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Action

General Session

Approval of the April 2026 Minutes

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

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the April 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 April 15-17, 2026 Meeting

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
Michael de la Torre, Teacher Representative
Deborah Erickson, Ex-Officio, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities
Annamarie Francois, Ex-Officio, University of California (4/16 only)
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
Mike Torres, Designee, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Phuong Uzoff, Teacher Representative

Commission Members Absent
Richard Simpson, Public Representative

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Ad Hoc Committee
Commissioner Michael de la Torre convened the Ad Hoc Committee at 2:03 p.m.

1A: Interview, Recommendation, and Appointment of Members for the Committee on Accreditation
Miranda Gutierrez and Cheryl Hickey, Administrators, Division of Standards, Accreditation, and Workforce Investments, presented this item which provided information about the finalists for open positions on the Committee on Accreditation (COA).

The Committee interviewed the following individuals:
Postsecondary Finalists
- Janny Chiappe
- Jo Ann Isken

K-12 Finalists
- Janna Anderson
- Allan Hallis

- Brandy Byers
- Jose Rodriguez (Commissioner de la Torre recused himself from this interview)

Committee Action
Commissioner Erickson moved to recommend Allan Hallis and Brandy Byers be appointed to serve as K-12 members. Commissioner Redfern seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner de la Torre abstaining.

Commissioner de la Torre moved to recommend Jenny Chiappe be appointed to serve as a postsecondary member on the COA. Commissioner Erickson seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Commissioner Erickson moved to recommend Jo Ann Isken and Jose Rodriguez be appointed to serve as alternates on the COA. Commissioner Redfern seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner de la Torre abstaining.

Adjournment
There being no further business, Commissioner Mandy Redfern adjourned the Ad Hoc Committee at 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 16, 2026

General Session
Chair Marquita Grenot-Scheyer convened the General Session of the Commission at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2A: Approval of February 2026 Minutes
Commissioner Redfern moved approval of the February 2026 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner de la Torre abstaining.

2B: Approval of the April 2026 Agenda

Nancy Hurlbut, Tony Ayala, and Barbra Rosner, PEACH, submitted a letter which raised a concern regarding the implementation of Assembly Bill 1123 and urged the Commission to prioritize the appointment and seating of the designated representative(s); and provide transparency regarding the timeline and process.

Commissioner Redfern moved approval of the April 2026 Agenda with agenda inserts 1A and 2C. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

2C: Approval of the April 2026 Consent Calendar
Commissioner Cruz moved approval of the April Consent Calendar with an amendment to withdraw items #18. Darren Bruestle, #20. Donald Buer, #26. Peter Chu, #36. Calista Domingcil, #38. Catherine Ensman, #47. Nicolas Ruiz Garcia, and #59. Donald Leedy, to be reviewed during Closed Session. Commissioner Lit seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Commissioner Mancillas recused himself from item #4. Monique Kristine Andrade. Commissioner de la Torre recused himself from items #12. Berhe Makda, #13. Lionel Bonner, #20. Donald Buer, #33. Bobby Denny, #37. Krisada Duangnapa, #46. Darlena Garcia, #49. Daniel Castanon Gonzales, #50. Dexter Goseng, #63. Dillon Lopez, #70. Mathias Nani, #72. Raymond Niemann, #81. Mario Quinteros, and #90. Eric Tureaud.

2D: Chair's Report
Chair Grenot-Scheyer shared her mixed feelings about the current climate and reviewed the April 2026 meeting agenda. She commended the crew of Artemis II, offering special recognition to pilot Victor Glover.

2E: Executive Director's Report
Executive Director Mary Vixie Sandy thanked Commission staff Amarjot Biring, Anita Fitzhugh, Brendan Hu, Laura Hiller, and Nataly Kurylov for their work on transitioning the Commission's old website to a new site to better serve the education community and partners. Executive Director Sandy announced that the Commission launched a new Center for Educator Workforce Development with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

2F: Commission Member Reports
Commissioner Browne provided an update on the latest initiatives, programs, and activities across the California Community Colleges and shared information about the upcoming California early childhood education state conferences.

Commissioner Pavri expressed her excitement about the $110 million donation to three Los Angeles county universities- California State University (CSU), Los Angeles, University of California (UC), Los Angeles, and CSU, Dominguez Hills- by the Ballmer Group to shore up the region's youth mental and behavioral health workforce.

Commissioner Francois reported on her attendance at the 2026 American Educational Research Association Annual meeting in Los Angeles and shared information about the 2nd Annual California Early Wealth Account System Summit: *Building Economic Prosperity for Every Child* on April 17, 2026 at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Commissioner Torres presented updates, ongoing programs, and recent activities from the California Department of Education.

