

**COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION
MINUTES
May 15, 2025
Commission on Teacher Credentialing**

Committee Members Present

Malaika Bryant
Agustin Cervantes
Katrine Czajkowski
Bob Frelly
Allan Hallis
Michael Hillis
Allison Leggett
Patrick McKee
Julianna Sikes
J. Kevin Taylor

Committee Members Not Present

Anne Jones
Jason Lea

Staff Members Present

Cheryl Hickey, Administrator
Miranda Guterrez, Interim Administrator
Rosemary Wrenn, Consultant
Timothy Weeks, Consultant
Sarah Solari-Colombini, Consultant
Sarah Barwani, Consultant
Frances Kellar, Consultant
Roxann Purdue, Consultant
Michelle Bernardo, Analyst

Present Via Technology

Nate Dutra, Sacramento State University
Ursula Estrada-Reveles, Riverside COE
Diana Campos, Riverside COE
Rosalba Rodriguez, Riverside COE
Debbie Meadows, CSU Bakersfield
Juterh Nmah, CSU Bakersfield
Suzi Van Steenberg, CSU San Marcos
Caryl Hodges, Notre Dame de Namur University
Jennifer Logue, San Benito COE
Anthony Balbas, San Benito COE
Gigi Gokcek, Dominican University
Jennifer Lucko, Dominican University
Katherine Lewis, Dominican University
Nina Potter, Team Lead
Susan Clapper, Dominican University
Rocky Murray, Huntington Beach UHSD
Ashley Patterson, Huntington Beach UHSD
Valerie Saylor, Team Lead
Judy Mantle, Alliant International University
Kristy Pruitt, Alliant International University
Sally Myles, Glendale USD
Lena Kortoshian, Glendale USD
Leticia Hernandez, Newhall SD
Danna Lewis, Newhall SD
Amanda Baird, Team Lead

Item 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting of the Committee on Accreditation was called to order by Co-Chair Patrick McKee at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Item 2 – Approval of the Agenda

It was moved, seconded (Leggett/Taylor: no recusals: abstain by Cervantes) and carried to approve the May 2025 agenda.

Item 3 – Approval of the Minutes of the Prior Meetings

It was moved, seconded (Taylor/Hallis: abstain by Cervantes and Czajkowski) and carried to approve the April 2025 minutes with no corrections.

Item 4 – Co-Chair and Member Reports

There were no co-chair and member reports.

Item 5 – Staff Reports

Administrator Cheryl Hickey announced that the next COA meeting on June 13, 2025 will be virtual and will only be a short meeting. The Governor released the May revise this week and it is on the Department of Finance website. There are a few items in the revise related to teacher preparation that she encouraged the COA members to look over. Ms Hickey and Administrator Miranda Gutierrez provided an update on the literacy certification review. Ms. Guterrez acknowledge the work of the staff, consultants and all the volunteers who are working on the certification project. Member Kevin Taylor and co-chair McKee also acknowledged the Commission staffs hard work on the literacy certification. Member Katrine Czajkowski is appreciative that the governors revise includes some financial support for current and preservice teachers.

Item 6 – Program Approval Recommendations

There were 2 institutions with 2 programs for approval.

Riverside County Office of Education

Bilingual Authorization

Institutional representatives Dr. Ursula Estrada-Reveles, Executive Director of the RCOE School of Education, Dr. Diana Campos, Director for the Center for Teacher Preparation within the RCOE School of Education; and Rosalba Rodriguez, Administrator for the Center for Teacher Preparation were present for questions about the proposed program.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Sikes/Bryant: recusal by Hallis) and carried to approve the Bilingual Authorization program for Riverside County Office of Education.

California State University, Bakersfield

Adding Child Welfare and Attendance Authorization to Existing Pupil Personnel Services Credential Program

Institutional representatives Dr. Debbie Meadows, Director Education Assessment and Accreditation and Dr. Juterh Nmah, Assistant Professor Educational Counseling were present to answer questions about the proposed program.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Frelly/Taylor: no recusals) and carried to approve the Child Welfare and Attendance Authorization to existing Pupil Personnel Services Credential program for California State, Bakersfield.

Item 7 – Program Status Changes

This item is divided into two parts: Part 1 includes items for action by the COA and Part 2 are items for formal notification and do not require COA action.

Section A: Program Withdrawals

There was 1 program sponsor withdrawing 1 program.

Touro University – California

Clear Administrative Services, effective May 15, 2025

Administrator Cheryl Hickey clarified that Touro University is in the process of closing its credential programs. After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Leggett/Hillis: no recusals) and carried to approve the withdrawal of the programs listed above.

Section B: Professional Preparation Programs Requesting Reactivation

There were no programs requesting reactivation.

Section C: Adding a New Content Area

There were 2 program sponsors requesting to add a new content area to their existing program.

California State University, San Marcos - Preliminary Single Subject in Art

Representative Dr. Suzi Van Steenberg, Single Subject Program Co-Coordinator, CalTPA Co-Advisor was available for any questions about the proposed program.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Czajkowski/Bryant: no recusals) and carried to approve the addition of Single Subject - Art to the content areas offered by California State University, San Marcos.

Notre Dame de Namur University - Preliminary Single Subject in Theatre

Representative Dr. Caryl Hodges, Accreditation Consultant was available for any questions about the program.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Czajkowski/Taylor: no recusals) and carried to approve the addition of Preliminary Single Subject – Theatre to the content areas offered by Notre Dame de Namur University.

