

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION  
OCTOBER 14, 2019**

**Meeting Locations:**

All meetings will be video conferenced from both locations.

| <b>OFFICE</b>           | <b>ADDRESS</b>                   | <b>CITY</b> | <b>MEETING ROOMS</b> |
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| Department of Education | 2080 East Flamingo Rd. Suite 114 | Las Vegas   | Board Room           |
| Department of Education | 700 E. Fifth Street              | Carson City | Board Room           |

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

*(Video Conferenced)*

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**In Las Vegas:**

President Esparza  
Commissioner Carvalho  
Commissioner Davis  
Commissioner Maruyama

**In Carson City:**

Commissioner Drum  
Commissioner West

**COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Commissioner Burnham  
Commissioner Gallivan-Wallace  
Commissioner Zeh  
Commissioner McGregor

**DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:**

**In Las Vegas:**

Jason Dietrich, Office of Educator Licensure  
Paul Partida, Office of Educator Licensure  
Mike Arakawa, Office of Educator Licensure

**In Carson City:**

None

**LEGAL STAFF PRESENT**

**In Las Vegas:**

Deputy Attorney General David Gardner

**In Carson City:**

None

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:**

**In Las Vegas:**

Jean Linnell, National University  
Monte Bay, National University  
Ed Ronca, University of Nevada Las Vegas  
Kristin Dellasala, University of Nevada Las Vegas  
Alexander Marks, Nevada State Education Association  
Jessica Bouchte, Clark County School District  
Ana Bradley, Nevada Teachers of Tomorrow

**Carson City:**

Keli Brown, Sierra Nevada College  
Carol Gebhardt, Washoe County School District  
Randi Hunewill, Nevada Department of Education  
Eleni, Oikonomiday, University of Nevada Reno  
Christine Whitcome, Sierra Nevada College

**Elko:**

Brian Zeiszler, Great Basin College

**Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order; Roll Call; Pledge of Allegiance**

President Esparza called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.  
Roll call attendance was taken as reflected above. It was determined a quorum was met.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Maruyama.

**Agenda Item #2 – Public Comment #1**

No Public Comment in Elko, Las Vegas, or Carson City

**Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Flexible Agenda**

**Motion:** Commissioner Davis moved to approve the flexible agenda. Commissioner Maruyama seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes for September 18, 2019 Meeting**

**Motion:** Commissioner West moved to approve the September 18, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Drum seconded the motion. **Commissioner Carvalho abstained. Motion carried.**

**Agenda Item #5 – Nevada Department of Education Updates, presented by Jason Dietrich and Mike Arakawa**

Jason Dietrich presented on the Nevada Department of Education's updates including the upcoming hiring of a new Management Analyst who will be in charge of the educator incentives, teach Nevada scholarship, and school supply reimbursements. We have completed interviews for a compliance investigator position and Mr. Arakawa has selected our first true investigator, Scott Haag, for the Department of Education, this will allow us to better meet statutory requirements through increased capacity. The NDE has been working in partnership with DETR, Nevada Veteran Services, and other external stakeholders to look at how to increase the pipeline and help those who were in the military and their spouses to be able to get into the field of education. The NDE is looking for a Commissioner to volunteer to be part of the workgroup, please contact COPS staff to put your name forward if you are interested. The work we have already started around expediting military applications, military fee reductions, and working with out-of-state military spouses for reciprocity of alternative route programs is receiving national attention. We have been collaborating with Dr. George Ann Rice, and she is working with a group called Heroes to Education. They are looking to Nevada to possibly pilot the model. We have been doing a lot of work behind the scenes on this.

**Agenda Item #6 – Workshops to Solicit Comments for Proposed Amendments to the Following Regulations: NAC 391.015 Location of state offices; acquisition of forms for licensure ([NRS 385.080](#), [391.019](#)), presented by Jason Dietrich and Mike Arakawa.**

Mike Arakawa presented the Workshop on NAC 391.015 and gave an explanation as to why the NDE would like to repeal this unnecessary and archaic regulation.