Commissioner Erickson reminded everyone about the continuous impact of ICE on families, children, and communities. She reported that the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) prepared the highest percentage of teachers in California and shared information about the California Council on Teacher Education 2026 Spring Policy Action Network Conference in March 2026 and the International Christian Community for Teacher Education (ICCTE) Conference in May 2026 at Point Loma Nazarene University. Lastly, she notified the public that she will be retiring from the School of Education at Point Loma Nazarene University but will continue as the ex-officio representative for the AICCU.

Commissioner Redfern reported on her attendance at a workshop about the impacts of Artificial Intelligence on both the Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA) and Administrator Performance Assessment on March 6, 2026 which Commissioner Uzoff also attended and commended Commission staff for bringing the Commission and the California Department of Education together on this effort.

2G: Liaison Reports
Haydee Rodriguez, State Board of Education Liaison, reported on her attendance at the State Board's March 2026 meeting.

Joseph Morrison, Commission Student Liaison, congratulated his peers at San Diego State University, the CSU system, the UC, and other institutions in California for completing their edTPA or CalTPA credentialing requirements.

Educator Preparation Committee
Committee Chair Danette Brown convened the Educator Preparation Committee.

3A: Student Teacher Stipend Program: Implementation Overview and Related Statewide Initiatives
Adam Ebrahim, Chief Deputy Director; Amarjot Biring, Director, Division of Technology and Innovation; Cara Mendoza, Administrator, Division of Standards, Accreditation, and Workforce Investment; and Anita Fitzhugh, Public Information Officer, Executive Office; Carlos Rojas, Chief Governmental Relations Officer, and Robert Meszaros, Senior Director of Communications, Kern County Superintendent of Schools; Jim Damian, Founder & Managing Partner, and Leslie Friend, Discovery Lead, Linean; Jonathan Bolivar, Senior Vice President, Digital Media Services, Mediasol, presented this item which provided an overview of educator recruitment and retention efforts funded in the 2025-26 Budget Act and was accompanied by a presentation by the Commission and the Kern County Superintendent of Schools.

The following individuals spoke and/or provided written comments on this item:
1. Manuel Buenrostro, Californians Together
2. Benito Aranda-Comer, EdTrust-West
3. Jana Luft, Partnership for Children and Youth
4. Jessica Sawko, Children Now
5. Adrienne Miyadi, California Teachers Association
6. Brianna Bruns, California County Superintendents

3B: Design Specifications for a Commission Model Teaching Performance Assessment
Adam Ebrahim, Chief Deputy Director; and Juliet Wahleithner, Director, Division of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment, presented this item which presented draft design specifications for a Commission model Teaching Performance Assessment for Commission feedback to inform continued refinement of the specifications; expert and panel engagement; research and structured information gathering, including a request for information; and subsequent development of a recommended performance assessment development pathway.

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

1. Benito Aranda-Comer, EdTrust-West
2. Sally Fox, California Association for Bilingual Education
3. Manuel Buenrostro, Californians Together
4. Jessica Sawko, Children Now
5. LCFF Equity Coalition – Kai Mathews, Public Advocates/Steven Almazán, EdVoice Institute/Martha Hernández, Californians Together/Natalie Wheatfall-Lum, EdTrust West/Sarah Lills, Teach Plus California/Jessica Sawko, Children Now/Magaly Lavadenz, Center for Equity for English Learners

Commission Action
Commissioner de la Torre moved to affirm the draft design specifications and directed staff to continue refinement through expert and panel engagement; research and structured information gathering, including a Request for Information; and the subsequent development of a recommended performance assessment development pathway. Commissioner Redfern seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

3D: AB 1119 Implementation Plan: Dual Credentialing
Erin Sullivan, Director; William Hatrick and Michelle Fennell, Consultants, Division of Standards, Accreditation, and Workforce Investment, presented this item which provided an update on implementation of Assembly Bill 1119 (Patel), which requires the Commission, by March 1, 2027, with input from the education field, to develop and establish efficient routes to dual credentialing across general education and special education. This item provided background and statutory context, described the approach staff are using to carry out this work, and presented the work plan, engagement structure, and anticipated next phases aligned to the statutory timeline.

Yolanda Munoz, California Teachers Association, spoke in support of AB 1119 and requested CTA's participation in the one-on-one interviews, small group discussions, and field surveys currently planned, as well as other opportunities to engage and support this work.

Brianna Bruns, California County Superintendents, submitted a written comment which applauded the Commission's transparent, phased approach to implementing AB 1119.

Sarah Lillis, Teach Plus California, submitted a written comment in support of AB 1119 and expressed her appreciation to the Commission for its thoughtful approach to ensuring that implementation of AB 1119 moves the state forward in establishing a pathway for dual credentials.

