

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION
APRIL 17, 2024
9:00 AM**

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| Department of Education | 2080 E. Flamingo Rd. | Las Vegas | Room 114 |
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SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Vice President Jennifer Davis
Commissioner Kenny Belknap
Commissioner Shartriya Collier
Commissioner Meredith Freeman
Commissioner Joseph Morgan

In Carson City:

Commissioner Joseph Girdner
Commissioner Jamie Hawkins
Commissioner Sherry Mitchell
Commissioner Derild Parsons

Virtually:

Commissioner Christina Tucker

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

President Amy Rozar
Commissioner Warren Shillingburg
Commissioner Jordan Wenger

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Jeff Briske, Director, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement (EDLiFE)
Geri Mendiola, Administrative Assistant III, EDLiFE

In Carson City:

Christy McGill, Deputy Superintendent, Educator Effectiveness and Family Engagement

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy Attorney General David Gardener (Virtually)

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE

In Las Vegas:

None

Carson City:

None

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

Vice President Davis called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Roll call attendance was taken as reflected above and a quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Belknap.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

1. Christy McGill, Deputy Superintendent, Educator Effectiveness and Family Engagement introduced herself to the Commission and expressed her gratitude and appreciation for all the good, detailed work that the Commission accomplished. Additionally, Deputy Superintendent McGill commended Jeffery Briske, Director, for the committed work and support of the Commission and assured that the Commission is welcome to reach out to her anytime.

There were no public comments in Las Vegas.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Davis recognized several events taking place for the month such as:

- April 1-5 - National Assistant Principals Week
- April 7-13 – Public School Volunteer Week
- April 24-30 – National Student Leadership Week
- April 2 - International Children's Book Day
- April 16 – National Librarian Day
- April 17 – Purple Up Day
- April 22 – Earth Day
- April 23 – School Bus Driver Day
- April 24 – Administrative Professionals Day
- April 27 – National Tell a Story Day

Vice President Davis also noted that Agenda Item #6 will be pulled from today's meeting agenda.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Briske, Director, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement (EDLiFE) noted that since the last Commission meeting Legislative Council Bureau (LCB); final edits are being made for several regulations and if the Commission did not see regulations they are closely following

on today's agenda, they will see them at our August meeting. Director Briske noted that at the May meeting, the Commission will consider approval of additional ARL program areas from approved program providers and consider adoption of the STEM praxis exam.

5. APPROVAL OF MARCH 20, 2024, MINUTES (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

Vice President Davis asked the Commission if they would like to discuss the March 20, 2024, minutes. No discussion was made regarding the March 20, 2024, minutes. Vice President Davis entertained a motion to approve the March meeting minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Freeman moved to approve the March 20, 2024, meeting minutes. Commissioner Belknap seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING FOR R064-23 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.XXX – VISITING INTERNATIONAL TEACHER LICENSE. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

This item was pulled from the agenda.

7. PUBLIC HEARING FOR R088-23 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTERS 391.065 – RENEWAL OF LICENSE: EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS; EXCEPTIONS; AND 391.080 – APPROVAL OF PROVIDERS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

Vice President Davis announced public hearing R088-23 at 9:14 A.M. to solicit comments on proposed regulation 088-23. The Commission considered a regulation relating to educational personnel; revising the educational requirements for the renewal of certain licenses of teachers and other educational personnel; revising provisions governing the approval of providers of continuing education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The regulation will allow educators to earn continuing education hours at any time during the licensure period and to ensure the providers of professional development align their learning activities to Nevada Professional Development Learning Standards. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

Director Briske explained that as discussed at the Public Workshop:

Section 1(a): would allow the licensee to obtain continuing education at any time during the licensure period without restrictions to 15 clock hours each calendar year. This section would also allow 90 clock hours, 6 semester credits or a combination of hours and credits.

Subsection (c): delineates that approved providers include college/university, RPDP, Local Education Agencies, or employee organizations, or other approved providers approved per NAC 391.080.