President Esparza opened the floor to Commissioner comments and asked for clarification. Mike replied that it was unneeded due the information being updated and contained on the website whenever the NDE would move office locations.

**Motion:** Commissioner West moved to approve the repeal of NAC 391.015 as written and send it forward to public hearing. Commissioner Drum seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #7 – Workshops to Solicit Comments for Proposed Amendments to the Following Regulations: NAC 391.057 Conditional licensure: Qualifications; authorized employment; term of validity; automatic revocation ([NRS 391.019](#), [391.021](#), [391.032](#)), presented by Jason Dietrich, and Mike Arakawa.**

Jason Dietrich presented the Workshop on NAC 391.057 and stated that they are trying to remove a barrier for those individuals who would like to substitute teach on an ARL license. This opens up more pathways without changing the base license. Currently, as written, these individuals would have to apply for a separate substitute license and pay all the required fees and pass another background check.

President Esparza opened the floor to Commissioner comments and stated that as a site administrator that her school is often 6 to 8 substitutes short per day, this will be very helpful.

**Motion:** Commissioner Carvalho moved to approve amendments to NAC 391.057 as written and send it forward to public hearing. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #8 – Workshops to Solicit Comments for Proposed Amendments to the Following Regulations: NAC 391.0577 Conditional licensure: Requirements to apply for initial license to teach elementary education, to teach pupils in program of early childhood education or to teach special education to pupils in prekindergarten through grade 12 in certain categories ([NRS 391.019](#), [391.021](#), [391.032](#)), presented by Jason Dietrich and Mike Arakawa.**

Mike Arakawa presented the workshop on NAC 391.0577 and stated that Senate Bill 100 made certain statutory changes to remove barriers for veterans and their spouses. The language being added mirrors that of other regulations previously heard before the Commission. This is a statutory requirement and these changes simply conform to SB 100.

President Esparza opened the floor to Commissioner comments. There were no comments.

**Motion:** Commissioner Davis moved approve amendments to NAC 391.0577 as written and send it forward to public hearing. Commissioner Carvalho seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #9 – Workshops to Solicit Comments for Proposed Amendments to the Following Regulations: NAC 391.0583 Special qualifications licensure: Qualifications; areas of endorsement; duties of employing school district or private school; requirements of licensee following issuance; validity ([NRS 385.080](#), [385.110](#), [391.019](#)), presented by Jason Dietrich and Mike Arakawa.**

Jason Dietrich presented the workshop on NAC 391.0583 and stated that the language written is to repeal of the entire section. This is a conforming change for SB 41 of the last legislative session and doing this repeal in regulation conforms to the change in the state law.

President Esparza opened the floor for Commissioner comments. There were no comments.

**Motion:** Commissioner Carvalho moved to repeal NAC 391.0583 as written and move it forward for public hearing. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #10 – Workshops to Solicit Comments for Proposed Amendments to the Following Regulations: NAC 391.1301 Comprehensive majors and minors recognized by Commission (NRS 385.080, 391.019), presented by Jason Dietrich and Mike Arakawa.**

Mike Arakawa presented the workshop on NAC 391.1301 and stated that they are looking to remove the comprehensive major and minor in recreational physical education. At last count, there were a total of 45 people throughout the state that held an endorsement in this area.

Jason Dietrich asked Mike if the 45 license holders were active or expired. Mike replied that was only active license holders.

President Esparza opened the floor to Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Carvalho asked if this would affect any jobs. Mike replied that it would not, those individuals already hold other areas of licensure and endorsement.

President Esparza asked why this endorsement existed. Mike replied that he wasn't sure how or why it came to be. Jason stated that those currently holding the endorsement would not lose the endorsement; they would continue to hold the endorsement, they would be grandfathered. This goes for any and all endorsements that the NDE has on the books. This endorsement is simply obsolete in the field now.

