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Action

General Session

Approval of the June 2023 Minutes

Executive Summary: The Commission will review and approve the minutes of the June 2023 meeting of the Commission.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the June 2023 meeting.

Presenter: None

Commission on Teacher Credentialing Minutes of the June 15-16, 2023 Meeting

Commission Members Attending

Marquita Grenot-Scheyer, Public Representative, Chair (6/15 only)
Danette Brown, Teacher Representative
Kathryn Browne, Ex-Officio, California Community College
Jose Cardenas, Non-Administrative Services Credential Representative
Juan Cruz, School Administrator Representative
Christopher Davis, Teacher Representative
Michael de la Torre, Teacher Representative
Annamarie Francois, Ex-Officio, University of California
Megan Gross, Teacher Representative
Johanna Hartwig, Public Representative
Susan Heredia, School Board Member Representative
Bonnie Klatt, Teacher Representative
Ira Lit, Faculty Member Representative
Monica Martinez, Public Representative
Shireen Pavri, Ex-Officio, California State University
David Simmons, Human Resources Administrator Representative
Kimberly White-Smith, Ex-Officio, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU)

Commission Members Absent

Marysol De La Torre-Escobedo, Teacher Representative, Vice Chair
Tony Thurmond, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Thursday, June 15, 2023

General Session

Chair Marquita Grenot-Scheyer convened the General Session of the Commission at 9:02 a.m.
Roll call was taken, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1A: Approval of the April 2023 Minutes

Commissioner Pavri moved approval of the April 2023 Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes.
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the April 2023 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
Commissioner Cardenas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.
Commissioner Simmons was not present during this roll call vote.

Commissioner Davis moved approval of the April 2023 Commission meeting minutes.
Commissioner Hartwig seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.
Commissioner Simmons was not present during this roll call vote.

1B: Approval of the June 2023 Agenda

Commissioner Davis moved approval of the June 2023 Agenda with agenda inserts for items 1C, 4A and 5A. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

1C: Approval of the June 2023 Consent Calendar

Commissioner Davis moved approval of the June 2023 Consent Calendar with an amendment to withdraw items #19. Mary Civiello, #43. Jonathan Hair, #71. Tuesdaee Oehler, and #86. Phillip Skinner to be reviewed during Closed Session. Commissioner Cardenas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent. Commissioner Cardenas recused himself from items #64. Ruben Martinez and #66. Rodolfo Mendoza. Commissioner de la Torre recused himself from items #13. Jorge Calderon, #14. Mary Cappelli, #23. Jamar Cotton, #33. Kevin Eagleston, #37. Jose Galisteo-Gonzalez, #40. Elpidio Gonzalez, #58. Garrett Lee, #89. Ta-Taneisha Thames, #100. Miguel Gamboa Cabral, and #101. Simon Heerdegen.

1D: Chair's Report

Chair Grenot-Scheyer informed the public that Chief Deputy Director Amy Reising is acting in the absence of Executive Director Mary Sandy, who is on a short leave to support her husband as he recovers from surgery. Chair Grenot-Scheyer expressed her gratitude to Commission members for their dedication and high-quality work serving California educators, students, and families and thanked the higher education and other education community partners for their support for the next generation of educators. She shared her excitement about the year-end graduation and commencement celebrations and expressed concerns regarding the challenges that new educators are facing. She recognized the thoughtful conversations and contributions from Student Liaison Mers Tran and acknowledged California Teachers Association liaison Harold Acord for his contributions and partnership.

1E: Executive Director's Report

Chief Deputy Director Amy Reising thanked all California educators who are completing and celebrating the closing of the academic year and expressed her appreciation to Mr. Acord for his service and contributions. She also announced that the Commission is accepting applications for the Educator Preparation Student Liaison position.

1F: Commission Member Reports

Commissioner Browne provided an update regarding the work on early childhood education (ECE) and highlighted the efforts of Commission staff in bringing constituents together for this work.

Commissioner Pavri informed the public that the California State University is searching for a new Chancellor and shared the resource: *PK-3rd ECE Instruction Specialist Credential Program Design Principles* to support programs as they develop programs to prepare candidates for earning the new PK-3 credential.

