

**OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

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<b>Legislative File</b>	
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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent  
Tara Gard, Deputy Chief Talent Officer, Talent Division

SUBJECT: Application for Variable Term Waiver – CBEST, BCLAD and Program - California Commission on Teacher Credentialing - Named Employees for School Year 2019-2020

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1920-2021 - Application for Variable Term Program Waiver – CBEST, BCLAD and Program - California Commission on Teacher Credentialing – Named Employees for School Year 2019-2020:

1. Oscar Cervantes Flores, 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Newcomer Math/Science, Roosevelt Middle School;
2. Valerie Jones, Resource Specialist, La Escuelita/Met West; and
3. Kenneth Alexander, 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, English/Social Science, Frick Middle School.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since July 1994, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing has had the authority to issue waiver documents that have expressly to do with educator preparation and credentialing and with the ability of employers to employ or assign persons who are not appropriately credentialed for their assignment. All other waivers are under the legal authority of the State Board of Education or the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

A Waiver is issued or denied based upon the Commission’s established criteria and factors such as an employer’s continuing needs; the support the employer will provide to the applicant; or extenuating, extraordinary and unanticipated circumstances.

When an employing agency reviews its staffing needs and starts recruiting for various positions, all attempts must be made to fill a position with an appropriately credentialed employee. Employing agencies are required to first recruit a candidate who is qualified to participate in and enrolls in an approved internship program in the region of the employing agency and secondly, a candidate who is scheduled to complete preliminary credential requirements within six months.

If a fully credentialed candidate is not available employing agencies must recruit candidates in this order:

- A candidate who is scheduled to complete his or her preliminary credential requirements within six months
- A candidate who is qualified to participate and to enroll in an internship program
- A candidate who qualifies to use a local assignment option
- A candidate who qualifies for the Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) or the Short Term Staff Permit (STSP)

If the employer is unable to find an individual who qualifies for one of the staffing options listed above, the Variable Term Waiver may be requested for the most qualified candidate.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Board of Education, as the Governing Board, may approve an application seeking a Variable Term Waiver, from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, as may be necessary for certain certificated employees of the District. For the 2019-2020 school year, CBEST, BCLAD and Program waivers are being sought for the following employees:

1. Oscar Cervantes Flores is requesting a Variable Term CBEST Waiver. Oscar graduated from University of California, Davis with a Bachelors in Sustainable Agriculture & Food System. This waiver will allow candidate time to complete CBEST, CSET, and enroll in the Intern Program.
2. Valerie Jones graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Bachelors in Business. This waiver will allow candidate time to complete CBEST, CSET, and enroll in the Intern Program.
3. Kenneth Alexander graduated from the CSU, Fullerton with a Bachelors in African American Studies. This waiver will allow candidate time to complete CBEST, CSET, and enroll in the Intern Program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Resolution No. 1920-2021**

- Application for Variable Term Program Waiver CBEST, BCLAD and Program – California Commission on Teacher Credentialing – Named Employees for School Year 2019-2020 -

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, may approve an application to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing seeking a Variable Term Program Waiver, as may be necessary for a certificated employee of the District for a specific period of time,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the Application for Variable Term Program Waiver – CBEST, BCLAD and Program - to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing on behalf of the candidates listed below for School Year 2019-2020:

1. Oscar Cervantes Flores, 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Newcomer Math/Science, Roosevelt Middle School;
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Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE: None

PREFERENTIAL NOE: None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: None

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE: None

AYES: Roseann Torres, James Harris, Gary Yee, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Aimee Eng, Vice President Shanthi Gonzales, President Jody London

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSE: None

ABSENT: Student Directors Garibo and Smith-Dahl

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on March 25, 2020.


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