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Action

General Session

Approval of the October 2023 Minutes

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

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

Presenter: None

Commission on Teacher Credentialing Minutes of the October 12-13, 2023 Meeting

Commission Members Attending

Marquita Grenot-Scheyer, Public Representative, Chair
Marysol De La Torre-Escobedo, Teacher Representative, Vice Chair
Danette Brown, Teacher Representative
Kathryn Browne, Ex-Officio, California Community College
Jose Cardenas, Non-Administrative Services Credential Representative
Cheryl Cotton, Designee, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Juan Cruz, School Administrator Representative
Christopher Davis, Teacher Representative
Michael de la Torre, Teacher Representative
Annamarie Francois, Ex-Officio, University of California (10/12 only)
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

None

Thursday, October 12, 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.

Chair Grenot-Scheyer welcomed Cheryl Cotton as the new designee for the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Ronald Wicks as the Commission's new Educator Preparation student liaison to the Commission.

1A: Approval of the August 2023 Minutes

Commissioner Simmons moved approval of the August 2023 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Commissioner Hartwig seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Commissioner Heredia moved approval of the August 2023 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Cruz seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

1B: Approval of the October 2023 Agenda

Commissioner Klatt moved approval of the October 2023 Agenda with a revised agenda insert for item 1C and agenda inserts for items 2C and 4A. Commissioner Hartwig seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

1C: Approval of the October 2023 Consent Calendar

Commissioner Davis moved approval of the October 2023 Consent Calendar with an amendment to withdraw items #10. Stacy Brix, #17. Luiz Cordovil, #19. Michael Cundari, #22. Jimmie Durham, #24. Craig Evenhouse, #58. Clifford Mitchell, and #81. Ernest Sigala to be reviewed during Closed Session. Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent. Commissioner Gross recused herself from items #11. Monica Campo, #58. Clifford Mitchell, and #102. Glenn Pike. Commissioner Klatt recused herself from items #1. Sean Albright, #2. Alejandro Almaguer, #3. Charlotte Andrade, #5. Sharyl Bailey, #7. Jessica Basua, #8. Antoinette Bergstedt, #12. Abigail Cano, #17. Luiz Cordovil, #18. Kenya Crockett, #22. Jimmie Durham, #23. Darryl Ellis, #26. Tamara Farmer, #28. Emily Faus, #32. Rudy Gonzales, #35. Brittney Haupt, #37. Anna Heinz, #40. Gina-Maureen Hupp, #59. Julian Montalvo, #62. Dana Nava, #65. Maechelle Philpott, #70. Ariel Ray, #71. Martin Reimer, and #77. Adolfo Saldana. Commissioner de la Torre recused himself from items #1. Sean Albright, #2. Alejandro Almaguer, #3. Charlotte Andrade, #5. Sharyl Bailey, #7. Jessica Basua, #8. Antoinette Bergstedt, #12. Abigail Cano, #17. Luiz Cordovil, #18. Kenya Crockett, #22. Jimmie Durham, #23. Darryl Ellis, #26. Tamara Farmer, #28. Emily Faus, #32. Rudy Gonzales, #35. Brittney Haupt, #37. Anna Heinz, #40. Gina-Maureen Hupp, #43. Kenneth Johnson, #59. Julian Montalvo, #62. Dana Nava, #65. Maechelle Philpott, #66. Robert Pompa, #70. Ariel Ray, #71. Martin Reimer, #77. Adolfo Saldana, #81. Ernest Sigala and #91. Joe Velez.

1D: Chair's Report

Chair Grenot-Scheyer spoke about the power of the student voice and honored Vice Chair Marysol De La Torre-Escobedo whose term with the Commission has come to an end. Vice Chair De La Torre-Escobedo expressed her appreciation for being on the Commission.

1E: Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Mary Vixie Sandy expressed her appreciation to Vice Chair De La Torre-Escobedo for her service on the Commission and welcomed Commissioner Cotton and Student Liaison Wicks to the Commission. Executive Director Sandy informed Commissioners and the public that the Commission office will be moving into a new building complex in May 2024 and reminded the Commission about the upcoming Chair and Vice Chair elections at the December Commission meeting.

2F: Commission Member Reports

Commissioner Davis welcomed Executive Director Sandy back to the office and thanked Vice Chair De La Torre-Escobedo for her service on the Commission. Commissioner Davis shared that

Chair Grenot-Scheyer and his high school Spanish teacher will be honored at the 31st Annual Distinguished Educators Awards Dinner at California State University, Los Angeles on November 3. He reported that he will be attending the 40th anniversary celebration for Head Start in the Bay Area with Commissioner Browne on October 14. He provided updates about the new BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) cohorts through the NBRC (National Board Resource Center) at Stanford and his work as a teacher coach in an induction program. Lastly, He welcomed Commissioner Cotton and Student Liaison Wicks to the Commission.

Commissioner Cotton expressed her gratitude for being on the Commission and provided a report on the Teacher Recruitment Summit hosted by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond in August at the California Department of Education. She also provided an update on the California Department of Education's recent activities.

