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Action

Ad Hoc Committee

Interview and Recommendation for the Public Member Position on the Committee of Credentials

Executive Summary: This agenda item provides information about the selection process for appointments to the Committee of Credentials. One application for the vacant Public Member position is attached.

Recommended Action: To recommend to the Commission appointment of a Public Member to the Committee of Credentials.

Presenter: None

Strategic Plan Goal

Professional Licensure

- **Goal 6.** Educators are of high moral character and act accordingly.
 - N. Investigate allegations of misconduct and take appropriate disciplinary action in relation to the educator's credentials.

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Introduction

The Ad Hoc Committee will interview, evaluate, and recommend appointment of a Public Member to the Committee of Credentials (COC).

Background

The COC is appointed by the Commission to review individuals for fitness to receive and/or retain credentials. The COC is comprised of seven members appointed by the Commission and consists of one Elementary Teacher, one Secondary Teacher, one School Board Member, one School Administrator, and three Public Members. The COC is under the direct supervision of the Commission (Education Code section 44242).

Appointment and Composition of the COC

Education Code section 44240, subdivisions (a), (b)(1) and (b)(2):

(a) The commission shall appoint a Committee of Credentials, consisting of seven persons for terms fixed by the commission but not to exceed two years. The committee shall include:

- (1) One member who shall be a full-time certified classroom teacher in the public elementary schools with not less than five years of classroom experience.
- (2) One member who shall be a full-time certified classroom teacher in the public secondary schools with not less than five years of classroom experience.
- (3) One member who shall be a certified administrative employee in the public schools.
- (4) One member who shall be a member of the governing board of a school district. A member of the governing board of a school district whose tenure on the governing board ends while serving a term on the committee may continue to serve the remainder of the term on the committee, but shall be ineligible for reappointment to the committee pursuant to this paragraph.
- (5) Three members who shall be representatives of the public. No person who is currently employed in a certificated position in the public schools or who is currently a member of the governing board of a school district or a county board of education shall be appointed as a public member.

(b) (1) (A) The commission may establish an alternate list of individuals qualified pursuant to subdivision (a) for the purpose of filling an unanticipated vacancy on the Committee of Credentials.

(B) If a member of the committee is absent from any four regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year, his or her position shall be deemed vacant.

Current Composition of COC

The current composition of the COC and the terms are as follows:

Committee of Credentials Members

VACANT Public Member	
DHYAN LAL Public Member	06-30-2028
ODETTE CHRISTENSEN Public Member	06-30-2028
FLORENCE FLESCHE (alternate) Elementary Teacher	06-30-2026
TAMMY PATTEN School Administrator	06-30-2027
KEVIN KUNG Secondary Teacher	06-30-2027
SUZAN SOLOMON School Board Member	06-30-2028

Committee of Credentials interviews will be conducted at the June 24, 2026 Ad Hoc meeting for the Public Member vacancy. One application is attached in the [Appendix](#) for review.

Staff Recommendation

That the Ad Hoc Committee recommend to the Commission the appointment of one Public Member.