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Action

General Session

Approval of the June 2025 Minutes

Executive Summary: The Commission will review and approve the minutes of the June 2025 meeting of the Commission.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the June 2025 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 June 25-27, 2025 Meeting

Commission Members Attending

Marquita Grenot-Scheyer, Public Representative, Chair
Bonnie Klatt, Teacher Representative, Vice Chair
Danette Brown, Teacher Representative
Kathryn Browne, Ex-Officio, California Community College
Jose Cardenas, Non-Administrative Services Credential Representative
Cheryl Cotton, Designee, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Christopher Davis, Teacher 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
Ira Lit, Faculty Member Representative (6/27 only)
Ruben Mancillas, Teacher Representative
Monica Martinez, Public Representative
Shireen Pavri, Ex-Officio, California State University
Phuong Uzoff, Teacher Representative

Commission Members Absent

Juan Cruz, School Administrator Representative
David Simmons, Human Resources Administrator Representative

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Ad Hoc Committee

Committee Chair Annamarie Francois convened the Ad Hoc Committee at 3:21 p.m.

1A: Interview and Recommendations for the Public Member Positions on the Committee of Credentials

The Committee interviewed Rachel Hayes, Dhyan Lal and Anna Osipova for the public member positions.

Commission Action

Commissioner Mancillas moved to recommend Dhyan Lal be appointed to serve in the Public Member position on the Committee of Credentials. Commissioner Cardenas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Commissioner Cardenas moved to recommend Anna Osipova be appointed to serve in the Public Member position on the Committee of Credentials. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Commissioner Cardenas moved to recommend Rachel Hayes be appointed to serve as an alternate on the Committee of Credentials. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Committee Chair Francios adjourned the Ad Hoc Committee at 4:24 p.m.

Thursday, June 26, 2025

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.

Chair Grenot-Scheyer welcomed Deborah Erickson to the Commission as the ex-officio representative of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU).

2A: Approval of April 2025 Minutes

Commissioner Brown moved approval of the April 2025 Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes. Commissioner Pavri seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Commissioner Davis moved approval of the April 2025 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

2B: Approval of the June 2025 Agenda

Commissioner Davis moved approval of the June 2025 Agenda with an agenda insert 2C and revised items 3C and 3D. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

2C: Approval of the June 2025 Consent Calendar

Commissioner Cruz moved approval of the June Consent Calendar with an amendment to withdraw items #71. Cameron Shim, and #91. Daniel Alvarez-Ibarra Jr. to be reviewed during Closed Session. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent. Commissioner de la Torre recused himself from items #55. Eric Panajotovic, #70. German Sevilla, and #88. Dominic Brumfield.

2D: Chair's Report

Chair Grenot-Scheyer thanked everyone for what they do every day for students, educators, families, and community members. She expressed her concerns regarding the presence of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials at schools as faculty and staff prepared for graduation ceremonies and shared an excerpt from Donovan Livingston's 2016 commencement speech.

2E: Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Mary Vixie Sandy welcomed Deborah Erickson to the Commission and announced the appointment of Miranda Gutierrez as an Administrator for accreditation in the

Professional Services Division. She provided a mid-year report on the progress of the Commission's priorities which were presented at the February 2025 Commission meeting. Lastly, she acknowledged the passing of two former leaders of the Commission, Dr. Dennis Tierney and Dr. David Wright.

2I: New Business

Audience Presentations

Brian Ward, Highland Community Charter and Technical School, voiced his concerns regarding being laid off due to not having the appropriate teaching credential.

Megan McMullan, Highland Community Charter and Technical School (HCCTS), spoke about the devastating effects on HCCTS teachers to rapidly comply with credential requirements and requested the Commission grant HCCTS teachers more time to complete their credential requirements.

2F: Commission Member Reports

Commissioner Browne reported that Skyline College had the highest number of graduates in its 50-year history and shared information about its commencement celebration. She reported on her attendance at the Association of California Community College Teacher Education Programs (ACCCTEP) meeting in May and shared information about the Stanford Principal Leadership Institute. Lastly, she congratulated Commissioner Cotton on becoming the Superintendent at West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Commissioner Cotton informed everyone that she would continue as the Designee of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Commission while serving as District Superintendent of West Contra Costa Unified School District and shared updates, initiatives, and recent activities from the California Department of Education.

Commissioner Erickson thanked the Commission and its staff for collaborating with the independent colleges and universities to prepare teachers for California.

Commissioner de la Torre spoke about the success of the California National Board Certification Incentive and Subsidy Programs.