**Motion:** Commissioner Davis moved to repeal NAC 391.1301 as written and move it forward for public hearing. Commissioner Maruyama seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #11 – Workshops to Solicit Comments for Proposed Amendments to the Following Regulations: NAC 391.089 Qualifications for teaching pupils from birth through second grade (NRS 391.019, 391.032), presented by Jason Dietrich and Mike Arakawa.**

Jason Dietrich presented the workshop on NAC 391.089 and stated that the NDE held a workgroup to look into the minimum qualifications for teaching pupils through second grade. We left the number of credit hours the same, updated the terminology, and removed the ability to self-select coursework. It made the prescribed courses mandatory as all the content was relevant and should not be excluded. The other change to the regulation was to modify the student teaching component to mirror it to our other strands of licensing. This previously required them to student teach at multiple levels which was found to be quite a barrier and more difficult for people to enter into the early childhood degree program, we streamlined it and made it easier to stay in the program. These individuals don't get paid during student teaching and doing multiple student teaching models created a hardship. The business practice of the institutions is to discuss with these individuals which grade stranding they were going into and incorporate student teaching into that strand. This makes it so that they do not have to pay for extra student teaching that they are not going to be using. This has also maintained the same credit hours and updated the coursework to make it more relevant to today's teaching.

President Esparza opened the floor to Commissioner comments and stated that she was happy to have those mandatory requirements placed into the regulation and asked about Section 7(b) regarding the 1 year of verifiable teaching experience, what would be accepted and how it would be verified. Jason replied that it was more on the reciprocal side of licensure where educators from out of state would use this in lieu of the student teaching.

Commissioner Davis stated that she was very happy to see this before the Commission and thanked the NDE for putting this forward to allow for more educators to enter the early childhood field.

**Motion:** Commissioner Drum moved to approve amendments to NAC 391.089 as written and move it forward for public hearing. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #12 – Workshops to Solicit Comments for Proposed Amendments to the Following Regulations: NAC 391.095 Qualifications for elementary license ([NRS 385.080](#), [391.019](#)) presented by Jason Dietrich and Mike Arakawa.**

Jason Dietrich presented the workshop on NAC 391.095 and stated that as previously done during the last item. The NDE convened a workgroup and the language before the Commission is the workgroup's recommendations. It will appear on the surface that we have raised the number of credits, but they actually stay the same. The language from NAC 391.045 is embedded within this regulation now, while previously it was not, even though it was required. There are updates to the terminology and we cleaned up the regulation to meet the requirements in current pedagogy. We have increased the rigor in the methods courses as well as assessments and evaluations to better prepare our elementary education candidates when they come out of the NSHE institutions. Everyone felt that this was a more robust program and walked away very happy.

President Esparza opened the floor for Commissioner comments and asked if the English Mastery Council was still in existence. Jason replied that it was still in existence. President Esparza stated that she wanted to make sure that they are aware of the changes. Jason replied that there was about an hour and a half worth of discussion regarding ELAD. There is also another stop-gap in place in another regulation as an ELAD course is requirement for renewal of licensure for individuals to take this course.

**Motion:** Commissioner Carvalho moved to approve amendments to NAC 391.095 as written and move it forward for public hearing. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #13 – Future Agenda Items, presented by Jason Dietrich and Mike Arakawa.**

Mike Arakawa stated that he would be bringing forward the final recommendations from the AB 124 group. Jason Dietrich stated that compiled data requested from the Commission will be brought forward. There will be additional workshops.

**Agenda Item #14 – Commissioners' Comments.**

President Esparza thanked the NDE staff for all of their hard work and dedication in streamlining the process for the regulation changes.

**Agenda Item #15 – Public Comment #2**

No public comment in Carson City, Las Vegas, or Elko.

**Agenda Item #16 – Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 am.