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## Action

### *General Session*

### Approval of the February 2026 Minutes

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**Executive Summary:** The Commission will review and approve the minutes of the February 2026 meeting of the Commission.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the minutes of the February 2026 meeting.

**Presenter:** None

### Strategic Plan Goal

#### *Continuous Improvement*

- **Goal 7.** The Commission's work is grounded in research, informed by the voices of practitioners and communities of interests, and supports continuous improvement in educator preparation and licensure.

## Commission on Teacher Credentialing Minutes of the February 12-13, 2026 Meeting

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### Commission Members Attending

Marquita Grenot-Scheyer, Public Representative, Chair  
Jose Cardenas, Non-Administrative Services Credential Representative, Vice Chair  
Danette Brown, Teacher Representative  
Kathryn Browne, Ex-Officio, California Community College  
Juan Cruz, School Administrator Representative (2/12 only)  
Michael de la Torre, Teacher Representative  
Deborah Erickson, Ex-Officio, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities  
Annamarie Francois, Ex-Officio, University of California  
Ira Lit, Faculty Member Representative  
Ruben Mancillas, Teacher Representative  
Shireen Pavri, Ex-Officio, California State University  
Mandy Redfern, Teacher Representative  
David Simmons, Human Resources Administrator Representative  
Richard Simpson, Public Representative  
Mike Torres, Designee, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Phuong Uzoff, Teacher Representative

### Commission Members Absent

None

### *Thursday, February 12, 2026*

#### General Session

Chair Marquita Grenot-Scheyer convened the General Session of the Commission at 9:01 a.m. Roll call was taken, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Grenot-Scheyer congratulated Commissioner Ira Lit on his reappointment and welcomed Mandy Redfern as a teacher representative on the Commission. She also honored Christopher Davis for his service on the Commission.

Chair Grenot-Scheyer announced the appointments for the 2026 Executive Committee:

- Danette Brown, Educator Preparation Committee
- Michael de la Torre, Professional Practices Committee
- Juan Cruz, Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee
- Jose Cardenas, Legislative Committee
- David Simmons, Certification Committee
- Ira Lit, Appeals and Waivers Committee

**1A: Approval of December 2025 Minutes**

Commissioner Simpson moved approval of the December 2025 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Redfern abstaining.

**1B: Approval of the February 2026 Agenda**

Commissioner Mancillas moved approval of the February 2026 Agenda with an agenda insert 1C and a revised item 3A. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

**1C: Approval of the February 2026 Consent Calendar**

Commissioner Simpson moved approval of the February 2026 Consent Calendar. Commissioner Redfern seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent. Commissioner Cardenas recused himself from items #17. Richard Blackston and #95. Molly Elicabeth West. Commissioner de la Torre recused himself from items #2. Irma Aguirre, #4. Kelvin Alfaro, #10. Ramon Banaga, #12. Elliot Baribeault, #15. Mauro Bautista, #22. Christopher Burgess, #55. Amy Leserman, #74. James Tyrone Norris, #75. Diana Ocampo, #87. Yancy Romero, and #94. Elidia Vazquez.

**PEACH**, submitted a written comment which raised concerns that the term Mentor is only mentioned in the permit document in relationship to the ECE 3 and requested the Commission and its workgroups to continue dialogue on preserving placement eligibility for qualified teachers of record who hold a Master Teacher Permit or ECE 2 for supervision of non-permit or ECE 1 permit holders.

**1D: Chair's Report**

Chair Grenot-Scheyer expressed her gratitude to Commissioner Cardenas as he assumed the role of Vice Chair and thanked all the Committee Chairs for their willingness to serve on the Executive Committee. Chair Grenot-Scheyer acknowledged February as Black History Month and shared a quote from Dr. Lonnie G. Buch III. She raised concerns regarding the behaviors of the current administration and stated that momentum, optimism and a desire for change are powerful forces. Finally, she provided a summary of the Commission's accomplishments in 2025.

**1E: Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Mary Vixie Sandy provided an overview of the Commission's priorities and milestones for 2026. Executive Director Sandy introduced Patricia Lane, a new Consultant with the Division of Research, Evaluation and Assessment, and Michelle Fennell and Susan Olsen, new Consultants with the Division of Standards, Accreditation, and Workforce Investment.