Commissioner Davis shared information regarding national board candidates. He congratulated Commissioner Cotton on her new position as the Superintendent of West Contra Costa Unified School District, welcomed Commissioner Erickson to the Commission, and acknowledged Commissioner de la Torre for his reappointment to the Commission.

Commissioner Francois thanked Chair Grenot-Scheyer for her inspiring call to action and Commissioner Cotton for acknowledging Juneteenth. She commended teacher educators for their instrumental role in creating liberatory experiences for young people and reminded everyone about the office hours held by the UC/CSU Collaborative for Neuroscience, Diversity, and Learning to give educators in K-12 and higher education opportunities to better serve the

most vulnerable population. Lastly, she congratulated Commissioner Cotton on her new position as Superintendent of West Contra Costa Unified School District and welcomed Commissioner Erickson to the Commission.

Commissioner Cardenas encouraged everyone to enjoy the moments, celebrate the successes, continue to engage with the public, appreciate one another's knowledge and expertise, and support each other.

2G: Liaison Reports

Haydee Rodriguez, State Board of Education Liaison, reported on her attendance at the State Board's May 2025 meeting. She welcomed Commissioner Erickson to the Commission and celebrated Commissioner Cotton's accomplishments.

Executive Director Sandy announced that applications for the Educator Preparation Student Liaison to the Commission are being accepted.

Educator Preparation Committee

Committee Chair Jose Cardenas convened the Educator Preparation Committee.

3A: Initial Institutional Approval – Stage V: Consideration of Full Approval for Institutions in Provisional Status

Hart Boyd and Frances Kellar, Consultants, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided, as part of the Initial Institutional Approval process, the Committee on Accreditation's recommendations for accreditation decisions for seven institutions in provisional status for consideration and possible approval by the Commission.

Commission Action

Chair Grenot-Scheyer moved to grant full institutional approval for the following institutions in provisional status:

- Huntington Beach Union High School District
- Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District
- Lake County Office of Education
- Newhall School District
- San Benito County Office of Education
- San Mateo Union High School District
- Yuba City Unified School District

Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

3B: Report to the Legislature on the Implementation of Senate Bill 488 Teacher Credentialing – Reading Instruction

Heather Kennedy, Consultant, Performance Assessment, and Cheryl Hickey and Miranda Gutierrez, Administrators, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided the fourth and final annual report to the Legislature on the Commission's progress in implementing the requirements of SB 488 (Chap.678, Stats. 2021) related to literacy instruction in teacher preparation and candidate assessment.

Erin Githens, California Teachers Association, thanked the Commission for providing an update on the progress of SB 488 and emphasized the need to have meaningful teacher preparation that is embedded throughout the teacher training program in lieu of high stakes tests.

Commission Action

Commissioner de la Torre moved to approve the fourth and final Report to the Legislature on the Implementation of Senate Bill 488 Teacher Credentialing – Reading Instruction for transmittal to the Legislature. Chair Grenot-Scheyer seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent. Commissioner Davis was not present during the roll call vote.

3C: Update on the Development of the CalTPA Math Cycle and Extended Field Test

Julie Holmes and Heather Kennedy, Consultants, Performance Assessment, presented this item which provided an update on the development of the CalTPA PK-3 Early Childhood Education (ECE) and Education Specialist (EdSp) Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Math Cycle field test results, analysis, and next steps.

Commission Action

Commissioner de la Torre moved to adopt the CalTPA Education Specialist-DHH Math Cycle for operational administration beginning in the 2025-26 academic year with a passing standard of 16 points across the 8 rubrics, with no side conditions, for the CalTPA Math Cycle for all credential areas (PK-3 ECE, ECSE, DHH, VI) for the first year of operation. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Commissioner de la Torre moved to adopt a secondary passing standard of 14 for the first year of operation. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

3D: Literacy Performance Assessments Field Test Results and Adoption

Juliet Wahleithner, Special Consultant, Office of Policy and Continuous Improvement; Marissa Luna Lopez and Heather Kennedy, Consultants, Performance Assessment; and Lori Kroeger, edTPA, Evaluation Systems, presented this item which provided an update on the development and field testing of the Literacy Performance Assessments (LPA) created by CalTPA, edTPA, and FAST, the three Commission-approved teaching performance assessment models. Additionally, this item presented the results and analysis of the field tests and recommended next steps.