Commissioner White-Smith acknowledged June as Pride Month and shared information about the celebration of Juneteenth. She also spoke about the Neighborhood Academic Initiative and provided an update on the Black InGenious Initiative.

1G: Liaison Reports

Mers Tran, Commission Student Liaison, shared information about Pride Month. Student Liaison Tran spoke about passing the edTPA and accepting a position at Latitude High School in Oakland. Student Liaison Tran spoke about their Master's degree thesis on fostering curiosity for chemistry and being accepted as a Knowles teacher fellow. Student Liaison Tran also provided an update on the new cohort at UC Berkeley's education program and thanked the Commission for their support and encouragement.

Educator Preparation Committee

Acting Committee Chair Bonnie Klatt convened the Educator Preparation Committee since Commissioner Martinez was participating remotely.

2A: Report to the Legislature on the Implementation of Senate Bill 488 Teacher Credentialing – Reading Instruction

Roxann Purdue and Heather Kennedy, Consultants, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided the second annual report to the Legislature on the Commission's progress in implementing the requirements related to literacy instruction in teacher preparation and candidate assessment.

Angelica Salazar, Public Advocates, requested the Commission provide the public with specific information and updates about the technical assistance provided to align standards and practices with the teacher preparation programs.

Sarah Lillis, Teach Plus California, submitted a written comment which encouraged the Commission to provide clear and comprehensive details regarding technical assistance to ensure preparation programs have what they need in order to be successful in preparing candidates.

Commission Action

Chair Grenot-Scheyer moved to approve the Report to the Legislature on Senate Bill 488 Teacher Credentialing – Reading Instruction for transmittal to the Legislature with a correction to the sentence on page 5 of the item to read "It is anticipated that more information about the certification process will be made available to programs in early fall 2023." Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

2B: Proposed Transition Plan for the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment

David DeGuire, Director, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided a transition plan for the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) for the Commission's review and potential adoption.

Erin Githens, California Teachers Association, raised concerns regarding the Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) and questioned the Commission about 1) the steps being taken to ensure that the Literacy Performance Assessment doesn't amplify negative effects of the TPA on clinical practice, 2) how programs can support candidates during the process, and 3) the steps being taken to remove barriers for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) candidates.

Roxanne Greitz Miller, Chapman University, submitted a written comment and spoke on this item. She raised concerns regarding the early fall 2023 timeline to provide information to educator preparation programs on the new literacy TPA and requested the Commission consider the impact of the absence of information to universities on multi-year prepared candidates in regard to the July 1, 2025 implementation date.

Lori DePole, Decoding Dyslexia CA, raised concerns regarding the proposal to allow RICA COVID deferral candidates to opt out of RICA by taking the literacy TPA.

Manuel Buenrostro, Californians Together, thanked the Commission and staff for their continued engagement with experts in biliteracy and English language development in the process of developing the assessment and encouraged the Commission to continue to provide clear and comprehensive details regarding the technical assistance plan to ensure programs understand the new literacy standards and their integration into the assessment process.

Liz Alvarado, Californians Together, submitted a written comment which echoed the points made by Mr. Buenrostro.

Lori DePole and Megan Potente, Decoding Dyslexia CA, submitted a written comment which argued that the Commission's proposal to make the RICA optional for COVID deferral candidates beginning on July 1, 2025 is outside of statute and does not align with the legislative intent of SB 488.

Commission Action

Commissioner de la Torre moved to adopt the proposed RICA transition plan listed on page 2B-4 of the item. Commissioner Davis second the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

2C: Proposed Adoption of a Revised Passing Standard for the Special Education for California edTPA Performance Assessment

David DeGuire, Director, Professional Services Division, and Lori Kroeger, Senior Area Director, Evaluation Systems group of Pearson, Inc., presented this item which provided a revised passing standard for the Special Education for California (SCA) edTPA performance assessment for the Commission's review and potential adoption.

Commission Action

Commissioner de la Torre moved to adopt the passing standard of 39 with a -2.0 Standard Error of Measurement for the Special Education for California edTPA performance assessment. Commissioner Davis second the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Reconvene General Session

Chair Grenot-Scheyer reconvened the General Session.