Commissioner Browne spoke about the California Community College's interest in the Commission's work on the PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Instruction credential and reported on her attendance at the recent Child Development Permit Workgroup meeting.

Commissioner White-Smith welcomed Student Liaison Wicks and Commissioner Cotton to the Commission and expressed her appreciation to Vice Chair De La Torre-Escobedo for her service on the Commission. She provided an update on the collaborative work from her sector to address issues regarding the pipeline and pathways for educators and reported the School of Leadership and Education Sciences at the University of San Diego was accepted as a co-lead for the California Community Engagement Initiative 2.0 grant along with San Diego County Office of Education and Eskolta School Research and Design.

Commissioner Pavri welcomed Commissioner Cotton and Student Liaison Wicks to the Commission and thanked Vice Chair De La Torre for her leadership. She welcomed Dr. Mildred Garcia as the new Chancellor of the California State University (CSU) and provided an update on several CSU initiatives around outreach and recruitment efforts to grow and diversify the educator pipeline. She also updated the Commission on the CSU Center for Transformational Educator Preparation Programs.

1G: Liaison Reports

Haydee Rodriguez, State Board of Education Liaison, provided an update on the State Board's recent activities and acknowledged Vice Chair De La Torre-Escobedo for her service on the Commission.

Ronald Wicks, Commission Student Liaison, expressed his excitement to be on the Commission. He shared a request from teacher preparation students at Pepperdine University for a user-friendly website for the credentialing process and spoke about creating various ways to interact and engage with student teachers across California. He also spoke about his personal background and perspective on education and shared his interest in bringing more diversity to the educator workforce and looking for different ways to recruit and retain more teachers of color.

Educator Preparation Committee

Committee Chair Monica Martinez convened the Educator Preparation Committee.

2A: Initial Institutional Approval – Stage II: Eligibility Requirements for The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

Hart Boyd, Consultant, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided as part of the Initial Institutional Approval process, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology's responses to the Eligibility Requirements and relevant preconditions for consideration and possible approval by the Commission.

Sara Golomb, Rachel Losoff, Lance Garrison, Miguel Valenzuela, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, assisted staff in presenting this item.

Commission Action

Commissioner de la Torre moved to grant eligibility to The Chicago School of Professional Psychology and to move forward to Stage III. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

2B: Initial Institutional Approval – Stage III: Consideration of Provisional Approval for The Charter School of San Diego

Hart Boyd, Consultant, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided, as part of the Initial Institutional Approval process, The Charter School of San Diego's responses to the Common Standards and Initial Program Preconditions for consideration and possible Provisional Approval by the Commission.

Cathryn Rambo and Veronica Radtke, The Charter School of San Diego, assisted staff in presenting this item.

Commission Action

Commissioner Klatt moved to grant Provisional Approval to The Charter School of San Diego and set the Provisional Approval period to be three years. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Brown abstaining and Commissioner Gross in opposition.

2C: Annual Report on the Commission Approved Teaching and Administrator Performance Assessments

Mary Vixie Sandy, Executive Director; David DeGuire, Director, Zoltan Sarda and Gay Roby, Consultants, Professional Services Division; Heather Klesch and Lori Kroeger, Evaluation Systems group of Pearson; and Juliet Wahleithner, Assistant Director of Teacher Education, California State University, Fresno, presented this item which provided information and candidate pass rate data for each of the Commission-approved performance assessments from 2018 to 2023, including the California Teaching Performance Assessment (CalTPA), edTPA, Fresno Assessment for Student Teachers (FAST) and California Administrator Performance Assessment (CalAPA). CalTPA first-year pass rate data was also provided for the Education

Specialist Mild to Moderate Support Needs (MMSN) and Extensive Support Needs (ESN) credential candidates. An update on additional CalTPA development for Education Specialist candidates (DHH, VI and ECSE), a formative performance assessment for Early Childhood Education Teacher Permit students (CalFTP), and the Literacy Performance Assessment (LPA) were also included.

[Appendix A](#) provides a list of individuals who submitted written comments or spoke on this item.

Recess

Closed Session

The Commission went into Closed Session at 1:15 p.m. to consider adverse actions, Petitions for Reinstatement, Decisions and Orders, Proposed Decisions, a Motion to Vacate a Default Decision and Order, and transcript reviews in educator discipline cases pursuant to California Education Code sections 44244.1, 44245, 44246, 44248, and Government Code section 11126.

Friday, October 13, 2023

General Session

Chair Marquita Grenot-Scheyer reconvened the General Session of the Commission at 8:34 a.m. and roll call was taken.

Educator Preparation Committee

Committee Chair Monica Martinez reconvened the Educator Preparation Committee.

2D: Potential Future Options for Commission Examinations

David DeGuire, Director, and Mike Taylor, Consultant, Professional Services Division, presented this item which described options for future Commission examinations after the current contracts expire in October 2025. The item also provided an update on reading instruction examinations used in other states that may be considered in the future as an option for teachers who will continue to need access to a standardized examination of reading instruction to meet California teaching credential requirements.

