

**COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 16, 2021**  
**Commission on Teacher Credentialing**

**Committee Members Present**

Bob Frelly  
Cathy Creasia  
Cynthia Amos  
J. Kevin Taylor  
Jason Lea  
Lynn Larsen  
Martin Martinez  
Michael Hillis

**Committee Members Absent**

Jomeline Balatayo  
Cheryl Forbes  
Katrine Czajkowski  
Gerard Morrison

**Staff Members Present**

David DeGuire, Director  
Cheryl Hickey, Administrator  
Erin Sullivan, Administrator  
Cara Mendoza, Administrator  
Hart Boyd, Consultant  
Miranda Gutierrez, Consultant  
Poonam Bedi, Consultant  
Michele Williams-George  
Michelle Bernardo, Secretary

**Present Via Technology**

Dr. Elisa Salasin, UC Berkeley  
Paula Sevilla, UC Santa Barbara  
Kathryn Tucciarone, UC Santa Barbara  
Ivannia Soto, Whittier College

Irene Lopez, Simpson University  
Becky Shaughnessy, Simpson University  
Kim Newton, Modesto City Schools  
Ernesto Calderon, Modesto City Schools  
Dr. Kristy Pruitt, Alliant International  
University  
Dr. Ken Kelch, Alliant International  
University  
Starla Wierman, Lake County Office of  
Education  
Jamie Buckner-Bridges, Lake County Office  
of Education  
Marguerite Armstrong, Newhall School  
District  
Amy Gaudette, Newhall School District  
Amanda Montemayor, Newhall School  
District  
Chonnea Harris, University of Antelope  
Valley  
Kristal Andersen, University of Antelope  
Valley  
Crystal Stephens, University of Antelope  
Valley  
Kendra Rosales, Huntington Beach Union  
High School District  
Chris Long, Huntington Beach Union High  
School District  
Dr. Rocky Murray, Huntington Beach Union  
High School District  
Ruth Negash, Aspire Berkley Maynard

### Item 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting of the Committee on Accreditation was called to order by Bob Frelly at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 16, 2021. This meeting was conducted entirely electronically, with minimal presence in the Commission offices, due to the COVID 19 pandemic and Governor Newsom’s stay at home order.

### Introduction of New Co-Chair

The newly appointed co-chair Martin Martinez was introduced. Co-Chair Martinez noted his appreciation for being given the opportunity to serve as Co-Chair of this committee.

### Introduction of New Committee Member

Co-Chair Frelly introduced the newly appointed committee member Jason Lea. Mr. Lea was selected to join the COA at the April 2021 Commission meeting. Mr. Lea introduced himself and shared a little bit about himself to the committee members.

### Item 2 – Approval of the Agenda

It was moved, seconded (Hillis/Taylor: recusal by Martinez) and carried by roll call vote to approve the August 2021 agenda.

### Item 3 - Approval of the Minutes of the Prior Meeting

It was moved, seconded (Taylor/Creasia: abstain by Martinez/Lea) and carried by roll call vote to approve the August 2021 minutes with no changes.

### Item 4 - Co-Chair and Member Reports

Co-Chair Frelly requested to add an item to the October meeting to revisit the 2022 COA meeting dates due to schedule changes.

### Item 5 – Staff Reports

Administrator Cheryl Hickey reported that the emergency order for the suspension of the Bagley-Keene Act expires on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Staff is waiting for more information from the Governor’s office to make a determination about the October COA meeting and whether it will be in person or virtual. Ms. Hickey expressed her appreciation to the IIA staff for their work with the reports and support to the institutions. She reported that the bilingual authorization standards are under review and being updated. She noted that staff will be working on the review of plans for implementation for Special Education credential programs starting this fall. Ms. Hickey discussed the extension of COVID flexibilities for credential candidates. She stated that the Governor suspended the requirement to complete RICA, CBEST, and CSET through the end of the year. Additionally, all credential fees for initial credentials were suspended for candidates for this fiscal year. Ms. Hickey announced that a number of grants opportunities for educator preparation were included in the budget. And finally, she discussed the new requirements for options CBEST (Basic Skills) and options related to Subject Matter that was included in budget trailer bill language. A webinar was posted with more information on the basic skills options.

Administrator Erin Sullivan reported on accreditation activities. Site visits for the violet cohort will start in October which also includes 4 provisional site visits. She noted that there will be 1 CAEP and 2 AAQEP institutions having site visits. The 34 institutions in the indigo cohort will be submitting program review by October 15 including Education Specialist programs that have submitted Plans for Implementation to the new standards. She discussed the decision to make all 2021-22 site visits virtual.

#### Item 6 – Program Approval Recommendations

There were 6 institutions with 7 new programs for approval as discussed below:

##### University of California, Berkeley: Bilingual Authorization in Spanish

Dr. Elisa Salasin, BE3 Operations Lead was present to answer questions about the proposed program. After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Taylor Hillis: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to approve University of California, Berkeley: Bilingual Authorization in Spanish program.

##### University of California, Santa Barbara: Bilingual Authorization in Spanish

Paula Sevilla, Doctoral Student/Teaching Associate and Kathryn Tucciarone, Credential Analyst were present to answer any questions about the proposed program. After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Taylor/Creasia: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to approve the University of California, Santa Barbara: Bilingual Authorization in Spanish.

##### Whittier College: Bilingual Authorization in Spanish

Ivannia Soto, Professor of Education; Director of Graduate Programs; Director, Institute for Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching (ICLRT) was present to answer questions about the proposed program. After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Lea/Hillis: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to approve Whittier College: Bilingual Authorization in Spanish Services program.