1H: Nomination and Election of a Chair Pro Tempore for the June 15-16, 2023 Commission Meeting

Marquita Grenot-Scheyer, Chair, Commission on Teacher Credentialing, presented this item which provided information regarding the election of a Chair Pro Tempore to serve as the presiding officer at the June 15-16, 2023 Commission meeting due to the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair on June 16, 2023.

Commission Action

Commissioner Davis nominated Commissioner David Simmons for Chair Pro Tempore. Commissioner Brown seconded the nomination.

Commissioner de la Torre moved to elect Commissioner David Simmons as Chair Pro Tempore for the June 15-16, 2023 Commission meeting. Commissioner Heredia second the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Simmons abstaining.

Recess

Closed Session

The Commission went into Closed Session at 12:35 p.m. to consider the following pending litigation: *Kristin Meadows v. Commission on Teacher Credentialing; Committee of Credentials of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing; Does 1 through 20*. While in Closed Session, the Commission also considered adverse actions, Petitions for Reinstatement, Decisions and Orders, Proposed Decisions, and transcript reviews in discipline cases pursuant to California Education Code sections 44244.1, 44245, 44246, 44248, and Government Code section 11126.

Friday, June 16, 2023

General Session

Chair Pro Tempore David Simmons reconvened the General Session of the Commission at 8:33 a.m. and roll call was taken.

Educator Preparation Committee

Acting Committee Chair Bonnie Klatt reconvened the Educator Preparation Committee.

2D: Annual Report on Passing Rates of Commission-Approved Examinations from 2017-18 to 2021-22

Mike Taylor, Consultant, Professional Services Division, presented this item which reported the passing rates for Commission approved examinations from 2017-18 through 2021-22. The statutory basis and purpose of each examination, the structure, the scoring process, the volume, and the first-time and cumulative passing rates were discussed in detail.

Angelica Salazar, Public Advocates, raised concerns about the continued racial disparities among BIPOC teacher candidates regarding the CBEST results and urged the Commission to do more to identify and address the arbitrary barriers that the test results reflect. She also questioned the cumulative pass rates and asked the Commission to study the experience of these test takers and develop interventions to help BIPOC students surpass the specific barriers they face.

Harold Acord, California Teachers Association, thanked the Commission for providing options for teacher candidates to meet subject matter requirements through earned degrees and coursework and suggested the data in the report underscores the discriminatory effects of high-stake standardized tests on teacher preparation programs. He raised concerns regarding the data presented in the report and requested the Commission bring an item back in the future to have a discussion around the assessment for equity and fairness for every educator, improvements for preparation programs, and the support available for diverse teacher candidates.

Anonymous, submitted a written comment which stated candidates often opt for the exam option to meet the basic skills requirement or subject matter competence to begin their internship and/or student teaching as soon as possible.

2E: Initial Institutional Approval – Stage III: Consideration of Provisional Approval for Northeastern University: Mills College

Michele Williams-George, Consultant, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided as part of the Initial Institutional Approval process, Northeastern University: Mills College's responses to the Common Standards for consideration and possible Provisional Approval by the Commission.

Tomas Galguera and Mike Jackson, Northeastern University: Mills College, assisted staff in presenting this item.

Commission Action

Commissioner de la Torre moved to grant Provisional Approval to Northeastern University: Mills College and set the Provisional Approval period to be three years. Commissioner Davis second the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

2F: Initial Institutional Approval – Stage V: Consideration of Full Institutional Approval for Stella Middle Charter Academy

Michele Williams-George, Consultant, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided as part of the Initial Institutional Approval process, the report from the Provisional Site Visit for Stella Middle Charter Academy and the Committee on Accreditation's recommendation for an accreditation decision for Stella Middle Charter Academy.

Ashley Colburn, Nicole Wellman, Marina Velez, and Clara Garay, Stella Middle Charter Academy, assisted staff in presenting this item.

Commission Action

Commissioner Davis moved to grant full Initial Institutional Approval to Stella Middle Charter Academy with the requirement that the institution address the stipulation identified in the site visit team report within the designated time frame and report back to the Committee on Accreditation for further consideration and action. Commissioner Simmons second the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Professional Practices Committee

Committee Chair Johanna Hartwig convened the Professional Practices Committee.