Section 2: describes the approval process to become an approved provider of continuing education for licensure renewal hours – namely that the learning activities incorporate the Nevada Learning Standards prescribed in NAC 391A.300.

Section 3: has conforming language.

Section 4: includes transitory language allowing the Department to accept any professional development until this regulation becomes law.

Vice President Davis asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussions regarding proposed R088-23. Vice President Davis expressed that she is very excited to see this regulation for consideration because this regulation would open a pathway for teachers to earn their required credits and complete their professional development for their license renewal while earning their pay. There were no other questions or discussions from the Commission. Vice President Davis entertained a motion to adopt R088-23.

Motion: Commissioner Belknap moved to adopt R088-23. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8. PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC 391.XXX – RENEWAL OF LICENSE: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT TO COMPLETE COURSE IN PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FOR TEACHERS INITIALLY LICENSED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2015; REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE; APPLICABILITY OF CREDITS TOWARDS OTHER REQUIREMENTS; NAC CHAPTER 391.045 AS AMENDED BY R076-19 – APPLICATION FOR LICENSE OR ENDORSEMENT: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION; FEE; APPLICABILITY OF ACADEMIC CREDITS; NAC 391.0565 – PROVISIONAL NONRENEWABLE LICENSURE: REMOVAL OF PROVISIONS; NAC 391.070 – RENEWAL OF LICENSE: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS; FEE; DELAY OF EXPIRATION DATES BY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; NAC 391.073 – RENEAL OF LICENSE: REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE RETIRED AND HOLD A VALID LICENSE ISSUED BY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; FEE; TERM OF VALIDITY; DELAY OF EXPIRATION DATE BY SUPERINTENDENT; ENDORSEMENT; RENEWAL; NAC 391.111 – LICENSE TO TEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL OR JUNIOR HIGHT SCHOOL EDUCATION: QUALIFICATIONS; REQUIREMENTS AND RECOGNIZED SUBJECTS FOR ENDORSEMENT; EXCEPTION; NAC 391.120 – QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE; QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSE WITH ENDORSEMENT IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION; NAC 391.215 – ENDORSEMENT TO TEACH ART; AND NAC 391.270 – ENDORSEMENT TO TEACH MUSIC. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)**

Vice President Davis announced public workshop at 9:18 A.M. to solicit comments on proposed regulation updating NAC 391.045, 391.070, 391.073, 391.111, 391.120, 391.215, and 391.270. The Commission considered a new regulation and updating current regulations to comply with Senate Bill 442 (2023). The proposed regulation would remove the Parent Involvement & Family Engagement (PIFE) and Special Education courses as license provisions. The PIFE course would be a license renewal requirement. The Special Education course will be added to the middle, secondary, K-12 Art, and K-12 Music initial prep programs. Additionally, Computer Science was added as a middle school endorsement and the Education Technology course would be updated. Finally, the fees for review of the application. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

Director Briske explained the update to NAC 391.045 would remove the special education and the Parent Involvement and Family Engagement courses to comply with Senate Bill 442 (2023).

The PIFE course would become a license renewal requirement. Language has been added to not put an additional burden on a licensee if they have already taken this course at any time prior to application for renewal.

The special education course would become an initial preparation coursework requirement for the middle, secondary and K-12 Music and Art licenses.

NAC 391.111 will be updated with conforming language for the special education course requirement, adding Computer Science to the Educational technology course, and adding Computer Science as an endorsement for middle school.

NAC 391.120, 391.215, and 391.270 will be updated with conforming language adding the special education course to the initial prep program for the secondary, art, and music licenses respectively.

Director Briske reiterated what was discussed in previous meetings regarding application fees, the EDLiFE office needs to increase revenue by nearly 16% to cover current and anticipated costs to keep the office functioning. Because of this substantial change from the previous workshop, it is necessary to conduct today's workshop.

Updates to NAC 391.045, 391.0565, 391.070, and 391.073 will increase the application review fee by \$20 across the board upon passage.

