

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION
APRIL 19, 2023
9:00 AM**

Office	Address	City	Meeting
Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	Room 114
Department of Education	700 E. Fifth St.	Carson City	Board Room
Department of Education	Livestream	n/a	Link

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

President Amy Rozar
Commissioner Kenny Belknap
Commissioner Meredith Freeman
Commissioner Joseph Morgan

In Carson City:

Commissioner Jamie Hawkins
Commissioner Sherry Mitchell

Virtually:

Commissioner Keith Lewis
Commissioner Christina Tucker

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Vice President Jennifer Davis

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Jeff Briske, Director, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement, EDLiFE
Geri Mendiola, Administrative Assistant III, EDLiFE
Anabel Sanchez, Education Programs Professional, EDLiFE
Heather Crabtree, Management Analyst II, EDLiFE

In Carson City:

None

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

Senior Deputy Attorney General David Gardner (Virtually)

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE

In Las Vegas:

None

Carson City:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rozar called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call attendance was taken as reflected above and a quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Sherry Mitchell.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

There were no public comments in Carson City or Las Vegas.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Rozar recognized April as the month of the Military Child and April 19th as purple up day to support military children in education and schools. April is also Financial Literacy, School Library, and World Autism Awareness. The first week of May is State Worker Week, and the second week of May is Teacher Appreciation Week. President Rozar noted that the Nevada Career and Technical Education (CTE) Conference will be held in July.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Briske, Director, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement (EDLiFE) reported on bills introduced during the legislative session:

AB 323 allows coursework in lieu of the Praxis Core which was a recommendation from our WestEd study. The bill will also allow districts to compensate Student Teachers, provide Parent Involvement and Family Engagement (PIFE) and the multi-cultural education course at no cost to the educator.

AB 400 is the Governor's Bill for the Teach Nevada Scholarship and the addition of the Teach Nevada Advancement Scholarship which will allow retainment of teachers while they earn their master's degree.

SB 47 was introduced by Clark County School district to reduce licensure fees.

SB 438 is the Teach Nevada Collaborative funding which would pay for dual enrollment in high schools with scholarships and would aid in innovative programs which would allow those who have their 60 credits to complete their certification in one fiscal year as well as our ARL Programs provide support for teacher residency. Director Briske noted that a unique feature of this bill is it would also provide Wrap Around Services for teachers.

SB 442 is the Teacher Mobility Compact which will allow educators to move between states and enhance reciprocity within states.

5. APPROVAL OF MARCH 8, 2023, MINUTES (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

President Rozar asked the Commission if they would like to discuss the March 8, 2023, minutes. No discussion was made regarding the March 8, 2023, minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the March 8, 2023, meeting minutes. Commissioner Belknap seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. EXECUTIVE ORDER AND REGULATIONS UPDATE. (*Information/Discussion*)

President Rozar introduced Executive Order 2023-003 which freezes the issuance of new regulations and requires a review of existing regulations by all Executive Branch Agencies, Departments, Boards and Commissions and Executive Order 2023-004 which directs all Nevada Occupational and Professional Licensing Boards to suspend the issuance of any new regulations, show cause for all Occupational Licensing Requirements and to provide a recommended pathway for facilitating licensure reciprocity to the Commission.

Director Briske recapped at the last Commission meeting on March 8, 2023, he listed the regulation work that was submitted to the Legislative Commission pending an agenda and consideration. Director Briske noted that if this Commission adopts the two temporary regulations today, these regulations will also be submitted and will be given an exemption from Executive Order Three.

Director Briske explained that Executive Order Three requires each agency, board, and commission to undertake a comprehensive review of the regulations and to submit a report by May 1, 2023 on how regulations can be streamlined, clarified, reduced, or otherwise improved to ensure regulations provide for the general welfare of the State without unnecessarily inhibiting economic growth and to generate a list of not less than 10 regulations recommended for removal.

Director Briske went on to report that on Saturday, April 15, 2023, a department public hearing was held to solicit public comment for regulations under the prevue of the State Board, Commission on Professional Standards in Education, and Commission on School Funding. Director Briske submitted 19 regulations on behalf of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education for the April 15th public hearing and report.

Director Briske noted that if the Commission would like to consider any or all of the regulations for elimination or updating, we will move forward with the normal discussion, workshop, public hearing, State Board approval and Legislative Commission consideration for adoption.

Director Briske asked the Commission to refer to the summary of regulations under the prevue of this Commission. As part of the Governor's reporting requirements, the Commission was asked to rank the regulations in order of importance for possible action. Action is defined as updating or elimination. Director Briske briefly reviewed the regulations for ranking.

Section 1. Updates for streamlining.

- NAC 391.065 updates the regulation aligning with NAC 391.080 and allowing educator to complete renewal credits/hours and anytime during the licensure period.
- NAC 391.080 updates the regulation to allow the Department of Education to approve professional learning instead of the Commission.
- NAC 391.120 and NAC 391.1301 updates these regulations to align with NAC 389.803 majors and minors for Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Business & Industry (B&I) licenses.