3C: Actions To Support Candidates in Demonstrating Subject Matter Competence
Juliet Wahleithner, Director, Division of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment, presented this item which provided an update on the Plan to Improve Options for Meeting the Subject Matter Requirements for Teaching Credentials, approved by the Commission in October 2025. The item included the results of a survey administered to educator preparation programs to learn about

their processes and challenges with evaluating transcripts for subject matter competencies and identified steps that have been taken to address the most commonly cited challenges, including draft condensed versions of Subject Matter Requirement domains for the Commission's review and possible approval.

Kristina McCormick, Riverside County Office of Education, thanked the Commission, the Commission staff, and everyone involved in this work and voiced her support for the work to condense and clarify the domains which will improve consistency, efficiency, and fairness across programs. She further underscored the support for sending the condensed domain descriptions out to educator preparation programs for review and wished to see more of the recommendations incorporated into practice in the future.

Commission Action
Commissioner Mancillas moved to direct staff to circulate the draft condensed subject matter domain descriptions with educator preparation programs for feedback and bring the final set of condensed Subject Matter Requirement domain descriptions to the Commission for review and potential approval in June. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Uzoff abstaining.

3E: Initial Institutional Approval – Stage III: Consideration of Provisional Approval for Reach University
Frances Kellar, Consultant, Division of Standards, Accreditation, and Workforce Investment, presented this item which provided, as part of the Initial Institutional Approval process, Reach University's responses to the Common Standards for consideration and possible Provisional Approval by the Commission.

Kana Wong and Ellen MacDonald, Reach University, assisted staff in presenting this item.

Commission Action
Commissioner Torres moved to grant Provisional Approval to Reach University and set the Provisional Approval period to be three years. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Cruz abstaining.

3F: Initial Institutional Approval – Stage III: Consideration of Provisional Approval for Arizona State University
Hart Boyd, Consultant, Division of Standards, Accreditation, and Workforce Investment, presented this item which provided, as part of the Initial Institutional Approval process, Arizona State University's responses to the Common Standards for consideration and possible Provisional Approval by the Commission.

Elizabeth Frias, Arizona State University, assisted staff in presenting this item.

Commission Action
Commissioner Cruz moved to grant Provisional Approval to Arizona State University and set the Provisional Approval period to be three years. Commissioner Redfern seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Torres abstaining.

3G: Initial Institutional Approval – Stage V: Consideration of Full Institutional Approval for Los Altos Elementary School District
Hart Boyd, Consultant, Division of Standards, Accreditation, and Workforce Investment, presented this item which provided, as part of the Initial Institutional Approval process, the report from the 2026 provisional site visit and the Committee on Accreditation's recommendation for an accreditation decision for Los Altos Elementary School District for Commission consideration to grant Los Altos Elementary School District full institutional approval.

Greg Drummond and Sara Gerlinger, Los Altos Elementary School District, assisted staff in presenting this item.

Commission Action
Commissioner Simmons moved to grant Los Altos Elementary School District full institutional approval. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

3H: Initial Institutional Approval – Stage V: Consideration of Full Institutional Approval for Santa Maria-Bonita School District
Roxann Purdue and Elizabeth de los Santos, Consultants, Division of Standards, Accreditation, and Workforce Investment, presented this item which provided, as part of the Initial Institutional Approval process, the report from the 2026 provisional site visit and the Committee on Accreditation's recommendation for an accreditation decision for Santa Maria-Bonita School District for Commission consideration to grant Santa Maria-Bonita School District full institutional approval.

Shelli Hart and Gabriela Jimenez, Santa Maria-Bonita School District, assisted staff in presenting this item.

Commission Action
Commissioner Simmons moved to grant Santa Maria-Bonita School District full institutional approval. Commissioner Redfern seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Legislative Committee
Committee Chair Jose Cardenas convened the Legislative Committee.

4A: Status of Legislation
Jonathon Howard, Government Relations & Public Affairs Manager, Administrative Services Division, presented this item which provided the status of those legislative measures of interest to the Commission and addressed questions regarding any other legislation identified by Commissioners.

Doug Gephart, Association of California School Administrators, spoke in support of AB 2490.

Serette Kaminski, Association of California School Administrators/Brianna Bruns, California County Superintendents/Chris Reefe, California School Boards Association/Mishaal Gill,

California Association of School Business Officials, submitted a letter which requested the Commission's support for AB 2490.

Recess

Closed Session
The Commission went into Closed Session at 2:50 p.m. to consider the following pending litigation: *Investigative Reporting Program v. CTC (Case 26CV171743, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda)*. The Commission also considered Petitions for Reinstatement, recommended adverse actions, Proposed Default Decision and Orders, Proposed Consent Determinations, and Proposed Decisions in discipline cases while in Closed Session, pursuant to California Education Code sections 44244.1, 44245, 44246, 44248, and Government Code sections 11126 and 11400 et seq.

