

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

Office	Address	City	Meeting
Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo	Las Vegas	Room 114
Department of Education	700 E. Fifth St.	Carson City	Board Room
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SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

President Amy Rozar
 Vice President Jennifer Davis
 Commissioner Meredith Freeman
 Commissioner Joseph Morgan
 Commissioner Jamie Hawkins

In Carson City:

Commissioner Joseph Girdner
 Commissioner Sherry Mitchell

Virtually:

Commissioner Christina Tucker
 Commissioner Jordan Wenger

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Commissioner Kenny Belknap
 Commissioner Shartriya Collier
 Commissioner Warren Shillingburg
 Commissioner Derild Parsons

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

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

In Carson City:

None

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy Attorney General David Gardener (Virtually)

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE

In Las Vegas:

None

Carson City:

Mary Pierczynski, Nevada Association of School Superintendents (NASS)

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 Hawkins.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

There were no public comments in person or submitted via email.

3. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

- Zoo and Aquarium Month
- LGBTQI+ Pride Month
- Quality Counts School Finance Ranking Released (1st Week)
- 2024 Nevada Teacher of the Year Nominations
- Graduations
- Summer Reading
- June 9 – Children's Day
- June 14 – Flag Day
- June 16 – Father's Day
- June 19 - Juneteenth
- June 20 – First Day of Summer

President Rozar congratulated Commissioner Mitchell on her retirement with Douglas CSD and Commissioner Girdner on his promotion to Superintendent at Storey CSD; both Commissioners are no longer eligible to serve on the Commission. June 17th was their last official meeting. President Rozar asked the Commissioners if they would like to share a few words.

Commissioner Mitchell expressed her thanks for the opportunity to be a part of the Commission and to expand her knowledge of how processes are accomplished.

Commissioner Girdner expressed the work that involves the Commission is very important and although his time served was brief, it was an honor to serve on the Commission.

In addition, President Rozar recognized Commissioners Belknap and Tucker who both completed their first terms on the Commission. The Department will recommend to the Governor that both Commissioners be reappointed for a second term. Commissioner Tucker expressed her thanks to the Commission for the opportunity to serve on the Commission and looks forward to her reappointment.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Briske, Director, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement (EDLiFE) provided the following updates on regulations received back from the Legislative Council Bureau:

Ready for today

R008-24 PIFE, Special Ed, Fees
R012-24 Early Childhood Special Education

Ready for August

R009-24 Multicultural Education

Pending LCB Initial Drafting or final editing

R010-24 Admin IRC
R011-24 Special Ed IRC
R066-24 Transcripts
R067-24 Coursework / Praxis
R070-24 STEM
R100-24 Apprentice License

Sent to Legislative Commission for consideration and final adoption

R118-22 ARL exam requirement
R119-22 Middle/Sec Subject Area exams
R124-22 PSY intern & Assistant license
R165-22 Major Minor CTE
R167-22 Model Code of Ethics
R063-23 Tiered Provisions
R065-23 Repealed Regs
R087-23 Nat Board Renewal
R088-23 License Renewal hours & PD Approval
R090-23 Program Admin Areas

Director Briske noted that the Commission has completed a lot of work by consideration and adoption of nineteen regulations in this interim. Director Briske recognized Anabel Sanchez, who has been with the Department for just over two and a half years. Anabel transitioned to the Family Engagement unit in April where she will continue her great work. Director Briske

thanked Anabel Sanchez for her work with the Commission. Director Briske also congratulated Vice President Davis who completed her second term with the Commission and will no longer be eligible to serve. June 17 was her last official meeting. Vice President Davis remarked she began the journey to serve on the Commission since 2017 where she served for two years as the Early Childhood Commissioner. She feels honored to have served as the Commission's Vice President and emphasized that she has witnessed the Commission grow and accomplish great work for students and teachers. President Rozar thanked Vice President Davis and expressed that it has been a pleasure working with her.

5. APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2024, MINUTES (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

President Rozar asked the Commission if they would like to discuss the April 17, 2024, minutes. No discussion was made regarding the April 17, 2024, minutes. President Rozar entertained a motion to approve the April meeting minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the April 17, 2024, meeting minutes. Vice President Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR R100-24 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.XXX – SPECIAL LICENSE FOR APPRENTICESHIP. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).

President Rozar announced Public Workshop at 9:09 AM to solicit comments on proposed regulation 100-24 creating NAC 391.XXX. The Commission considered a regulation relating to educational personnel, revising the current Student Teaching license into an Apprentice license and defining the educational requirements and employment opportunities for the optional license. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

Director Briske noted that last year the Commission adopted a student teacher residence license. Most if not all student teachers already have their sub license and thus there is not a demand for this license. The Department proposed repurposing the student teacher license into a registered apprentice license for those students who are enrolled in an approved registered apprenticeship educator preparation program. The three-year provisional bridge license would allow license holders to substitute, student teach, and after graduation, be employed until they convert to a standard license. The regulation would also allow employers to offer employment immediately after graduation and would allow recent summer and late summer graduates to be employed without the worry of waiting for a standard license to be issued and a background check to be completed by the first day of school.

Section 2 of the proposed regulation has conforming language which updates the fee because this is now a 3-year provisional license and removed the required 90 hours of semester credits required for a student teaching license.

Section 3 has conforming language, requires graduation for employment, safeguards employment salary and benefits, and defines teacher preparation program.

Section 4 has conforming language and section 5 had been removed as it is no longer needed.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussions regarding R100-24. There were no discussions or questions from the Commission. President Rozar entertained a motion to approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

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

7. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR R008-24 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDEMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.XXX – RENEWAL OF LICENSE: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT TO COMPLETE COURSE IN PARENT INVOLVMENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FOR TEACHERS INITIALLY LICENSED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2015; REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE; APPLICABILITY OF CREDITS TOWARD OTHER REQUIREMENTS; NAC 391.045 AS AMENDED BY R076-19 – APPLICATION FOR LICENSE OR ENDORSEMENT: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION; FEE; APPLICABILITY OF ACADEMIC CREDITS; NAC 391.056 – PROVISIONAL NONRENEWABLE LICENSURE: QUALIFICATIONS; TERM OF VALIDITY; ADDITION OF ENDORSEMENTS; NAC 391.0565 – PROVISIONAL NONRENEWABLE LICENSURE: REMOVAL OF PROVISIONS; NAC 391.065 – RENEWAL OF LICENSE: EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS; EXCEPTIONS; NAC391.070 – RENEWAL OF LICENS: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS; FEE; DELAY OF EXPIRATION DATE BY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; NAC 391.073 – RENEWAL 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 HIGH 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; AND SECTION 2 OF LCB FILE NO. R128-22 – STUDENT TEACHER RESIDENT LICENSE . *(Information/Discussion/For possible action)***

President Rozar announced public hearing R008-24 at 9:13 A.M. to solicit comments on proposed regulation 008-24. The Commission considered a regulation relating to educational personnel; revising the educational requirements for endorsements to teach certain subjects; revising the subjects recognized for an endorsement to teach middle school or junior high school; increasing the fees for the issuance or renewal of certain licenses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The regulation will change the Parent Involvement and

Family Engagement course from and initial provision to a renewal requirement, require a special education course for initial preparation programs, increase application fees and add computer science as a middle school endorsement area. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

Director Briske explained that as discussed at previous workshops the update to NAC 391.045 would remove 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.

Finally, as discussed updates to NAC 391.045, 391.0565, 391.070, and 391.073 will increase the application fee by \$20 across the board upon passage and \$5 annually through 2028. These gradual fee increases through 2028 will allow the Licensure Office to continue in the black without having to revisit the regulation each year.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussions regarding proposed R088-24. There were no questions or discussions from the Commission. President Rozar entertained a motion to adopt R008-24.