The fees will also increase by \$5 annually on July 1, 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028. There will be no additional fee increase after July 1, 2028, unless acted upon through the regulation process. The reason for these gradual fee increases through 2028 will allow the Office to continue in the black without having to revisit the regulation each year.

Director Briske invited Celeste Arnold, Administrative Services Officer III, from our Student Investment Division to the table in Carson City to discuss the graphic that was submitted in the meeting materials.

Ms. Arnold presented detailed information on the Licensure Historical and Projected Revenue and Expenses graphic presented to the Commission. Ms. Arnold explained that personnel costs continue to increase with current projections on existing personnel staff are projected to be approximately two million dollars in fiscal year 2025. Additionally, the Department's licensure system will be posting a Request for Proposals, which may require a new vendor and a new system. The maintenance of the current licensure system is \$144,000 per year. Once the new system has been developed and implemented, it will require an estimated maintenance cost of \$200,000 per year which will most likely increase due to inflation.

Vice President Davis asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussions regarding the draft language. There were no questions or discussions. Vice President Davis entertained a motion to move this regulation to a Public Hearing.

Motion: Commissioner Belknap moved to approve the regulation be moved to a Public Hearing. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.XXX – SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM) ENDORSEMENT (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

Vice President Davis announced public workshop at 9:27 A.M. to solicit comments on a proposed regulation that will create a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Endorsement. The Commission considered a regulation relating to educational personnel, establishing the educational requirements for a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math endorsement. This endorsement would be an option and not required to teach STEM courses, related curriculum or experiences.

Director Briske explained the intent of this regulation is to provide additional education and pathways for educators to obtain a STEM endorsement.

Section 1 requires that a person must have a valid early childhood, elementary, or special education license, two years of verified experience as a teacher **AND** one of four pathways in the following subsections:

Subsection (a) requires 12 semester credits in college coursework.

Subsection (b) requires completion of a National Certification for STEM;

- three semester hours in examination and development of instructional and assessment materials; and
- three semester hours in application of learned content, instruction, and assessment with reflection and analysis of materials.

Subsection (c) requires completion of a professional learning course sequence offered by the Department or from a Regional Professional Department Program in cooperation with a college or university.

Subsection (d) is specific to persons currently in assignment as a STEM specialist, school STEM strategist, District STEM leader or equivalent for at least 3 years in a Nevada school;

- Verification of assignment and experience; and
- Earn a passing score on the Elementary Praxis STEM examination.

Section 2 states the grade level validity of the STEM endorsement.

Section 3 sunsets subsection (d) of Section 1 three years after the adoption of this regulation or December 31, 2027, whichever is later.

Vice President Davis asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussions regarding the Stem Endorsement regulation. There were no questions or discussions. Vice President Davis entertained a motion to move this regulation to a Public Hearing.

Motion: Commissioner Freeman moved to approve the STEM Endorsement regulation be moved to a Public Hearing. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC 391.036 – TESTS OF COMPETENCY REQUIRED FOR INITIAL LICENSE; EXEMPTIONS; FAILURE TO COMPLY. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

Vice President Davis announced public workshop at 9:31 A.M. to solicit comments on proposed amendments to NAC 391.036. The Commission considered revising this regulation to comply with Assembly Bill 428 Section 3.4 (2023). The proposed regulation will allow an applicant to complete approved course work with a grade “B” or better in lieu of a basic reading, writing, or math test after first attempt and not passing the test. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this workshop to a Public Hearing.

Section 3 of NAC 391.036 delineates current exemptions for an applicant from passing the Praxis Core.

Subsection (c) was added offering another exemption if the applicant provides evidence that they:

- Did not pass the Praxis Core
- After not passing they completed approved coursework with a grade “B” or better in the subject area for the test that was not passed; and
- Submits official transcripts with the approved coursework.

Vice President Davis asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussion regarding the proposed regulation. Vice President Davis entertained a motion to move NAC 391.036 to a Public Hearing.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan moved to approve NAC 391.036 be moved to a Public Hearing. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no future agenda items.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Davis entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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