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Action

General Session

Interview and Recommendation of Members and Alternates to the Public Member Positions for the Committee of Credentials

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.

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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

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 and the terms are as follows:

Committee of Credentials Members

VACANCY Public Member	
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DENISE PAYNE Public Member	06-30-2023
MANDY REDFERN Elementary Teacher	06-30-2022
TAMMY PATTEN School Administrator	06-30-2023
KEVIN KUNG Secondary Teacher	06-30-2023
RAY PROCK JR. School Board Member	06-30-2022

Committee of Credentials interviews for the Public Member vacancies will be conducted at the December 1, 2021 Ad Hoc meeting. The current list of candidates and applications are attached in the [Appendix](#).

Recommendation

That the Ad Hoc Committee recommend to the Commission the appointment of two Public Members and the appointment of possible alternates to the COC.