

Discussion of Proposed COA Meeting Dates for 2026 June 2025

Overview of this Report

This agenda item proposes possible COA meeting dates for the 2026 calendar year for discussion.

Staff Recommendation

That the COA discuss the proposed dates but take no action until the August COA meeting. This will allow the 3 new members to have input on the proposed calendar.

Background

Staff has prepared a proposed schedule of COA meeting dates for the 2026 calendar year with a few options to discuss. In the past, members of the COA agreed that the preferred days to meet are Thursday and Friday.

Consideration has been given to Commission meeting dates as well as state, federal, and religious holidays. In the past, the COA has also considered the dates for the Committee of Credentials, however, staff no longer believes this to be necessary now that the Commission is in a new facility with a variety of options for meeting rooms and a different parking situation than previously. The following table includes the Commission meeting schedule for 2026.

Commission on Teacher Credentialing 2026 meeting dates
February 12-13 (Thursday-Friday)
April 16-17 (Thursday-Friday)
June 25-26 (Thursday-Friday)
August 27-28 (Thursday-Friday)
October 15-16 (Thursday-Friday)
December 10-11 (Thursday-Friday)

While the Commission attempts to avoid conflicts with spring break for educational institutions, the different educational institutions have widely varying spring breaks so it is not possible to avoid all conflicts.

In addition, the proposed COA meeting dates have been selected to avoid conflicts with the several annual educational conferences. The 2026 dates are listed below for those for which the dates are known and the 2025 dates are listed for those where the 2026 date is not known so as to help estimate when the conference could be in 2026.

Conference	2025-26
California Council of Teacher Education (CCTE)	October 16-17 2025 Mid March 2026 October 2026 (TBD)
American Educational Research Association (AERA)	April 8-12, 2026
California Induction Conference	January 20-23, 2026 tentative
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)	February 20-22, 2026
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)	September 17-18, 2026
National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC)	Anticipate early-mid June 2026
International Council of Professors of Educational Leadership [formerly the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA)]	July 29-30, 2025 (for reference for possible 2026 dates)
California Association of Professors of Education Administration (CAPEA)	October 16-17, 2025 (for reference for possible 2026 dates)
Credential Counselors and Analysts of California (CCAC)	Anticipate early November 2026

Further, the Commission staff considers the COA workload. For instance, toward the end of the site visit “season” the schedule should take into consideration getting as many site visit reports as possible before the COA for action before the end of the academic year. While it is permissible to have site visit reports in the summer (August) COA meetings, it is not ideal as team leads, institutional personnel, and other relevant stakeholders are frequently unavailable. The site visit schedule for 2025-26 has been taken into consideration in proposing possible dates. Please see [Appendix A](#) for the current list of site visit and revisit dates.

Additionally, COA has come considerably close to not having a quorum for some meetings, in particular, the June meetings. Staff recognizes that members have numerous professional and personal obligations with end of term activities such as finals, graduations, credential recommendations and so forth. Staff asks that COA members take an especially hard look at the proposed late spring/early summer dates to be certain that their attendance is likely at the proposed meeting and to determine the best date for achieving a healthy quorum.

The Commission sets its meeting schedule on a calendar year basis. For the past few years the COA acted on dates through the end of the calendar year, bringing the COA schedule setting in line with the Commission. Provided below are the *adopted* COA meeting dates for Fall 2025 and options for possible meeting date options for 2026.

Proposed 2025 COA Meeting Dates

Meeting Month	Dates NOT available in that month	Proposed COA Meeting Dates	Day of the Week
August 2025	N/A	August 8, 2025 <u>Adopted</u>	Friday <i>teleconference</i>
October 2025	October 16-17, 2025 (Commission)	October 30-31, 2025 <u>Adopted</u>	Thursday/ Friday
January/Feb 2026	January 19, 2026 MLK Day (Monday) February 12-13, 2026 (Commission) February 16, 2026 (Presidents' Day - Monday) February 20-22, 2026 (AACTE)	January 15-16, 2026 January 22-23, 2026 January 29-30, 2026 February 5-6, 2026 February 26-27, 2026	Thursdays/ Fridays
March 2026	Anticipate mid-March 2026 (CCTE SPAN) March 31, 2025 (Cesar Chavez Day)	March 5-6, 2026 March 12-13, 2026 March 19-20, 2026 March 26-27, 2026	Thursdays/ Fridays
April /May 2026	April 8-12, 2026 (AERA) April 16-17, 2026 (Commission) May 23-25, 2026 (Memorial Day weekend)	April 2-3, 2026 April 23-24, 2026 April 30-May 1, 2026 May 7-8, 2026 May 14-15, 2026 May 28-29, 2026	Thursdays/ Fridays
June 2026	Anticipate early-mid June 2026 (NASDTEC) June 25-26, 2026 (Commission)	June 4-5, 2026 June 11-12, 2026 June 18-19, 2026	Thursdays/ Fridays
August/ September 2026	August 27- 28, 2026 (Commission) September 7, 2026 (Labor Day)	August 6, 2026 August 13, 2026 August 20, 2026 September 3, 2026 (follows Labor Day week) September 10, 2026 September 17, 2026	(Thursdays) possible teleconference
October / December 2026	October 15-16, 2026 (Commission) Anticipate mid-October 2026 (CCTE) Anticipate early November 2026 (CCAC) November 11, 2026 (Veterans Day – Wednesday) November 26-27, 2026 (Thanksgiving)	October 1-2, 2026 October 8-9, 2026 October 22-23, 2026 October 29-30, 2026	Thursdays/ Fridays

Bold indicates staff preference.

Recommendation

Staff proposes that the COA discuss the proposed dates and take action at the August COA meeting to establish a 2026 COA meeting schedule.

Appendix A
Current Site Visit Dates for 2025-26

Visit Type	Visit Dates	Institution
	Oct. 5-8, 2025	CSU Channel Islands
	Oct. 5-8, 2025	Madera COE
	Oct. 26-29, 2025	Cal Lutheran
	Oct. 27-29, 2025	Bakersfield City SD
	Oct. 27-29, 2025	San Juan USD
	Nov. 16-19, 2025	San Diego COE
	Nov 16-19, 2025	United States University
Provisional Site Visit	Nov. 17-19, 2025	Santa Maria-Bonita SD
	Dec. 8-10, 2025	Fairfield-Suisun USD
	Jan. 26-28, 2026	Garden Grove USD
Provisional Site Visit	Jan. 26-28, 2026	Folsom-Cordova USD
	Feb. 2-4, 2026	Evergreen SD
Provisional Site Visit	Feb. 2-4, 2026	Los Altos ESD
Provisional Site Visit	Feb. 23-25, 2026	Gateway High School
	Feb. 23-25, 2026	Hacienda-La Puente USD
	Mar. 8-11, 2026	Tulare COE
	Mar. 9-11, 2026	Humphreys University
	Mar. 9-11, 2026	San Bernardino City USD
	Mar. 22-25, 2026	Fresno CO SOS
	Mar. 22-25, 2026	Simpson University
	April 12-15, 2026	CSU San Bernardino
	April 13-15, 2026	Westmont College
	April 13-15, 2026	Newark USD
	April 19-22, 2026	Notre Dame de Namur
	April 20-22, 2026	Antioch USD
	April 20-22, 2026	Santa Ana USD
	May 3-6, 2026	Merced COE
	May 3-6, 2026	San Luis Obispo COE