

State of California

Department of Education

# Last Minute Memorandum

**To: STATE BOARD MEMBERS**

**Date: 11/11/03**

**From: Geno Flores, Deputy Superintendent  
Assessment and Accountability Branch**

**Re: ITEM # 41**

**Subject TITLE I COMMITTEE OF PRACTITIONERS: APPROVAL OF  
APPOINTMENTS**

The nominees for appointment to the Title I Committee of Practitioners are ready for your approval. The list of nominees are attached

[Attachment 1](#): Committee of Practitioners, List of Nominees (Pages 3).

**Committee of Practitioners**  
**Item #41**  
**List of Nominees**

1. Karen Chizek, Director of Categorical Programs, Placer County Office of Education
  - President, California Co-operative Directors Association
  - Over 25 years experience with categorical programs as teacher and administrator in smaller school districts
  - Twice named Administrator of the Year, Nevada County ACSA
  
2. Sandra Clifton – Bacon, Assistant Superintendent, Redondo Beach Unified School District
  - Extensive administrative leadership in district instructional programs and support services
  - Former President, Association California School Administrators
  - Member, State Board of Directors, California Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
  
3. George Esposito Romero, Jr., Director, Human Resources, Mendocino County Office of Education
  - Provides human resources support in areas including NCLB, ELL, Alternative Education, Regional Occupation Programs and Special Education Programs for county offices and local school districts
  - Extensive administrative experience in urban/suburban/rural settings with ethnically, culturally, and economically diverse populations
  
4. Patricia Koch, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Huntington Beach Union High School District
  - Chief Business Official for K-12 school districts for over 12 years.
  - Chair of California School Business Officials' Professional Development Committee
  - Ph.D. Educational Psychology/Special Education, UCLA
  
5. Patricia Walsh, Director, Student Performance and Program Evaluation, Ventura Unified School District
  - Extensive administrative experience in helping schools implement standards-based instructional systems with an emphasis on using comprehensive data systems for monitoring and improving student achievement

6. Carol Bakken, Assistant Director, Division for School Improvement/Southern California Assistance Center, Los Angeles County Office of Education
  - Served as Chair of the Southern California Comprehensive Assistance Center (CCAC) Family Involvement Network
  - Provides technical assistance and professional development in the areas of Homeless Education, Neglected and Delinquent Populations, Family Involvement, and Migrant Education
  - California Parent Center Advisory Board Member
  - Ed.D. – Educational Administration, United States International University, San Diego
7. Linda Mook, Educational Issues Coordinator, California Federation of Teachers
  - High school English/journalism teacher, Corona del Mar High School, Newport Beach, 1969-1994.
  - 1990 National Teacher of Merit, National Journalism Education Association
8. Patty Cox, Research Specialist, California Federation of Teachers
  - High school mathematics teacher, Harbor High School, Santa Cruz, 1976-1997
  - Mentor teacher for eight years and coordinator for Santa Cruz City Schools Mentor Teacher Program for four years
  - Staff liaison for CFT's Early Childhood Committee
  - Member National Association for the Education for Young Children
9. David Pollock, Governing Board Member, Moorpark Unified School District, 1992-Present
  - President-elect, California School Boards Association
  - Manager of Market Planning, The Boeing Company
10. Karen Gardner, Special Education Paraeducator, Turlock Elementary School District
  - 25 years experience as paraeducator
  - Served as Panel Member for Assembly Speaker Willie Brown's Education Summit
  - Served on CDE Advisory Committee regarding career ladders for paraprofessionals
11. Barbara Ferges, Teacher, Lawndale Elementary School District
  - Thirty-four years experience in grades 3-8.
  - Credentials include Reading Specialist, Administrative Tier 1, and Language Development Authorization.
  - Masters degrees in Reading and Administration
12. Kathryn Steinberg of Encino, parent
  - 14 years experience advocating for children in the public schools
  - Advisory Board Member to LAUSD Superintendent of Schools
  - Currently Federal Advocate for California State PTA
  - J.D., Duke University

13. Jo A.S. Loss of Castro Valley, parent
  - California State PTA Vice President for Education
  - California State PTA Leadership Services Commissioner
  - Trustee, Castro Valley Unified School District, 1995 to present
14. Brenda Steffen, Staff Secretary, Antioch Unified School District and parent.
  - Leadership Services Commissioner, California State PTA
  - Member, Antioch Unified School District Curriculum Council, 1995-2001
15. Linda Cook, State and Federal Programs Director, North Sacramento School District
  - 26 years as classroom teacher; model teacher; demonstration teacher; Master teacher, Team teaching, Multiage Program, Neverstreaming Program
  - 4 years as site coordinator of Federal and State programs
16. E. Sheli Cunningham, Administrator, Migrant Education Program, Tulare County Office of Education
  - Over 20 years experience specializing in Project Coordination, Program Management and Teaching
  - Chaired and coordinated a binational project which facilitated the accumulation of education classes/credits of migrant students
17. Robert Gurba, Coordinator, Migrant Education Program, Santa Maria Bonita School District
  - Over 30 years teaching experience
  - Masters degree in Teaching of English as a Second Language
18. Jill Wynns, Member, San Francisco Board of Education
  - Member of the SF Board of Education since 1992
  - Member of the national board of Council of Urban Boards of Education of the National School Boards Association
  - Working Group member for the California Education Master Plan
  - Director of the Children and Families Action Network of Alameda County, a family advocacy organization, from 1994 through 1997