Commission Action

Commissioner de la Torre moved to adopt: 1) the CalTPA Literacy Cycle for Multiple Subject, PK-3 Early Childhood Education, and Education Specialist: MMSN, ESN, ECSE, DHH, and VI, with the recommended passing standard of 16 and a secondary passing standard of 14, with no side conditions for either, 2) the edTPA Multiple Subject, Literacy with Mathematics with a passing standard of 47 and a secondary passing standard of 44, and the Education Specialist Literacy: MMSN and ESN Assessments, with the recommended passing standard of 35 and a secondary passing standard of 34, and 3) the FAST 3.0 Site Visitation Project for Multiple Subject, and Education Specialist: MMSN and ESN for operational administration beginning in the 2025-26

academic year with the recommended passing standard of Level 2 on each rubric. Chair Grenot-Scheyer seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

3E: Proposed Passing Score Standards for the New and Revised California Teaching Performance Assessments

Julie Holmes, Consultant, Performance Assessment, and Juliet Wahleithner, Special Consultant, Office of Policy and Continuous Improvement, presented this item which provided recommended minimum passing standards for the revised 2025-26 California Teaching Performance Assessment Cycles 1 and 2 for Single Subject and World Languages and the newly developed 2025-26 Math Cycle for Multiple Subjects, and Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Support Needs and Extensive Support Needs. These new and revised assessments will become operational July 1, 2025.

Amy Gimino, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, submitted a written comment which raised a clarifying question regarding the initial recommended CalTPA passing standard.

Commission Action

Commissioner de la Torre moved to adopt a minimum passing standard of 16 points across 8 rubrics, with no side condition, for the CalTPA Multiple Subject – Math Cycle, Single Subject Cycles 1 and 2, World Languages Cycles 1 and 2, and Education Specialist: MMSN and ESN – Math cycles assessments, effective July 1, 2025 and adopt a secondary passing standard of 14 points across all 8 rubrics, with no side conditions, for all assessments. Chair Grenot-Scheyer seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent. Commissioner Cotton was not present during the roll call vote.

Recess

Closed Session

The Commission went into Closed Session at 2:14 p.m. to consider the following *pending litigation: a confidential CRD matter*. The Commission also considered adverse actions, Petitions for Reinstatement, Decisions and Orders, Proposed Decisions, and transcript reviews in discipline cases while in Closed Session pursuant to California Education Code sections 44244.1, 44245, 44246, 44248, and Government Code section 11126.

Friday, June 27, 2025

General Session

Chair Marquita Grenot-Scheyer reconvened the General Session of the Commission at 8:30 a.m. and roll call was taken.

Executive Director Sandy announced that Governor Newsom appointed Juliet Wahleithner to be the new director of the Commission's Division of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment.

Educator Preparation Committee

Committee Chair Jose Cardenas reconvened the Educator Preparation Committee.

3F: Final Recommendations of the Workgroup to Review the Design and Implementation of the Teaching Performance Assessments and Updates on the Approved Interim Actions

Juliet Wahleithner, Director, Division of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment; Mandy Redfern and Ursula Estrada-Reveles, Co-Chairs, RDI-TPA Workgroup, presented this item which provided final recommendations from the Workgroup to Review the Design and Implementation of the Teaching Performance Assessments (RDI-TPA) for possible adoption by the Commission. This item also included updates on Commission-approved interim actions to address near-term improvements identified by the RDI-TPA Workgroup.

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

1. Erin Githens, CTA
2. JoAnne Johnsen, CTA
3. Teri Sorey, University of California, Irvine
4. Miska Pearson, CTA
5. David Goldberg, CTA
6. Natalie Wheatfall-Lum, EdTrust-West
7. Julie Gainsburg, California State University, Northridge

Commission Action

Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the workgroup's recommendations as the foundation for implementation plan development and directed staff to develop an implementation plan that includes a feasibility analysis and identifies options for operationalizing the recommendations according to the statutorily required timeline. Commissioner Mancillas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Martinez abstaining. Commissioner Uzoff was not present during the roll call vote.

3G: Potential Alignment with the National Accrediting Body for Pupil Personnel Services School Social Work in the Area of Advanced Standing

Roxann Purdue, Consultant, Professional Services Division, presented this item which provided potential recommendations concerning an alignment between the Council for Social Work Education and the Commission on Teacher Credentialing in the area of Advanced Standing for Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) School Social Work (SSW). Proposed revisions to Preconditions and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 80049 for the PPS SSW were presented for Commission discussion and possible action.

Commission Action

Commissioner Mancillas moved to approve the proposed changes related to Advanced Standing in Precondition 2 for Pupil Personnel Services School Social Work. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent. Commissioners Cotton and Uzoff were not present during the roll call vote.