**1F: Commission Member Reports**

Commissioner Browne thanked Christopher Davis for his service on the Commission and welcomed Mandy Redfern to the Commission. She provided an update regarding current initiatives from the California Community Colleges and commended Commission staff for their

work on the Early Childhood Education Community Circles. Lastly, she reported on her attendance at the Advanced Director Mentor & Statewide Institute on February 6-8 in Sacramento.

Commissioner Francois expressed her appreciation to Chair Grenot-Scheyer and Executive Director Sandy for their reports and acknowledged Dr. Imelda Nava, a teacher educator at UCLA specializing in STEM and Computer Science education, for her service over the last 25 years to UCLA and state of California. She also shared remarks in honor of Black History Month and expressed her hope that that Black History Month moves everyone to strengthening their resolve to make public schools a better place for all children.

Commissioner Torres presented a summary of the California Department of Education's updates, ongoing programs, and recent activities.

Commissioner Erickson thanked the Commission and its staff for their past and future work. She shared information about the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities' work on the Golden State Teachers Grant and the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan and raised concerns about ICE agents patrolling schools, hospitals, churches, and communities in various cities across the state.

Commissioner Pavri commended Chair Grenot-Scheyer and Executive Director Sandy on their reports and welcomed Commissioner Redfern to the Commission. She acknowledged comments made by other Commissioners and shared information about the PAVE Toolkit that the California State University and California Community Colleges developed collaboratively.

Commissioner Cardenas greeted everyone, acknowledged Christopher Davis, and welcomed Commissioner Redfern. He spoke about why he loves being a school counselor and recognized National School Counseling Week. He reported on his attendance at a Historically Black Colleges and Universities fevent held at one of his schools, the We Will! Education Workforce conference, and an AI Symposium. He shared information regarding various programs and resources for students and encouraged everyone to stay connected to amplify student voices and support families and communities; and to lead with their hearts to bring peace and calm to the chaos that's happening across the nation.

### **1G: Liaison Reports**

Haydee Rodriguez, State Board of Education Liaison, reported on her attendance at the State Board's January 2026 meeting.

Joseph Morrison, Commission Student Liaison, spoke about the impact of the current administration on students and credential candidates and expressed the importance that candidates balance the fine line between taking care of themselves and their students.

### **Certification Committee**

Committee Chair David Simmons convened the Certification Committee.

**2A: Proposed Regulatory Amendments Pertaining to Adding Supplementary and Subject Matter Authorizations to General Education Teaching Credentials**

Ann Harris, Program Manager, Division of Licensure Certification; Alisha Mernick, President, California Art Education Association; and Lindsay Lindberg and Cherie Hill, Co-Presidents, California Dance Education Association, presented this item which provided proposed amendments to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, related to Supplementary and Subject Matter Authorizations, in response to Assembly Bill 2473 and updated coursework requirements to earn visual and dance related authorizations to align with current curriculum frameworks.

**Commission Action**

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed amendments to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations related to Supplementary and Subject Matter Authorizations and direct staff to submit the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to the Office of Administrative Law. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

**2B: Proposed Amendments to Title 5, Sections 80025.1 and 80025.3 Pertaining to General Education Substitute Teaching Assignments Beyond 30 Days**

Erin Skubal, Senior Director, Licensing Branch, presented this item which provided a refined proposal, in the form of proposed amendments to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 80025.1 and 80025.3, responsive to Commission direction and action at the December 2025 meeting.

The following individuals spoke and/or provided written comments on this item:

1. Kyle Hyland/Anthony Rebelo, Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education
2. Rachel Murphy, Public Advocates and the LCFF Equity Coalition
3. Pamela Gibbs, Los Angeles County Office of Education
4. Maclean Rozansky, Alameda County Office of Education
5. Lee Angela Reid, Small School Districts' Association
6. Steve McDougall, California Federation of Teachers
7. Adrienne Miyadi, California Teachers Association
8. Yolanda Munoz, California Teachers Association
9. Serette Kaminiski, Association of California School Administrators
10. Ursula Estrada-Reveles, Riverside County Office of Education
11. Brianna Bruns, California County Superintendents
12. Mishaal Gill, California Association of School Business Officials
13. Jessica Sawko, Children Now
14. Chris Reefe, California School Boards Association
15. Melanie Matta, Hope Elementary School District
16. Barrett Snider, Small School Districts' Association
17. LCFF Equity Coalition and Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund - John Affeldt, Public Advocate/Silvia Yee, Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund/Jessica Sawko, Children Now/Natalie Wheatfall-Lum, EdTrust-West/Martha Hernandez, Californians Together