##### Simpson University: Preliminary Multiple Subject Intern and Preliminary Single Subject Intern

Irene Lopez, Executive Dean of Education and Diversity and Becky Shaughnessy, School of Education Credential Analyst were present to answer questions about the proposed program. After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Hillis/Lea: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to approve Simpson University: Preliminary Multiple Subject Intern and Preliminary Single Subject Intern Services programs.

##### Modesto City Schools: Clear Administrative Services Credential

Kim Newton, Senior Director, Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Development and Ernesto Calderon, Administrator of Special Projects, Induction were present to answer questions about the proposed program. After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Hillis/Lea: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to approve Modesto City Schools: Clear Administrative Services Credential program.

##### Alliant International University: Bilingual Authorization in Spanish and Mandarin

Dr. Kristy Pruitt, Dean, California School of Education and Dr. Ken Kelch, Program Director was present to answer questions about the proposed program. After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Taylor/Amos: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to approve Alliant International University: Bilingual Authorization in Spanish and Mandarin programs.

#### Item 7 – Program Change of Status

Section A: Program Withdrawals – There were 3 program sponsors withdrawing 5 programs. After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Taylor/Hillis: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to withdraw following programs.

#### **California Polytechnic State University, Pomona**

Education Specialist: Added Authorization Autism Spectrum Disorders, effective August 16, 2021

#### **Fresno Pacific University**

Designated Subjects: Career Technical Education, effective August 30, 2021

Designated Subjects: Special Subjects, effective August 30, 2021

Designated Subjects: Supervision and Coordination, effective August 30, 2021

#### **University of Redlands**

Clear Administrative Services, effective August 16, 2021

Section B: Program Requesting Reactivation – There were no programs requesting reactivation.

Section C: Adding a New Content Area – There was 1 program adding a new content area: California State University, Stanislaus Preliminary Single Subject Theater. After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Taylor/Amos: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to approve the new Preliminary Single Subject: Theater program at California State University, Stanislaus.

Section D: Programs Transitioning – There were no programs requesting to transition.

Section E: Programs Moving to Inactive Status – This section included 1 program sponsor moving 3 programs to inactive status. No action was required nor taken.

#### **Antioch University**

Preliminary Multiple Subject, effective October 9, 2021

Teacher Induction, effective October 9, 2021

Preliminary Education Specialist Mild/Moderate with Intern, effective October 9, 2021

#### Item 8– Initial Program Approval for New Program Sponsors – Lake County Office of Education

Consultant Hart Boyd introduced this item. He was joined by institutional representatives Starla Wierman, Consultant and Jamie Buckner-Bridges, Director-Teach Lake County to answer

questions about the proposed program. Lake County was seeking approval to offer a Preliminary Multiple Subject Intern program.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Taylor/Hillis: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to grant approval for Lake County Office of Education to offer a Preliminary Multiple Subject Intern program.

Item 9– Initial Program Approval for New Program Sponsors – Newhall School District

Consultant Poonam Bedi introduced this item. She was joined by institutional representatives Marguerite Armstrong, Induction Coordinator; Amy Gaudette, Principal; and Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources to answer any questions about the proposed program. Newhall School District was seeking approval to offer a Teacher Induction program.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Hillis/Creasia: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to grant approval for Newhall School District to offer a Teacher Induction program.

Item 10 – Initial Program Approval for New Program Sponsors – University of Antelope Valley

Consultant Poonam Bedi introduced this item which was a site visit of an institution in provisional status. They were joined by institutional representatives Chonnea Harris; Dean; Kristal Andersen, and Crystal Stephens, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Operations. University of Antelope Valley was seeking approval to offer a Preliminary Single Subject program in the areas of Math and Science.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Taylor/Larsen: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to grant approval for University of Antelope Valley to offer a Preliminary Single Subject program in the areas of Math and Science.

Item 11 – Initial Program Approval for New Program Sponsors – Huntington Beach Union High School District

Consultant Michele Williams-George introduced this item. She was joined by institutional representatives Kendra Rosales, Induction Coordinator and lead program developer; Chris Long, Educational Technology Coordinator; and Rocky Murray, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Categorical Programs to answer any questions about the proposed program. Huntington Beach Union High School District was seeking to offer a Teacher Induction program.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Taylor/Amos: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to grant approval for Huntington Beach Union High School District to offer a Teacher Induction program.

Item 12 – Discussion of Institutions Not In Compliance with Accreditation Timelines

There were no late documents to report on.

Item 13 – Discussion and Potential Adoption of Revisions to the COA Procedures Manual

Administrators Erin Sullivan and Cheryl Hickey introduced this item. Erin and Cheryl presented to the Committee the proposed changes to the *COA Procedures Manual* that was previously discussed at the March 2021 COA meeting.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Martinez/Amos: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to adopt the proposed revisions to the *COA Procedures Manual*.

Item 14 – Report of Actions Taken by Aspire Berkley Maynard to Address Stipulations

Consultant Miranda Gutierrez introduced this item. She was joined by institutional representative Ruth Negash, Director of New Teacher Development.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Taylor/Creasia: no recusals: Lea not present for vote) and carried by roll call vote to remove all stipulations and to change the status from *Accreditation with Stipulations* to *Accreditation* to Aspire Berkley Maynard and its credential programs.

Item 15 – Discussion of Possible Options for Refining Stage V of Initial Institutional Approval

Administrator Erin Sullivan and Consultant Poonam Bedi introduced this item. This was an information item. Staff was able to gather feedback and ideas from the committee members to refine the final stages of IIA. The Committee asked that this topic be brought back at the next meeting to allow absent committee members to provide their feedback. No action was taken.

Item 16 – Public Comment

No public comments.

Adjournment

Co-Chair Bob Frelly adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m. The next meeting of the COA is scheduled for October 28, 2021.