Angelica Salazar, Public Advocates, submitted a written letter and spoke on this item which urged the Commission not to pursue a new contract for the continued administration of the CBEST and stated that the test is not an appropriate measure for ensuring educators possess basic skills. She raised concerns regarding the problematic nature of the CBEST and the impact on candidates of color and requested the Commission to seek legislative approval to eliminate the CBEST requirement and expand implementation of coursework options.

Erin Githens, California Teachers Association, stated that candidates should be able to demonstrate basic skills proficiency and subject matter competence through multiple means and applauded the legislature's effort to ensure that future teachers who complete rigorous coursework don't have to be subjected to discriminatory, duplicative, and costly standardized

tests. She expressed the importance of having the off-the-shelf national examinations option thoroughly vetted by classroom teachers and questioned the Commission's role as an independent credentialing standard board while developing and maintaining standardized tests.

Linda Dias Mobilio, California State University, Chico, submitted a written letter which requested the Commission to consider the national examinations option.

Professional Practices Committee

Committee Chair Johanna Hartwig convened the Professional Practices Committee.

3A: Division of Professional Practices Annual Workload Report Fiscal Year 2022-23

Rachel Grizzaffi, Director, Division of Professional Practices, presented this item which provided the annual report on the discipline workload of the Division of Professional Practices for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Legislative Committee

Vice Chair De La Torre-Escobedo convened the Legislative Committee.

4A: 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 Grenot-Scheyer reconvened the General Session.

1H: New Business

The Bimonthly Agenda was presented.

Steve McDougall, California Federation of Teachers, raised a concern regarding a looming gap of credentialed teachers who are eligible to teach designated English language development classes.

Emma Bell, submitted a written letter and spoke to the Commission regarding a suggestion that a certain number of substitute days be part of the program requirements for credentials and that a bank of lessons for each grade level and subject be available to share or provide to substitutes.

Recess

Closed Session

The Commission went into Closed Session at 11:31 a.m. to consider adverse actions, Petitions for Reinstatement, Decisions and Orders, Proposed Decisions, a Motion to Vacate a Default Decision and Order, and transcript reviews in educator discipline cases pursuant to California Education Code sections 44244.1, 44245, 44246, 44248, and Government Code section 11126.

Reconvene General Session

Chair Grenot-Scheyer reconvened the General Session.

1I: Report of Closed Session Items

Chair Grenot-Scheyer reported that the Commission denied the following Petitions for Reinstatement:

- Jacoby Hammond
- Sam Atherton
- Aaron Nessman

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

- Samuel Agyei-Fosu Gosman
- Christopher Cino
- David Keck
- Starranne Meyers (Commissioner Heredia recused herself from this matter)
- Maurice Myers
- Morgan Walton
- Curtis Williams

The Commission reviewed the transcripts in the following matters and 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:

- Rahmin Buckman
- Sarah Chapman
- Darryl Gideon
- Kevin Hernandez
- Lara Rankin
- Douglas Renick
- Carolyn Warren
- Stacey Weatherman
- Jonathan Wright

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

- Jon Klaus (Commissioner Davis recused himself from this matter)
- Diane Colegate
- Tara Gutierrez
- Jonathan Mesisca

- Lydia Morales
- Cornelius Ogunsalu

The Commission denied the motion to vacate and sustained its prior decision in the matter of Lisa Fisher.

The Commission discussed the following Consent Calendar items and accepted the recommendations of the Committee of Credentials:

- #17. Luiz Cordovil (Commissioners de la Torre and Klatt recused themselves on this item)
- #19. Michael Cundari
- #24. Craig Evenhouse

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

- #10. Stacy Brix
- #22. Jimmie Durham (Commissioner Klatt recused herself on this item)
- #58. Clifford Mitchell
- #81. Ernest Sigala

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Grenot-Scheyer adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

Appendix A

2C: Annual Report on the Commission Approved Teaching and Administrator Performance Assessments

	Name	Affiliation	Oral/Written Statement
1.	Steve McDougall	California Federation of Teachers	Oral
2.	Miyuki Manzanedo	California Teachers Association	Oral
3.	Erin Githens	California Teachers Association	Oral
4.	Susan Green	California Faculty Association	Oral/Written
5.	Roxanne Miller	Chapman University	Oral/Written
6.	Jake Kolpas	Self	Written
7.	Alessandra Golden	Amador County Unified School District	Written
8.	Ariya Amin	CTA/San Jose Unified School District	Written
9.	Ashley	Self	Written
10.	Lee Schimmel	San Francisco Unified School District	Written
11.	Nicola Long	Monterey Peninsula Unified School District	Written
12.	Mandy Redfern	California Teachers Association	Written
13.	David Goldberg	California Teachers Association	Written
14.	Rebekah Harris	Azusa Pacific University	Written
15.	Brenda	Self	Written
16.	Angelina Lorenzo-Juan	Fontana Unified School District	Written
17.	Emily Cox	San Diego Unified School District	Written
18.	Kate Gibson	Self	Written
19.	Niall McCarthy	Vista Unified School District	Written
20.	Olivia Duncan	Self	Written
21.	Kristen Fong	Santa Clara Unified School District	Written