STATE OF NEVADA

COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

ACTION REPORT

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education held a meeting on **September 5, 2008** in the Board Room at the Nevada Department of Education Office, Carson City, Nevada. The following discussions were held and actions taken:

- The Commission received an update regarding the move of the Southern Nevada Licensure Office. New video equipment is being installed and may be operational for use in November.

- The Commission approved "Global Education Group Inc." to be added to the list of agencies approved to evaluate foreign transcripts.

- Chair Luft stated that the State Board agreed with Commission's recommendation for a review and update of NAC 391.558 – teacher preparation programs, for a review and discussion of pass rates to be brought in line with other states for competency testing. The State Board of Education will post the item for a workshop at the October 10, 2008 State Board of Education meeting.

- The Commission discussed NAC 391.420 with regard to Ethnic Music and will hold a workshop on October 17, 2008 to discuss options.

- The Commission held a workshop to solicit comments for a new regulation for the renewal of a license for certain retired employees. The Commission will hold a public hearing at the October 17, 2008 meeting for possible adoption.

- The Commission received an update from the Alternative Route to Licensure Task Force. The Task Force recently held a meeting on July 10, 2008 and will be scheduling the next meeting when the video conferencing equipment in the northern and southern office has been installed and is operational. The next meeting of the ARL Task Force is anticipated for November, 2008.

- The Commission received an update from the Elementary Licensure Task Force, as names are being collected for the Task Force and the first meeting is yet to be scheduled.

- The Commission agreed that the following issues will be discussed at the next meeting: 1) Public Hearing for a new regulation and NAC 391.065 – Permanent Licensure for Retired Teachers; 2) Workshop for NAC 391.420 – Business and Industry/Ethnic Music; 3) Report and Recommendation from Staff as to national board certifications as it relates to NAC 391.060; 4) Discussion of payment of mileage for Task Force members and the effect on the budget; 5) Election of Officers; and 6) Reports from the following Task Forces: Alternative Route to Licensure and Elementary Education.

The next meeting of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education is scheduled for **October 17, 2008 at the Nevada Department of Education, Board Room, 9890 South Maryland Parkway, Conference Room #228, Las Vegas, Nevada**. For your convenience, minutes and agendas are posted on the Nevada Department of Education's website, under Commissions, at http://www.doe.nv.gov. For further details, contact Christina Harper at 775-687-9226, FAX 775-687-9202 or E-mail charper@doe.nv.gov, Department of Education, Carson City Office.