

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION
Wednesday, April 15, 2026
9:00 A.M.

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Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	Suite 210
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order; Roll Call; Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment #1

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The President of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education will impose a time limit of three minutes. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter within the Commission’s jurisdiction, control, or advisory power. Public comment can be provided in person at a meeting location, via email at COPS@doe.nv.gov, or by calling 775-321-6111, entering conference ID: 647010115# and wait for the conference organizer to invite you to provide your public comment.

3. President’s Report

- Amy Rozar, President

4. Approval of Minutes (Information/Discussion/For possible action)

- February 18, 2026

5. **Presentation from University of Nevada, Las Vegas (*Information/Discussion*)**. The Commission will hear a presentation from University of Nevada, Las Vegas regarding how competency-based learning is incorporated into their educator preparation programs.
- Dr. Kenny Varner, Associate Dean, College of Education, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Dr. Sarah Vach, Director of Strategic Analytics and Assessment, College of Education, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

6. **Praxis Exams without a Bridge option (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)**. The Commission will review data provided by Educational Testing Service to address an equitable solution for exams that do not offer the Praxis Bridge option. The Commission may adopt new passing scores or not adopt new passing scores.
- Dr. Mark Kirkemier, Director of Educational Partnerships, Educational Testing Service
 - Jeff Briske, Director, EDLiFE

9:00 A.M.

7. **Public Hearing R039-25 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX - Endorsements (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)**. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to education; authorizing the Superintendent of Public Instruction to change the name of certain endorsements on licenses or to remove certain endorsements on licenses under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This endorsement will allow the Department, upon approval from the Commission, to rename or remove endorsements. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

9:01 A.M

8. **Public Hearing R070-25 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.252 – Endorsement to teach Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Program. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)**. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to education; revising provisions relating to an endorsement to teach pupils in the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will allow the Department to issue an endorsement with a provisional certification and ensure that a person holds the endorsement for the assignment. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

9:02 A.M.

9. **Public Hearing R097-25 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.223 – Endorsement to provide audiological services; exception. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)**. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to education; requiring a person who provides audiological services to pupils who are at least 3 years of age but less than 22 years of age to have an endorsement issued by the Department of Education to provide those audiological services; exempting from this requirement current employees who provide those audiological services and who maintain continuous employment; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

9:03 A.M.

10. **Public Hearing R101-25 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391 and R100-24 – Apprentice License (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)**. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to educational personnel; requiring a person who holds only a provisional special license with an endorsement as a registered apprentice to teach full-time for at least 1 year before applying for an initial license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation

9:04 A.M.

11. **Public Hearing R105-25 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.276 – Endorsement to serve as music therapist. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)**. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to education; revising the requirements for the issuance of an endorsement to serve as a music therapist; revising the expiration date of such an endorsement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will ensure minimum degree requirements and other conforming language. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

9:05 A.M.

12. **Public Hearing R109-25 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments NAC Chapter 391.315 – Endorsement to serve as school psychologist: General qualifications; renewal, NAC 391.316 – Endorsement to serve as a school psychologist: Required areas of study, NAC 391.317 – Endorsement to serve as a school psychologist: Optional areas of study, NAC 391.318 – Endorsement to serve as a school psychologist: Requirements for practicum, and NAC 391.319 – Endorsement to serve as school psychologist: Internship in psychology (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)**. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to education personnel; interpreting the term “a person who is employed by a public school in a position to provide support or other services” for certain purposes; reorganizing and revising the requirements to obtain an endorsement to serve as a school psychologist; repealing certain requirements to obtain an endorsement to serve as a school psychologist; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will comply with Senate Bill 277 and update contemporary practices, standards, and research in school psychology to address appropriate qualifications, training and scope of practice. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

9:06 A.M.

13. **Public Hearing R115-25 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments NAC Chapter 391.391 – Endorsement to teach pupils in program of orientation and mobility, NAC 391.392 – Endorsement to teach program of alternative education (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)**. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to educational personnel; requiring an endorsement to teach certain programs for exceptional pupils; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will require a person to hold the corresponding endorsement. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

9:07 A.M.

14. **Public Hearing R014-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.136 – Endorsement in mathematics and science: Conditions for substitution of course work (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)**. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to educational personnel; repealing provisions authorizing an applicant for an endorsement on a secondary license in a certain field of specialization or area of concentration to satisfy the requirement for a major or minor in the applicable field or area by providing evidence that the applicant has satisfied certain requirements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The Commission will consider repealing this regulation as the provisions for adding by exam are already included in regulation R119-22. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

9:08 A.M.

- 15. Public Hearing R015-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391, Regulation 011-24 – Interim Route to Certification, Special Education Endorsements (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).** The Commission will consider a regulation relating to educational personnel; eliminating certain requirements for the conversion of an interim endorsement in special education to an initial endorsement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will remove the 2-year requirement and 2 effective evaluations to convert an IRC endorsement to an initial endorsement as the endorsement holders may complete their coursework in less than 2 years. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

9:09 A.M.

- 16. Public Workshop R039-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Endorsement in Trauma Informed Instruction (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).** The Commission will consider a regulation to create an endorsement in Trauma Informed Instruction. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this item to a Public Hearing.

- Jeff Briske, Director, EDLiFE

9:10 A.M.

- 17. Public Workshop R043-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.089 – Qualifications for license to teach pupils in program of early childhood education (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).** The Commission will consider a regulation to allow an elementary license holder to obtain an early childhood endorsement provisionally. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this item to a Public Hearing.

- Jeff Briske, Director, EDLiFE

9:11 A.M.

- 18. Public Workshop R044-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Early Childhood Special Education Endorsement for pupils ages 3-8 inclusive (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).** The Commission will consider a regulation creating a pathway for Early Childhood Special Education license holders to obtain an Early Child Autism Endorsement. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this item to a Public Hearing.

- Jeff Briske, Director, EDLiFE

- 19. Course of Study Approval for the Science of Reading in Senate Bill 460 (2025) Sections 39 and 56.2 (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).** The Commission will hear a presentation for microcredential course of study approval designed by the Department to satisfy the components of SB460 Sec. 39 and 56.2 for school administrators. The Commission may approve or not approve this course of study.

- Carrie Boehlecke, Education Programs Professional (EDLiFE)
- Heather Crabtree, Management Analyst, (EDLiFE)

20. Future Agenda Items

- Workshops and Public Hearings

21. Public Comment #2

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22. Adjournment