3A: Division of Professional Practices Workload Report

Rachel Grizzaffi, Director, Division of Professional Practices, presented this item which provided a report on the Division of Professional Practices' current workload.

Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee

Committee Chair Jose Cardenas convened the Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee.

4A: Update on the Governor's Proposed 2023-24 Budget

Sara Saelee, Fiscal and Business Services Manager, Administrative Services Division, presented this item which provided an update on the sections of the Governor's proposed 2023-24 budget that relate to the Commission.

Erin Green submitted a written comment which voiced support for the proposed waiver of Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) for candidates who completed their credentialing program during the pandemic.

Lori Goldstein, Stockton Unified School District Teacher Induction Program, submitted a written comment which raised concerns regarding the Governor's proposed 2023-24 Budget that allows teachers who were unable to finish their credential because they could not take the Teaching Performance Assessment during the COVID-19 pandemic to meet this requirement through completion of a Commission-approved induction program or through two years of satisfactory teacher evaluations.

Lisa Gault, Tri-County Induction Program, submitted a written comment which raised concerns regarding the possibility of teachers not having to complete the TPA requirement due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Legislative Committee

Chair Pro Tempore Simmons convened the Legislative Committee.

5A: Status of Legislation

Jonathon Howard, Government Relations & Public Affairs Manager, Administrative Services Division, presented this item which provided the status of those legislative measures of interest

to the Commission and addressed questions regarding any other legislation identified by Commissioners.

Reconvene General Session

Chair Pro Tempore Simmons reconvened the General Session.

1I: New Business

The Bimonthly Agenda was presented.

Maria Velarde-Crist, submitted a written comment which requested assistance to reinstate her revoked credentials.

1J: Report of Closed Session Items

Chair Pro Tempore Simmons reported that staff briefed the Commission on the matter of *Kristin Meadows v. Commission on Teacher Credentialing; Committee of Credentials of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing; Does 1 through 20*, and no reportable action was taken.

The Commission granted Sherie Brucato's Petition for Reinstatement.

The Commission denied the following Petitions for Reinstatement:

- Daniel Harrison
- Derrick Morris

The Commission adopted a Decision and Order in the following matters:

- Peter Almanzar
- Adrian Belcher
- Stacy McCay
- Laura Mudge
- Dioka Okorie (Commissioner de la Torre recused himself from this item)
- David Sandles (Commissioners Grenot-Scheyer and Pavri recused themselves from this item)
- Kauser Shaikh
- Matthew Sorensen
- La Shawn Witt

The Commission reviewed the transcript in the matter of Robert Lanz. A Decision and Order will be prepared for the Commission's adoption. The Commission ordered a thirty-day delay for preparation of the Decision and Order. Commissioner Cardenas recused himself on this item.

The Commission reviewed the transcript in the matter of Samia Luo. A Decision and Order will be prepared for the Commission's adoption. The Commission ordered a thirty-day delay for preparation of the Decision and Order.

The Commission reviewed the transcript in the matter of Manuel Madrid-Olguin. A Decision and Order will be prepared for the Commission's adoption. The Commission ordered a thirty-day delay for preparation of the Decision and Order.

The Commission reviewed the transcript in the matter of Sheila Milosky. A Decision and Order will be prepared for the Commission's adoption. The Commission ordered a thirty-day delay for preparation of the Decision and Order.

The Commission reviewed the transcript in the matter of Charles So. A Decision and Order will be prepared for the Commission's adoption. The Commission ordered a thirty-day delay for preparation of the Decision and Order.

The Commission rejected the Proposed Decision and called for the transcripts in the following matters:

- Sarah Chapman
- Omar Musleh
- Lara Rankin
- Douglas Renick
- Carolyn Warren
- Jonathan Wright

The Commission discussed the following Consent Calendar items and remanded the matters back to the Committee of Credentials:

- #19. Mary Civiello
- #43. Jonathan Hair
- #71. Tuesdaee Oehler
- #86. Phillip Skinner

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Pro Tempore Simmons adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.