Section 2. Regulations for Removal

- NAC 391.015 states addresses of State offices. The Department of Education no longer has paper applications and we do not need to list the office addresses in regulation.
- NAC 391.100, 391.135, 391.220, 391.265, 391.275, 391.310, 391.376 are old regulations which were consolidated in NAC 391.060 that lists the duration of all licenses.
- NAC 391.245 and 391.250 are regulations that are addressed in the CTE and B&I regulations.
- NAC 391.179, 391.325, 391.347, 391.393 endorsements of these regulations are outdated and no longer issued.
- NAC 391.436 refers to a B&I sub license and is not needed. Any substitute teacher can guest teach in any course.

President Rozar opened the floor for any questions and/or comments. Commissioner Freeman asked if the regulations for ranking could be lumped together. President Rozar noted that the Commissioners could rank the regulations on page one in the order they wish and opened the floor for suggestions or comments on the ranking of regulations on page two, elimination of the regulation that references the State office addresses and consolidating the licensure regulations because they are handled under a different NAC. Director Briske noted that the rankings will be collected at the end of the Commission meeting. Commissioner Belknap asked Director Briske to clarify if the seven NAC regulations lumped together on page two of the ranking document are licenses that are being removed. Director Briske clarified that these seven regulations are listed in another area of the administrative code and that the elementary licenses are not being removed. These additional regulations are old and have already been replaced. Commissioner Tucker asked for clarification and explanation on why Commissioners are being asked to rank the regulations since it was noted that the regulations are in different areas. Director Briske went on to explain that the direction of the Governor's report was to rank the regulations in order of importance the ranking of these regulations are for the report and feedback to the Governor. If the Commission on Professional Standards in Education decides to act on any of these regulations in the future when the executive orders are lifted, the Commission could move forward with recommendations for removal of the regulations.

7. PRAXIS CORE UPDATE (*Information/Discussion*)

Director Briske provided an update of the Praxis Core provision removals to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education and recapped at the March 8 meeting where the Commission adopted a -1 Standard Error of Measurement as the new acceptable passing score for the Praxis Core exams. A formal memorandum was sent to the Education Preparation Program providers, District

Superintendents and Human Resource Leads, as well as the State Public Charter School Authority. Additionally, a direct email was also sent to each educator who had a Praxis Core provision on their license. At the end of last week, fifty-five educators removed their provisions and were able to keep or reapply for their license. The Department of Education will continue to send monthly reminders during the summer via direct email to educators affected by the newly adopted passing score for the Praxis Core exams. Commissioner Morgan expressed gratitude regarding the newly adopted Praxis Core passing score and communicated that the new acceptable passing score has resulted in real life impact of many graduates from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

8. PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TEMPORARY REGULATION 008-22 AMENDING NAC 391.056 – PROVISIONAL NONRENEWABLE LICENSURE: QUALIFICATIONS; TERM OF VALIDITY; ADDITION OF ENDORSEMENTS. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

President Rozar announced the public hearing at 9:25 AM to solicit comments on proposed Temporary Regulation 008-22. Director Briske explained that the proposed changes to NAC 391.056 allow more time for provisional license holders to complete any coursework or exams needed to address removal of those provisions. This would change the coursework from one to three years and exams from two to three years. The change to the exams are in line with a recent emergency regulation the Commission passed in July 2022. President Rozar opened the floor for questions or discussions from the Commissioners. President Rozar stated she is in favor of extending the timelines and noted that in the first year of teaching there are numerous tasks and important training that would need to be completed by educators. Asking educators to complete additional tasks within the same first year might create a situation where it would be difficult for educators to complete required tasks. Additionally, President Rozar suggested that the Commission make recommendations that would provide support for newly licensed educators to receive tutoring and study sessions for the requirements and assistance to remove provisions in a timely and systematic manner. President Rozar entertained a motion to adopt the Proposed Temporary Regulation 008-22.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan moved to adopt Temporary Regulation 008-22. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TEMPORARY REGULATION 009-22 AMENDING NAC 391.XXX – SPECIAL NONRENEWABLE LICENSE: QUALIFICATIONS; REQUIREMENTS; TERM OF VALIDITY. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

President Rozar announced the public hearing at 9:28 AM to solicit comments on Proposed Temporary Regulation 009-22. Director Briske explained the proposed addition to NAC 391 would create a special license with an endorsement as a visiting international teacher to an individual who meets the conditions and requirements of this regulation. The requirements are listed in section two, (a) through (f) in the regulation. Additionally, school districts agree to provide ongoing support and supervision, the license would be valid for five years and is non-renewable. The license would not prohibit issuance of a provisional, standard, or professional license. It was stated in the workshop, the idea behind the license would be to streamline the process for those teachers on a J-1 visa allowing more flexibility for the employers while making classroom assignments. President Rozar expressed she is in favor of moving forward with the Proposed Temporary Regulation 009-22 and entertained a motion to adopt Proposed Temporary Regulation 009-22.

Motion: Commissioner Hawkins moved to adopt Temporary Regulation 009-22. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (*Information/Discussion*)

- Discussion on J-1 Teacher Retainment

11. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

There were no public comments in Carson City or Las Vegas.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Morgan moved to adjourn the meeting. President Rozar seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 A.M.