Friday, April 17, 2026

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

Educator Preparation Committee
Committee Chair Danette Brown reconvened the Educator Preparation Committee.

5A: Teacher Supply in California, 2023-24 A Report to the Legislature
Erin Skubal, Senior Director, Licensing Branch; Kristin Calderone, Interim Administrator, and Phi Phi Lau, Research Data Specialist, Division of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment, presented this item which provided a report to the Governor and the Legislature on the number of teachers who received credentials, certificates, permits and waivers to teach in California public schools. In addition to the written Teacher Supply report, information on the educator supply dashboards was updated with the most recent data.

Kai Mathews, Public Advocates/LCFF Equity Coalition-John Affeldt, Public Advocates/Natalie Wheatfall-Lum, EdTrust-West/Martha Hernández, Californians Together/Jessica Sawko, Children Now/Sarah Lills, Teach Plus California/Steven Almazán, EdVoice Institute, spoke on this item and submitted a letter which acknowledged the state for its investments in educator workforce and expressed appreciation of the decline in emergency permits and waivers. She suggested the state collect retention data at the school and district level and urged the Commission to expand the data to include trends in bilingual teacher preparation and authorization.

5B: Assignment Monitoring Sanction Program Decision Points
Erin Henderson, Deputy Director, Ann Harris, Assignment Monitoring Program Manager, and Gianna Barlupi, Assignment Monitoring Analyst, Division of Licensure Certification, presented this item which provided the Commission with a summary of feedback received from local education agency (LEA) partners related to identifying appropriate calculation methods and

thresholds for sanctions for assignment monitoring and offered various options for the Commission to consider for identifying LEAs subject to sanctions.

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

1. Jessica Sawko, Children Now
2. Rachel Murphy, Public Advocates
3. Doug Gephart, Association of California School Administrators
4. Jason Drewry, County Office of Education
5. Serette Kaminski, Association of California School Administrators
6. LCFF Equity Coalition-John Affeldt, Public Advocates/Natalie Wheatfall-Lum, EdTrust-West/Martha Hernández, Californians Together/Jessica Sawko, Children Now/Sarah Lills, Teach Plus California/Magaly Lavadenz, Center for Equity Learners, Loyola Marymount University

Commission Action
Commissioner Lit moved to approve the proposed staff recommendations listed on page 5B-11 of the item with the expectation that staff come back at the June meeting with proposals to support and guide schools between the 10% and 25% proportional uncorrected misassignment level in the form of draft regulations for Commission discussion. Commissioner Torres seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Reconvene General Session
Chair Grenot-Scheyer reconvened the General Session.

2H: Interview, Recommendation, and Appointment of Members for the Committee on Accreditation
Chair Grenot-Scheyer moved to accept the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee to: 1) appoint Jenny Chiappe, Allan Hallis and Brandy Byers to the Committee on Accreditation beginning July 1, 2026; and 2) appoint Jo Ann Isken and Jose Rodriguez as alternates. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner de la Torre abstaining.

2I New Business
The Bimonthly Agenda was presented.

Executive Director Sandy notified the public that the Commission will hold its Closed Session meeting on Thursday, June 25, and General Session will start on Friday, June 26 for the June 2026 Commission meeting.

Recess

Closed Session
The Commission went into Closed Session at 10:22 a.m. to consider the following pending litigation: *Investigative Reporting Program v. CTC (Case 26CV171743, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda)*. The Commission also considered Petitions for Reinstatement, recommended adverse actions, Proposed Default Decision and Orders, Proposed Consent

Determinations, and Proposed Decisions in discipline cases while in Closed Session, pursuant to California Education Code sections 44244.1, 44245, 44246, 44248, and Government Code sections 11126 and 11400 et seq.

Reconvene General Session
Vice Chair Cardenas reconvened the General Session.

2K: Report of Closed Session Items
Vice Chair Cardenas reported that staff briefed the Commission on the litigation matter of *Investigative Reporting Program v. CTC (Case 26CV171743, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda)* and no reportable action was taken.

The Commission granted the following Petitions for Reinstatement:
- Alton Baker
- Arturo Rodriguez (Commissioner Simmons recused himself on this item)

The Commission denied the following Petitions for Reinstatement:
- Lupe Perez (Commissioner Redfern recused herself on this item)
- Carissa Helms

The Commission discussed Consent Calendar item #26. Peter Chu, and accepted the recommendation of the Committee of Credentials.

The Commission discussed the following Consent Calendar items and remanded the matters back to the Committee of Credentials:
- #18. Darren Bruestle
- #20. Donald Buer (Commissioner de la Torre recused himself on this item)
- #36. Calista Domingcil
- #38. Catherine Ensman
- #47. Nicolas Garcia
- #59. Donald Leedy

Adjournment
There being no further business, Vice Chair Cardenas adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.