18. Lucy Salcido Carter, Alameda County Office of Education
19. Brandie Brunni, San Joaquin County Office of Education
20. David Goldberg, California Teachers Association
21. Daina Lujan, Jefferson Union High School District
22. Jared Hungerford, Calaveras County Superintendent of Schools
23. Leticia Garcia, Riverside County Office of Education
24. Mary Yung, San Mateo County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)
25. Michele Copher-Cantwell, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
26. Brianna Bruns, California County Superintendents/Serette Kaminiski, Association of California School Administrators/Chris Reefe, California School Boards Association/Mishaal Gill, California Association of School Business Officials
27. Veronica Coates, SELPA Administrators Association of California

### **Commission Action**

Commissioner Simpson moved to approve Recommendation 1: Expand the 30-Day Substitute Authorization for Credentialed Teachers and Recommendation 2: Establish an Alternate Pathway for the 60-Day Career Substitute Permit listed in the agenda item. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

The Commission further directed staff to collaborate with other education partners to convene a workgroup to explore the possibility of unintended consequences for special education and bring an agenda item back at a future Commission meeting.

### **Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee**

Acting Committee Chair Ira Lit convened the Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee since Commissioner Cruz was attending via Zoom.

### **3A: Update on the Governor's 2026-27 Budget**

Jonathon Howard, Government Relations Office, presented this item which provided an update on the salient points of the Commission's portion of the 2026-27 Governor's budget.

**Bryan Monroy, Teach Plus California**, voiced support of the 2026-27 Governor's budget proposal related to the Commission. He voiced support for the insights and expertise cultivated at the Commission be considered as the budget proposal is refined and suggested educators' voices be included for their unique insights to fully realize policy into practice.

### **Educator Preparation Committee**

Committee Chair Danette Brown convened the Educator Preparation Committee.

### **4A: Annual Reports to the Legislature on the 2021 Computer Science Supplementary Authorization Incentive Grant Program, the 2022 Reading and Literacy Supplementary Authorization Incentive Grant Program, and an Update for the Commission on the 2023 Diverse Education Leaders Pipeline Initiative Program**

Jasmine Nasser and Sarah Solari Colombini, Consultants, Division of Standards, Accreditation, and Workforce Investments, presented this item which provided the annual report to the Legislature for the 2021 Computer Science Supplementary Authorization Incentive Grant Program, the 2022 Reading and Literacy Supplementary Authorization Incentive Grant Program, and an update on the 2023 Diverse Education Leaders Pipeline Initiative (DELPI).

The following individuals spoke and/or provided written comments on this item:

1. Maclean Rozansky, Alameda County Office of Education
2. Delia Estrada, Los Angeles Unified School District
3. Laura McGowan-Robinson, Diversity in Leadership Institute
4. Aaron Dover, Los Angeles County Office of Education
5. Steve McDougall, California Federation of Teachers
6. Ronnie Henderson, Riverside County Office of Education
7. Marco Nava, Los Angeles Unified School District
8. Patricia Pernin, Los Angeles Unified School District
9. Jessica Sawko, Children Now
10. LCFF Equity Coalition - John Affeldt, Public Advocates/Martha Hernández, Californians Together/Sarah Lillis, Teach Plus California/Steven Almazán, EdVoice Institute/Natalie Wheatfall-Lum, EdTrust-West/Jessica Sawko, Children Now/Edgar Lampkin, California Association for Bilingual Education
11. Pamela Gibbs, Los Angeles County Office of Education

#### **Commission Action**

Commissioner Mancillas moved to approve the 2026 Annual Reports to the Legislature for the 2021 Computer Science Supplementary Authorization Incentive Grant Program and the 2022 Reading Literacy Supplementary Authorization Incentive Grant Program for transmittal to the Legislature. Commissioner Lit seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent. Commissioner Torres was not present during this item.

