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**April 20, 2026**

**Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation**

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education  
as proposed in LCB File #R043-26

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education will hold a public hearing **at 9:04 A.M.** on **Wednesday, May 20, 2026** via [livestream](#) and at the following locations: **Nevada Department of Education Offices at 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City and 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada.** The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 391.089 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 391.019, 391.031, and 391.032.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 233B.0603:

**1. The need and the purpose of the proposed regulations and/or amendments:** In accordance with NRS 391.019, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education shall adopt regulations:

- *Prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel and the procedures for the issuance and renewal of those licenses.*

NRS 391.031, The Commission on Professional Standards in Education shall adopt regulations:

- *Providing for the issuance of special licenses to teachers and other educational personnel in this State.*

NRS 391.032, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education shall adopt regulations:

- *Providing for the issuance of provisional licenses to teachers and other educational personnel before completion of all courses of study or other requirements for a license in this State.*

**2. Description of the proposed regulation, or the subjects and issues involved:** The proposed regulation is relating to educational personnel; NAC Chapter 391.089 – Qualifications for license to teach pupils in program of early childhood education. 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

**3. The revised text of the proposed regulation is attached to this notice.**

4. **Estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public:** There is no economic effect of the regulation on the business that it regulates and no impact on the public.
5. **Methods used by the agency in determining the impact on a small business:** Small business are not impacted by this regulation.
6. **The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:** No costs.
7. **Description and citation of duplicative or overlapping regulations of other state or local governmental agencies:** There is no duplication or overlap of regulations of state or local government agencies.
8. **Is the regulation required by federal law?** This regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.
9. **Does the regulation include provisions more stringent than a federal regulation regarding the same activity?** There is no federal law affecting or overlapping the proposed regulations.
10. **Does the proposed regulation establish a new fee or increase an existing fee?** The proposed regulation does not establish a new fee or increase an existing fee.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposed regulation may be obtained at the hearing, on the [Commission on Professional Standards in Education webpage](#), by contacting the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, Nevada Department of Education, via email at [COPS@doe.nv.gov](mailto:COPS@doe.nv.gov), by telephone at (702) 668-4317 or in person at the Nevada Department of Education, 2080 E. Flamingo Rd. Las Vegas, Nevada. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education may provide in- person testimony, submit written comment to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education via email at [COPS@doe.nv.gov](mailto:COPS@doe.nv.gov), or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, Nevada Department of Education, 2080 E. Flamingo Rd. Las Vegas, Nevada 89119. Comments may be submitted via email leading up to and for the duration of the meeting, and those submitted via mail must be received by the Department on or before **Friday, May 15, 2026**. A record of all submitted comments will be retained, and the Commission will proceed to consider any public comment received.

This notice and the text of the proposed regulation has been sent to all persons on the agencies mailing list for the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, posted on the [Commission on Professional Standards in Education](#) webpage, [Nevada's Public Notice](#) webpage, the [Nevada State Legislature's Administrative Regulations notices](#) webpage, available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and physically posted at the Nevada Department of Education Offices. Copies of this notice will also be emailed and/or mailed to members of the public upon request.

**Notice required by NRS 233B.064:** Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON  
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

**LCB File No. R043-26**

April 7, 2026

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [~~omitted material~~] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 391.019, 391.031 and 391.032; § 2, NRS 391.019.

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.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) Existing law includes a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education among the kinds of licenses which are available to teachers and other educational personnel in the State. (NRS 391.031) Existing regulations outline various pathways for obtaining a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education. If an applicant for a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education holds an elementary license, existing regulations require the applicant to have experience teaching pupils under 6 years of age consisting of: (1) eight semester hours of student teaching; (2) one year of verifiable experience teaching pupils in certain programs of early childhood education; or (3) an equivalent field experience or practicum through an accredited college or university. (NAC 391.089) **Section 1** of this regulation instead requires such an applicant to have completed 1 semester hour in a supervised practicum which meets certain requirements. **Section 2** of this regulation provides the effective date for this regulation.

**Section 1.** NAC 391.089 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.089 To receive a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education, a person must hold a bachelor’s degree or graduate degree from an accredited college or university and must:

1. Have completed a program of preparation to teach such pupils that is approved by the Department;

2. Hold a license to teach such pupils that was issued by another state and approved by the Commission;

3. Hold an elementary license and:

(a) Have ~~[experience teaching pupils under 6 years of age that consists of:~~

~~—— (1) Eight semester hours of student teaching;~~

~~—— (2) One year of verifiable experience teaching pupils in a program of early childhood education conducted by a public school, a public agency or a private school licensed pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS at the conclusion of which the person was eligible for reemployment; or~~

~~—— (3) An equivalent field experience or practicum conducted by an accredited college or university;]~~ *completed at least 1 semester hour in a supervised practicum conducted by an accredited college or university which includes, without limitation:*

*(1) Experience teaching pupils under 6 years of age under the supervision of an instructor; and*

*(2) Coaching assistance from the local educational agency;*

(b) Have completed at least 6 semester hours of courses in early childhood education consisting of courses in any of the following subjects:

(1) Early childhood curriculum;

(2) Emergent language and literacy; or

(3) Play theory and creativity; and

(c) Have completed at least 6 additional semester hours of courses in any of the courses described in paragraph (b) or in any of the following subjects:

(1) Child development and learning;

(2) Culturally and linguistically responsive pedagogy; or

(3) Classroom management, which must include, without limitation, positive discipline and guidance and social, emotional and academic development; or

4. Have completed:

(a) Twenty-seven semester hours of courses in early childhood education for children who are developing typically and atypically consisting of three semester hours in each of the following, with instruction in assessment and evaluation embedded in all required courses:

(1) Child development and learning;

(2) Language and literacy;

(3) Mathematics;

(4) Science;

(5) Social studies;

(6) Strategies for working with children with disabilities;

(7) Classroom management, which must include, without limitation, positive discipline and guidance and social, emotional and academic development;

(8) Culturally and linguistically responsive pedagogy; and

(9) Play theory and creativity; and

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, 8 semester hours of supervised student teaching in a program of early childhood education involving pupils from birth through grade 2. In lieu of completing 8 semester hours of student teaching, a person may have 1 year of verifiable experience teaching pupils in a program of early childhood education conducted by a public school, a public agency or a private school licensed pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS.

**Sec. 2.** This regulation becomes effective on the later of:

1. August 1, 2026; or

2. The date on which this regulation is approved by the Legislative Commission and filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 233B.070.