Part II: Sections D and E

The next two sections – D and E – was presented for notification purposes only. No action was taken.

Section D: Programs Transitioning

There were no programs listed as transitioning to new standards.

Section E: Programs Moving to Inactive Status

This was an information item. There were 3 institutions requesting to move 6 programs to inactive status.

Touro University – California

Preliminary Single Subject with Intern all subject areas, effective May 31, 2025

Preliminary Multiple Subject with Intern, effective May 31, 2025

Education Specialist: Mild to Moderate Support Needs, effective May 31, 2025

University of California, Riverside

Education Specialist: Extensive Support Needs Intern, effective May 15, 2025

Education Specialist: Mild to Moderate Support Needs Intern, effective May 15, 2025

San Francisco State University

Pupil Personnel Services: School Psychology with Intern, effective June 1, 2025

Item 8 – Actions Taken to Address Stipulations by San Benito County Office of Education

Consultant Dr. Rosemary Wrenn introduced this item. She was joined by team lead Dr. Ursula Estrada-Reveles and institutional representatives Jennifer Logue, Deputy Superintendent and Anthony Balbas, Coordinator of Instructional Support.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Hallis/Czajkowski: no recusals) and carried to approve the removal of all stipulations and grant the status of *Accreditation* to San Benito County Office of Education and its credential program pending final initial institutional approval by the Commission.

Item 9 – Actions Taken to Address Stipulations by Loma Linda University

Consultant Roxann Purdue introduced this item.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Taylor/Hillis: no recusals) and carried to approve the removal of all stipulations and change the status from Accreditation with Major Stipulations to *Accreditation* to Loma Linda University and its credential programs.

Item 10 – Report of the Accreditation Revisit Team for Dominican University

Administrator Cheryl Hickey presented this item. She was joined by team lead Dr. Nina Potter and institutional representatives Dr. Gigi Gokcek Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Education; Dr. Jennifer Lucko, Education Department Co-Chair; Dr. Katherine Lewis, Education Department Co-Chair; and Dr. Susan Clapper, Accreditation Liaison Officer and Director of Assessment.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Hillis/Bryant: no recusals) and carried to grant the status of *Accreditation* to Dominican University and its credential programs.

Item 11 – Report of the Accreditation Provisional Site Visit Team to Huntington Beach Union High School District

Consultant Dr. Tim Weekes presented this item. He was joined by team lead Valerie Saylor and institutional representatives Dr. Rocky Murray, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Categorical Programs and Ashley Patterson, New Teacher Induction Coordinator.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Sikes/Hallis: no recusals) and carried to grant the status of *Accreditation* to Huntington Beach Union High School District and its credential program, pending final initial institutional approval by the Commission.

Item 12 – Report of the Accreditation Revisit Team for Alliant International University

Consultant Dr. Sarah Solari Colombini presented this item. She was joined by institutional representatives Dr. Judy Mantle, Interim Dean; Dr. Ruth Best, Associate Dean; and Dr. Kristy Pruitt, Dean of Accreditation.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (McKee/Bryant: recusal by Taylor) and carried to change the status from Accreditation with Major Stipulations to Accreditation with Stipulations to Alliant International University and its credential programs.

All stipulations were removed except for stipulations 1a and 2. An accreditation status of *Accreditation with Stipulations* was granted with a follow-up for focused interviews with candidates and district employed supervisors by December 2025. The remaining stipulations are as follows:

By December 2025, the institution will provide evidence, including focused interviews with candidates, demonstrating:

1. a. That the support, advice, and assistance to promote candidates' successful retention in the program provided by the unit is effective. (Common Standard 2, Multiple Subject/Single Subject and Preliminary Education Specialist: Mild to Moderate Support Needs) *Please note that the Preliminary Administrative Services program has addressed this stipulation.*

2. That site-based supervisors receive training, are evaluated by the program and engage in two-way communication with the program that is effective and systematic. (Common Standard 3, Preliminary Multiple Subject and Single Subject, Education Specialist: Mild to Moderate Support Needs, and Pupil Personnel Services Programs)

Item 13– Discussion of the 7th Year Report from Glendale Unified School District

Consultant Sarah Barwani presented this item. She is joined by institutional representatives Sally Myles, Teacher Specialist for New Teacher Induction and Lena Kortoshian, Senior Director of Teaching and Learning.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Taylor/Hallis: no recusals: abstain by Czajkowski, McKee, Sikes, Bryant) and carried to approve the 7th year report presented by Glendale Unified School District.

Item 14 – Report of the Accreditation Provisional Site Visit Team for Newhall School District

Consultant Dr. Frances Kellar presented this item. She was joined by team lead Dr. Amanda Baird and institutional representatives Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Superintendent; Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; and Danna Lewis, Coordinator for the SCV Consortium Teacher Induction Program.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Sikes/Czajkowski: no recusals) and carried to grant the status of *Accreditation* to Newhall School District and its credential program, pending final initial institutional approval by the Commission.

Item 15– Preliminary Discussion Regarding Development of the 2026 COA Schedule

Administrator Cheryl Hickey presented this item. This is an information item. It was discussed that all requests should be directed to staff member Michelle Bernardo to follow up at the next COA meeting.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Co-Chair Bob Frelly adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m. The next meeting of the COA is scheduled for Friday, June 13, 2025