



# LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION

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## **NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

On Thursday, September 27, 2007, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on educational governance and accountability in California. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

This is the first of two planned hearings as part of the Commission's review of California's educational governance system. The Commission is reviewing educational governance to identify reforms that will improve student outcomes. This hearing will provide an overview of current research, as well as current attitudes toward reform. Witnesses will discuss the Getting Down to Facts project, the infrastructure of educational governance and public school finance in California and obstacles to change. A complete agenda is on the reverse.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

In addition, the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Subcommittee of the Little Hoover Commission will meet on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 115 of the State Capitol. The subcommittee will discuss the next steps for the Commission's alcohol and drug treatment study.

The Career Technical Education Subcommittee of the Little Hoover Commission also will meet on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Room 115 of the State Capitol. The subcommittee will discuss what it has learned from the Commission's public hearings, advisory committee meetings and site visits related to career technical education in California.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's Web site, [www.lhc.ca.gov](http://www.lhc.ca.gov). If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Stuart Drown at (916) 445-2125 or [littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov](mailto:littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov) by Thursday, September 20, 2007. Commission hearings can be viewed via Webcast within a week after the hearing date on the California Channel Web site, [www.calchannel.com](http://www.calchannel.com).

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**Public Hearing on Educational Governance and Accountability**  
**Thursday, September 27, 2007**  
**State Capitol, Room 437**  
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**Public Hearing: 9 a.m.**

**Overview of Getting Down to Facts**

1. Susanna Loeb, Director, Institute for Research on Education Policy & Practice, Stanford University, and Coordinator, Getting Down to Facts Project

**Educational Governance**

2. Dominic J. Brewer, Professor of Education, Economics and Policy, University of Southern California

**Public School Finance**

3. Thomas Timar, Professor of Education, University of California, Davis
4. Jon Sonstelie, Visiting Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California

**Obstacles to Reform**

5. Delaine Eastin, former State Superintendent of Public Instruction and former Assemblymember
6. Charles A. Ratliff, former Director, Office of the Education Master Plan

**Business Meeting Agenda**

***(The Commission will consider agenda items I-V at approximately noon. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)***

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from August 23, 2007
- II. Schedule/Project Selection
- III. Subcommittee Reports
- IV. Implementation Activity
- V. Reports from Bureau of State Audits