Recess

Closed Session

The Commission went into Closed Session at 10:18 a.m. to consider the following *pending litigation: a confidential CRD matter*. The Commission also considered adverse actions, Petitions

for Reinstatement, Decisions and Orders, Proposed Decisions, and transcript reviews in discipline cases while in Closed Session pursuant to California Education Code sections 44244.1, 44245, 44246, 44248, and Government Code section 11126.

Reconvene General Session

Chair Grenot-Scheyer reconvened the General Session.

Legislative Committee

Committee Chair Bonnie Klatt convened the Legislative Committee.

4A: Re-affirm the Commission's Legislative Guidelines and Adopt a New Advocacy Policy for Legislation

Jonathon Howard, Government Relations & Public Affairs Manager, Administrative Services Division, presented this item which provided the Commission's Legislative Guidelines, adopted in 1995, for review and reaffirmation.

John Affeldt/Allyson Osoris, Public Advocates, spoke and submitted a written comment on this item which voiced support for the recommendation to reaffirm the 1995 Legislative Guidelines and authorize enhanced strategic messaging between Commission meetings.

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/Carlos Rojas, Kern County Superintendent of Schools/Andrea Ball, California Association of Suburban School Districts, submitted a written letter which encouraged the Commission to reexamine its existing Legislative Guidelines in light of the current needs of California's educational system and urged that every effort is made to have transparent and open dialogue on proposed legislation and policy changes with direction sought from Commissioners.

Commission Action

Commissioner Lit moved that the Commission reaffirm the legislative guidelines adopted by the Commission in 1995 and authorize the staff to work with the Commission Chair and Vice Chair on strategic messaging regarding pending legislation between Commission meetings. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Davis in opposition. Commissioners Cotton, Martinez, and Uzoff were not present during the roll call vote.

4B: 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.

John Affeldt/Allyson Osoris, Public Advocates, spoke and submitted a written comment which urged the Commission to oppose AB 1224 (Valencia) and direct staff to communicate this opposition to the Legislature immediately.

Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee

Acting Committee Chair Danette Brown convened the Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee due to Committee Chair Cruz's absence.

5A: Update on the Governor's Proposed 2025-26 Budget

Sara Saelee, Manager, Fiscal and Business Services, presented this item which provided an update on the salient points of the Commission's portion of the 2025-26 Governor's budget.

Reconvene General Session

Chair Grenot-Scheyer reconvened the General Session.

2H: Interview and Recommendations for the Public Member Positions on the Committee of Credentials

Commissioner Mancillas moved to approve the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee to appoint Dhyan Lal and Anna Osipova to serve in the Public Member positions and Rachel Hayes as an alternate on the Committee of Credentials. Commissioner Cardenas seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent. Commissioners Cotton, Martinez, and Uzoff were not present during the roll call vote.

2I: New Business

The Bimonthly Agenda was presented.

Recess

Closed Session

The Commission went into Closed Session at 12:15 p.m. to consider the following *pending litigation: a confidential CRD matter*. The Commission also considered adverse actions, Petitions for Reinstatement, Decisions and Orders, Proposed Decisions, and transcript reviews in discipline cases while in Closed Session pursuant to California Education Code sections 44244.1, 44245, 44246, 44248, and Government Code section 11126.

Reconvene General Session

Chair Grenot-Scheyer reconvened the General Session.

2J: Report of Closed Session Items

Vice Chair Bonnie Klatt reported that staff briefed the Commission on *pending litigation: a confidential Civil Rights Department matter* and no reportable action was taken.

The Commission granted the Petition for Reinstatement in the matter of Stephen Tasy.

The Commission denied the following Petitions for Reinstatement:

- Kurt Osmer
- Kristin Meadows
- Lee Hammond
- Freedom Cheteni
- Larry Williams (Commissioner de la Torre recused himself on this item)

Commissioner Kathryn Browne was appointed to be a voting member to hold a quorum.

The Commission adopted the Proposed Decision in the matter of Anthony Martinez.
Commissioner de la Torre recused himself on this item.

The Commission reviewed the transcript in the following matters, and a Decision and Order will be prepared for the Commission's adoption. The Commission ordered a thirty-day delay for preparation of the Decision and Order.

- Joseph Barrera
- Cyane Gonzalez
- Bryant Matthews
- Jacqueline Palafox
- Monte Ray Rompal (Commissioner de la Torre recused himself on this item)
- Heather Lynn Solomon
- Martha Villarreal
- William P. Wells

The Commission discussed Consent Calendar item #71. Cameron Shim and remanded the matter back to the Committee of Credentials.

The Commission discussed Consent Calendar item #91. Daniel Alvarez-Ibarra Jr. and rejected the Proposed Decision and called for the transcript.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Grenot-Scheyer adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.