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### *Ad Hoc Committee*

### **Interview and Recommendation of Members and Alternates to the Public Member, School Administrator, and Secondary Teacher Positions for the Committee of Credentials**

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**Executive Summary:** This agenda item provides information about the selection process for appointments to the Committee of Credentials.

**Recommended Action:** To recommend to the Commission appointments to the Committee of Credentials.

**Presenter:** Katie Elliott, Attorney, Legal Office

#### **Strategic Plan Goal**

##### ***I. Educator Quality***

- d) Effectively, efficiently, and fairly monitor the fitness of all applicants and credential holders to work with California students.

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## Introduction

The Ad Hoc Committee will interview, evaluate, and recommend appointments to the Committee of Credentials (COC).

## Background

At the Commission's February 11-12, 2021 meeting, the Commission declared vacancies for the Secondary Teacher, School Administrator, and one Public Member position. Members of the Ad Hoc Committee may recommend appointment of new members after reviewing the applications accompanying this item, as well as interviewing the applicants. If the Ad Hoc Committee chooses not to recommend appointment of any new applicants, the Ad Hoc Committee may recommend reappointment of the three members who are currently serving in these positions.

The reappointment process is delineated in statute, Education Code section 44240 (see below). The COC is appointed by the Commission to review individuals for fitness to receive and/or retain credentials. The COC is comprised of seven members appointed by the Commission and consists of one Elementary Teacher, one Secondary Teacher, one School Board Member, one School Administrator, and three Public Members. The COC is under the direct supervision of the Commission (Education Code section 44242).

## Appointment and Composition of the COC

Education Code section 44240, subdivisions (a) and (b)(1):

- (a) The commission shall appoint a Committee of Credentials, consisting of seven persons for terms fixed by the commission but not to exceed two years. The committee shall include:
- (1) One member who shall be a full-time certified classroom teacher in the public elementary schools with not less than five years of classroom experience.
  - (2) One member who shall be a full-time certified classroom teacher in the public secondary schools with not less than five years of classroom experience.
  - (3) One member who shall be a certified administrative employee in the public schools.
  - (4) One member who shall be a member of the governing board of a school district. A member of the governing board of a school district whose tenure on the governing board ends while serving a term on the committee may continue to serve the remainder of the term on the committee, but shall be ineligible for reappointment to the committee pursuant to this paragraph.

(5) Three members who shall be representatives of the public. No person who is currently employed in a certificated position in the public schools or who is currently a member of the governing board of a school district or a county board of education shall be appointed as a public member.

(b) (1) (A) The commission may establish an alternate list of individuals qualified pursuant to subdivision (a) for the purpose of filling an unanticipated vacancy on the Committee of Credentials.

(B) If a member of the committee is absent from any four regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year, his or her position shall be deemed vacant.

**Current Composition of COC**

The current composition of the COC, the geographic distribution, and the terms of the members is set forth below:

**Committee of Credentials Members**

PAUL BOTT (Los Alamitos) Public Member	06-30-2022
ELLEN GERVAIS (Hacienda Heights) Public Member - VACANCY	06-30-2021
JACOB GUTHRIE (Los Angeles) School Administrator - VACANCY	06-30-2021
DANA MORELINI (Sebastopol) Elementary Teacher	06-30-2022
WADE "STEVE" THORPE (West Sacramento) Public Member	06-30-2022
JANNIS WILSON (Carlsbad) Secondary Teacher - VACANCY	06-30-2021
DARREL WOO (Sacramento) School Board Member	06-30-2022

Vacancies for Secondary Teacher, School Administrator, and one Public Member position on the COC were declared at the February 11-12, 2021 Commission meeting (see highlighted portions, above).

Interviews for the vacancies will be conducted at the June 16, 2021 Ad Hoc meeting. The current list of candidates and applications are attached in [Appendix](#).

**Recommendation**

That the Ad Hoc Committee recommend to the Commission the appointment of a Secondary Teacher, School Administrator, and one Public Member and the appointment of possible alternates to the COC.