore the ELD authorization to the single subject credential as presented in the agenda item.

Janet Davis, California Federation of Teachers, voiced concerns regarding services credential holders without CLAD certification, especially school counselors, and suggested adding preparation requirements for all credential holders.

Harold Acord, California Teachers Association, asked for clarification for grandfathering the authorization.

The Commission directed staff to bring this item back at the next meeting for action relative to the authorizations structure and the modified/updated standards and for discussion concerning the remainder of the issues.

Reconvene General Session

Chair Sun reconvened the General Session.

II: Report of Closed Session Items

Chair Sun 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 Motion to Vacate the Default Decision in the matter of Juan Mendez, remanded the matter back to the Administrative Law Judge, and directed the Administrative Law Judge to determine and order payment of reasonable expenses pursuant to Government Code section 11520(b).

The Commission granted the Petition for Reinstatement In the Matter of Terri Murnane.

The Commission denied the following Petitions for Reinstatement:

1. Tom Adame, Jr.
2. Brian Williams

The Commission rejected the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Decision In the Matter of Alberto Galindo, Jr. A Decision and Order will be considered at the next Commission meeting for adoption.

The Commission adopted the Proposed Decision In the Matter of William Mangan.

1J: New Business

The Quarterly Agenda was presented.

Chair Sun appointed Commissioners Michael Cooney and Nancy Ramirez as liaisons to work with the Division of Professional Practices staff on various legal issues.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Sun adjourned the meeting at 11:40 p.m.