#### **4B: Revised Performance Assessment Design Standards**

Juliet Wahleithner, Director, Division of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment, presented this item which provided the proposed revision of the Performance Assessment Design Standards, updated based on the recommendations of the Workgroup to Review the Design and Implementation of the Teaching Performance Assessment, for consideration and possible approval by the Commission.

**Steve McDougall, California Federation of Teachers**, voiced support for this item, specifically the incorporation of Universal Design for Learning.

**Natalie Wheatfall-Lum, EdTrust-West**, submitted a written letter in support of the Revised Performance Assessment Design Standards and recommended that the Commission strengthen fairness and validity through tighter bias review expectations, analytic scoring requirements, and clearer technical condition code policies. The letter also provided suggestions on

implementation to ensure that the Performance Assessment Design Standards achieve their intended impact.

**Mario Snow, Californians Together**, submitted a written comment which suggested that model sponsors reference California's English Learner Roadmap Principles as statewide guidance to evaluate candidate competence related to emergent bilingual students.

#### **Commission Action**

Commissioner Redfern moved to approve the revised Performance Assessment Design Standards. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent. Commissioner Torres was not present during this item.

#### **4C: Teaching Performance Assessment Pass Rate Identification Framework: Measures, Performance Bands, and Continuous Improvement Cycle**

Adam Ebrahim, Chief Deputy Director; and Juliet Wahleithner, Director, Division of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment, presented this item which provided a proposed statewide Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) Pass Rate Identification Framework in response to SB 1263.

The following individuals spoke and/or provided written comments on this item:

1. Melissa Valenzuela-Stookey, EdTrust-West
2. Yolanda Munoz, California Teachers Association
3. Steve McDougall, California Federation of Teachers,
4. Doug Gephart, Association of California School Administrators
5. Ursula Estrada-Reveles, Riverside County Office of Education
6. Jessica Sawko, Children Now
7. Natalie Wheatfall-Lum, EdTrust-West
8. Peggy Koshland Crane, Notre Dame de Namur University

#### **Commission Action**

Chair Grenot-Scheyer moved to direct staff to develop a refined plan based on feedback and discussion and bring it back in the form of draft regulations for Commission consideration at a future Commission meeting. Commissioner de la Torre seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent. Commissioner Torres was not present during this item.

#### **Reconvene General Session**

Chair Grenot-Scheyer reconvened the General Session.

#### **1H: New Business**

The Bimonthly Agenda was presented.

#### **Recess**

Chair Grenot-Scheyer recessed the General Session at 4:02 p.m.

***Friday, February 13, 2026***

**General Session**

Chair Marquita Grenot-Scheyer reconvened the General Session of the Commission at 8:31 a.m. and roll call was taken.

**Recess**

**Closed Session**

The Commission went into Closed Session at 8:37 a.m. to consider adverse actions, Petitions for Reinstatement and Proposed Decisions in discipline cases pursuant to California Education Code sections 44244.1, 44245, 44246, 44248, and Government Code section 11126.

**Reconvene General Session**

Vice Chair Cardenas reconvened the General Session.

**Commission Action**

Commissioner Brown moved to reopen item 1C: Approval of the February 2026 Consent Calendar. Commissioner Redfern seconded the motion. Commissioner Uzoff was not present during this item.

**1C: Approval of the February 2026 Consent Calendar**

Commissioner Redfern moved to withdraw Consent Calendar item #67. Melissa Moe to be reviewed during Closed Session. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent. Commissioner Uzoff was not present during this item.

**Recess**

**Closed Session**

The Commission went into Closed Session at 12:10 p.m. to consider adverse actions, Petitions for Reinstatement and Proposed Decisions in discipline cases pursuant to California Education Code sections 44244.1, 44245, 44246, 44248, and Government Code section 11126.

**Reconvene General Session**

Chair Grenot-Scheyer reconvened the General Session.

**1I Report of Closed Session Items**

Vice Chair Cardenas reported that the Commission granted the following Petitions for Reinstatement:

- Michael Aguilar
- Hector Torres Monsalve
- Melissa Moe

The Commission denied the following Petitions for Reinstatement:

- Konrad Stimson
- Jonathan Wright

The Commission discussed the Consent Calendar item #67 Melissa Moe and remanded the matter back to the Committee of Credentials.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Grenot-Scheyer adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.