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General Session

Nominations and Elections for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for 2027

Executive Summary: Each Year the Commission nominates and elects its Chair and Vice Chair.

Recommended Action: Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the Commission for 2027.

Presenter: Mary Vixie Sandy, Executive Director

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.

Nominations and Elections for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for 2027

Introduction
Education Code section 44218 states that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) by majority vote of all its members shall elect its own chairman from among its members. Nominations and elections for Chair and Vice Chair for 2027 will be held under General Session by the Executive Director at the December 2026 Commission meeting.

Background
The policy of the Commission relative to selection of its officers is set forth in the Commission's Policy Manual. Officers of the Commission are the Chair and Vice Chair. Both positions are elected on an annual basis to serve a one-year term. Pursuant to Section 301 of the Policy Manual, nominations and elections are given at the last Commission meeting of the calendar year with the newly elected officers assuming office at the next meeting of the Commission following their elections.

Following is the Commission's policy for nominating and electing the Chair and Vice Chair as it appears in the Policy Manual under Section 301.

§ 301. PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(a) The nomination and election for Chair and Vice Chair shall be at the last meeting of the calendar year. Notice of the pending election will be given at the meeting immediately preceding the last meeting of the calendar year. All Commissioners will be notified concerning pending elections.

(b) Nominations shall be in open session. If an individual plans to nominate, it is his/her responsibility to procure the consent of the individual to be nominated.

(c) Nominations may be made orally in open session at the last meeting of the calendar year. Following the nominations, each nominee may make a presentation, not to exceed five (5) minutes in duration, concerning his or her vision for the Commission's future and how his or her attributes will contribute to that vision.

(d) The Chair and Vice Chair shall be selected by roll call voice vote, and both elections shall be conducted by the Executive Director. Commissioners shall be called upon alphabetically and each shall announce his or her choice. If there are more than two (2) nominees for either Chair or Vice Chair and no nominee receives a majority of the votes of those present, then the two (2) nominees receiving the greatest number of the votes of those present will be selected for runoff election which shall be conducted

immediately thereafter by roll call voice vote. Commissioners' votes shall be recorded in the minutes.

(e) In the event a nominee receives a majority of the votes of the current eligible voting members (i.e., 1 more than 50%) at the election, then the election shall become final, and he or she shall assume office immediately upon the conclusion of the Commission meeting. No proxy votes are permitted. In the event a nominee does not receive a majority vote, then the election will not be concluded until any absent members are given the opportunity to cast a vote as the first order of business at the next regular Commission meeting.

(f) The newly elected Chair and Vice Chair shall assume office after conclusion of the Commission meeting at which they were elected.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend that the Commission elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2027.