

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
9:00 A.M.

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Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	Suite 114
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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.

3. President’s Report

- Amy Rozar, President

4. Secretary’s Report

- Jeff Briske, Commission Secretary

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

- April 15, 2026

9:00 A.M.

6. **Public Hearing R069-25 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Employment requirements for Art, Music, Physical Education, and Physical Education & Health, NAC 391.090 – Authority conferred by elementary license, NAC 391.111 – License to teach middle school or junior high school education: Qualifications; requirements and recognized subjects for endorsement; exception, NAC 391.215 – Endorsement to teach art, NAC 391.270 – Endorsement to teach music, NAC 391.280 – Endorsement to teach physical education, NAC 391.281 - Endorsement to teach physical education and Health, and NAC 391.096 – Qualifications for elementary and middle school physical education license; authorized employment (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*). The Commission will consider a regulation relating to education; revising provisions governing the qualifications of teachers employed at certain schools to teach art, music, physical education or physical education and health; revising requirements for obtaining certain endorsements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will comply with Senate Bill 400 (2025) requiring persons to hold an art, music, physical education, and physical education & health endorsement to be employed in such assignments in a district with 200,000 or more pupils enrolled or in a school with 500 or more pupils enrolled. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.**

9:01 A.M.

7. **Public Hearing R071-25 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Endorsements, NAC 391.170 – License or endorsement as professional administrator of school; endorsement as professional administrator of program, and NAC 391.171 – Conditional endorsement as professional administrator of school: Qualifications; authorized employment; term of validity; automatic invalidity; reinstatement; requirements to apply for unconditional endorsement. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*). The Commission will consider a regulation relating to educational personnel; authorizing the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue an interim endorsement as a professional administrator of a program to certain persons; revising provisions governing the issuance of a license or endorsement as a professional administrator of a school, an endorsement as a professional administrator of a program and an interim endorsement as a professional administrator of a school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This endorsement will create an Interim Route to Certification for school and program administrators. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.**

9:02 A.M

8. **Public Hearing R013-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Course of Instruction, NAC 391.065 – Renewal of license: Educational and professional requirements; exceptions, NAC 391.070 – Renewal of license: General requirements; fee; delay of expiration date by Superintendent of Public Instruction, and NAC 391.095 – Qualifications for elementary license (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*). The Commission will consider a regulation relating to educational personnel; requiring an applicant for a license to teach elementary education and certain applicants for the renewal of such a license to complete a course of instruction in foundational literacy skills; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will comply with Senate Bill 460 Sections 39 and 41.5 requiring educators who apply for an initial elementary license or renewal of an**

elementary license, to have completed a course in the Science of Reading. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

9:03 A.M.

- 9. Public Hearing 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 relating to educational personnel; establishing and prescribing the qualifications for an endorsement in trauma-informed instruction; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will create an endorsement in trauma-informed instruction. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

9:04 A.M.

- 10. Public Hearing 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 relating to educational personnel; revising requirements for obtaining a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will update the pathway for elementary license holders to obtain an early childhood endorsement by changing the practicum requirement to a 1 semester course. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation

9:05 A.M.

- 11. Public Hearing R044-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Early Childhood Autism Endorsement, and NAC 391.378 – Qualifications for teaching pupils who have autism; endorsement to teach such pupils (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).** The Commission will consider a regulation relating to educational personnel; providing for the issuance of an endorsement to teach certain pupils with autism spectrum disorder in a program of early childhood education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will create an early childhood autism endorsement and create a pathway for early childhood special education license holders to obtain the endorsement. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.
- 12. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) endorsement program (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).** The Commission will consider a proposed STEM endorsement program from the University of Nevada, Reno. The Commission may approve or not approve this program.
- Dr. Jackie Nygaard, Education Programs Professional (EPP), Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement (EDLiFE)
- 13. Alternative Route to Licensure (ARL) programs (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).** The Commission will consider new ARL programs from Nevada State University in the areas of Early Childhood, Elementary, Special Education, and Secondary. The Commission may approve or not approve these programs.
- Dr. Jackie Nygaard, EPP, EDLiFE

14. Future Agenda Items

- Workshops and Public Hearings

15. Public Comment #2

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16. Adjournment