Motion: Commissioner Hawkins moved to adopt R008-24. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARING FOR R012-24 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.363 – QUALIFICATIONS FOR TEACHING PUPILS WHO HAVE DISABILITIES AND WHO ARE UNDER 8 YEARS OF AGE IN PROGRAM OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION; ENDORSEMENT TO TEACH PUPILS IN SUCH PROGRAM. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

President Rozar announced public hearing R012-24 at 9:16 A.M. to solicit comments on proposed amendments to NAC Chapter 391.363. The Commission considered a regulation relating to educational personnel; revising requirements for a person to teach pupils who have disabilities and who are under 8 years of age in a program of early childhood special education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The regulation will ensure that persons

wishing to obtain this license have a minimum bachelor's degree and ensure coursework rigor for this endorsement. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

Director Briske explained the intent of this regulation is to correct a loophole allowing a person to obtain this license without a minimum bachelor's degree.

Section 1(b) is the IRC option which will be removed and added to the IRC regulation

Section 2(a) is not necessary because the program is described below

Section 2 new sub paragraph (a) is reciprocity

Section 2 new sub paragraph (b) is a degree holder with student teaching

Section 3 describes the program requirements

Section 4 allows one course in lieu of two courses

Section 5 is dated and not needed anymore.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussions regarding the draft language. There were no questions or discussions. President Rozar entertained a motion to adopt R012-24.

Motion: Vice President Davis moved to adopt R008-24 and R012-24. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. APPROVAL OF CURRENT AND NEW ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO LICENSURE PROGRAM AREAS FOR NEVADA TEACHER CORPS/THE NEW TEACHER PROJECT. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

The Commission heard and considered for approval the Department's recommendations for approval of Elementary program revisions and new program areas for Early Childhood and Secondary Mathematics offered by the Nevada Teacher Corps/The New Teacher Project. The Commission may approve or not approve these new program areas.

Director Briske confirmed that the Department has reviewed the elementary program revisions, new early childhood, and secondary math program area submissions, and recommends adoption. The program areas have been sent to certain Commissioners for their review as required by NAC.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussions regarding the Department's recommendation to adopt the new program areas. There were no questions or discussions. President Rozar entertained a motion to approve new program areas of Early Childhood and Secondary Math as well as revisions to the Elementary program at Nevada Teach Corps.

Motion: Commissioner Freeman moved to approve the new programs of Early Childhood and Secondary Math and revisions to the Elementary program at Nevada Teach Corps. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. APPROVAL OF NEW ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO LICENSURE PROGRAM AREAS FOR WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

The Commission heard and considered the Department's recommendations for the approval of new program areas for Special Education Hearing Impairment, Secondary Music, and Secondary Physical Education offered by Washoe County School District. The Commission may approve or not approve the new program areas.

Director Briske confirmed that the Department has reviewed the new program areas of Hearing Impairment, Secondary Music and Secondary Physical Education and recommends approval. The program areas have been sent to certain Commissioners for their review as required by NAC.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussion regarding approval of the program areas. There were no questions or discussions. President Rozar entertained a motion to approve the new program areas of Hearing Impairment, Secondary Music, and Secondary Physical Education at Washoe County School District.

Motion: Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve the new program areas of Hearing Impairment, Secondary Music and Secondary Physical Education at Washoe County School District. Vice President Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. APPROVAL OF ELEMENTARY SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM) EXAM. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

The Commission considered adoption of the Elementary Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) exam offered by Educational Testing Services (ETS) and set the passing score. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this exam.

Director Briske recapped that the STEM endorsement workshop was conducted by the Commission at the last meeting of April 17, 2024. It was recommended that the Commission adopt the Elementary STEM exam as it is one of the pathways for individuals in assignment as a STEM specialist. The recommended passing score for the exam is 154.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussion regarding the adoption of the STEM exam. There were no questions or discussion. President Rozar entertained a motion to adopt the Elementary STEM exam with a passing score of 154.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan moved to adopt the Elementary STEM exam with a passing score of 154. Vice President Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no future agenda items.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Rozar entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Freeman moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 9:24 A.M.