

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION  
FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

**Meeting Locations:**

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>MEETING ROOMS</b>
Department of Education	9890 S. Maryland Pkwy.	Las Vegas	Board Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
Department of Education	700 E. Fifth Street	Carson City	Board Room

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

*(Video Conferenced)*

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**In Las Vegas:**

President Esparza  
Commissioner Zeh  
Commissioner Carvalho (Departed at 10:27 am)  
Commissioner West  
Commissioner Maruyama (Arrived at 9:40 am)

**In Carson City:**

Commissioner McGregor  
Commissioner Drum  
Commissioner Burnham  
Commissioner Gallivan-Wallace

**COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Vice President Pendleton  
Commissioner Davis

**DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:**

**In Las Vegas:**

Jason Dietrich, Office of Educator Licensure  
Paul Partida, Office of Educator Licensure  
Michael Arakawa, Office of Educator Licensure  
Crissy Furst, Office of Educator Licensure

**In Carson City:**

**LEGAL STAFF PRESENT**

**In Las Vegas:**

Deputy Attorney General David Gardner

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:**

**In Las Vegas:**

Rob Askey, Touro University Nevada  
Jessica Bouchte, Clark County School District  
Ed Ronca, University of Nevada Las Vegas

Matt Borek, University of Nevada Las Vegas  
Tamara Carrington, Clark County School District  
Kristin Barnson, Nevada School Counselor Association  
Toby Babina, Clark County School District  
Roberta Kaufman, Nevada State College  
Monica Beane, Education Testing Services  
Zane Gray, Sierra Nevada College  
Stacey Joyner, Nevada Department of Education  
Patti Oya, Nevada Department of Education

**Carson City:**

Hope Blinco Mineral County School District  
Keeli Killian, Washoe County School District  
Kate Shum, Washoe County School District  
Ellen Thomas, Washoe County School District  
Cara Gerhardt, Washoe County School District  
Randi Hunewill, Nevada Department of Education  
Natha Anderson, Washoe Education Association  
Debb Oliver, Mindful  
Mary Owens, Washoe Education Association  
Andrea De Michiels, Washoe Education Association  
Jasper Benbery, Washoe Education Association  
Tom Stave, Washoe Education Association  
Michelle Trujillo, Nevada Department of Education  
Molly Dahl, Youth Positive  
Kristen Gleissner, Northwestern Regional Professional Development Program

**Elko:**

Brian Zeiszler, Great Basin College

**Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order; Roll Call; Pledge of Allegiance**

President Esparza called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

President Esparza commented that Vice President Pendleton has accepted a position as a School Associate Superintendent with Clark County School District and would not be joining the meeting.

Roll call attendance was taken as reflected above. It was determined a quorum was met.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner West.

**Agenda Item #2 – Public Comment #1**

No Public Comment in Elko.

**Carson City:**

Ruben Murillo from NSEA gave public comment on R110-18 and stated that NSEA is in support of the changes. There were a couple of things that they would have liked to have and college or university credits not being accepted for the 15 hours per year. They appreciate the trust in the educators and the hard work that the NDE along with Jason Dietrich have done on this.

Natha Anderson from Washoe Education Association gave public comment on R110-18 and stated that she appreciated the elements which were added and removed by the workgroup. In concept, she approves of the necessary changes.

Keeli Killian from WCSD, counseling specialist, gave public comment on R115-18 stating that she would like to echo Kristen Barnson's comments as well as take out teacher praxis requirements and focus on counseling tests. The current program requirements should be changed from 36 semester hours to a

minimum of 48 semester hours. She can provide updated standards to help with licensure programming requirements.

Molly Dahl with Youth Positive gave public comment voicing her support and gratitude for the proposed regulation of R154-18.

Las Vegas:

Kristen Barnson from Nevada School Counselor Association gave public comment on R115-18 stating that they recommend that Praxis II from the American School Counselors Association that the testing stays in as professional standard and the 36 semester hours of graduate credits to include the new ASCA standards of school counselors preparations program released in June of 2018 which CCSD had adopted in their evaluation. Mike Arakawa replied that the language would be updated.

**Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Flexible Agenda**

**Motion:** Commissioner Zeh moved to approve the flexible agenda. Commissioner Burnham seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes for January 16, 2019 Meeting**

**Motion:** Commissioner West moved to approve the January 16, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Drum seconded the motion. **Commissioner Zeh and President Esparza abstained. Motion carried.**

**Agenda Item #5 – Nevada Department of Education Updates, presented by Mike Arakawa.**

Mike Arakawa gave NDE updates and stated that there were a number of personnel changes, foremost being that Superintendent Canavero has resigned his position, the Governor chose Deputy Superintendent Jonathan Moore as acting Superintendent of Public Instruction. The State Board is recruiting for a permanent replacement for the State Superintendent. Jason Dietrich, in his role as Interim Deputy Superintendent, has appointed Mike as the Acting Director of Licensure and Christine Furst as the Acting Licensure Manager so that he could concentrate on the higher level work. The NDE presented Senate Bill 41 which will have a number of amendments and revisions going forward working with stakeholders. Senate Bill 20 discussions are ongoing with UNR program staff to be able to use their material. The southern office of the NDE will tentatively be moving at the end of March or beginning of April.

President Esparza stated that she is very grateful to the NDE and the former State Superintendent for progressive school reforms and moving Nevada forward.

**Agenda Item #6 – Public Hearing and Possible adoption of Proposed Amendments to R110-18: NAC 391.065 and repeal of NAC 391.075, presented by Mike Arakawa.**

Mike Arakawa presented the public hearing on R110-18 with changes to NAC 391.065 and the repeal of NAC 391.075. He stated that this was a long time in coming with quite a bit of discussion. He read the language into the record and gave examples of how the 15 hours of professional development per year would be easier for educators rather than trying to obtain the 6 renewal credits at the last minute before the renewals of their licenses. He further stated that the way the regulation language is written, as to not inconvenience the educators, the ones in the middle of their period of validity may do the 15 hours per year or the 6 renewal credits. A couple of amendments were proposed in the most recent workgroup which would change Section 1, subsection 2(a)(1) we propose to change that language to read completed, designed, or provided in accordance with subsection 3. This is in response to the point being brought up that someone should receive credit for designing and teaching professional development.

President Esparza stated that this has been over a year in the making with a lot of work having gone into the process. This is in hopes of making sure people understand the changes and provide more opportunities to get their professional growth in.

President Esparza opened the floor to Commissioner comments.

Commissioner McGregor asked if there were copies of the changes. Mike replied that he would send them to everyone.

President Esparza gave an example of real time professional development is embedded at CCSD with 1 hour weekly being done in-house and on-site.

Commissioner McGregor stated that in WCSD they have an early release every Wednesday and those sessions vary from school to school. They may have professional development or staff meetings. She asked if she had 30 minutes of professional development on one of those days if that would count. Mike replied that would count, they are only looking for 15 hours per year.

Commissioner Drum asked about National Board certification and if Section 2 supersedes Section 1. Mike replied that the current National Board certification would stand, the only thing that would change is the 6 renewal credits changing to 15 hours per year of professional growth.

Commissioner McGregor asked about other staff meetings and if they would count. Mike replied that anything that would help educators becoming better educators would count. Commissioner McGregor stated that her big question was what would constitute professional development. They need to be very clear to the educators and the messaging needs to be there for them. She would caution that the Commission proceeds very carefully.

President Esparza stated that in her conversations with Interim Deputy Superintendent, they would just need to provide some sort of agenda showing that they had attended the training or meeting and it was used for professional growth. This would then be uploaded to their OPAL profile online and one of the licensure analysts would be able to approve it.

Mike explained the other amendments proposed.

President Esparza asked Mike Arakawa to provide some clarification on the comments made by Ruben Murillo. Mike stated that it was 15 hours of contact time in some capacity per year and not 15 credits per year.

**Motion:** Commissioner West moved to adopt R110-18 with the revisions as stated amending NAC 391.065 and repealing NAC 391.075 to move forward to the State Board of Education. Commissioner Carvalho seconded the motion. **Commissioner McGregor voted no. Motion carried.**

**Agenda Item #7 – Public Hearing and Possible adoption of Proposed Amendments to R112-18: NAC 391.056, presented by Mike Arakawa.**

Mike Arakawa presented the public hearing on R112-18 for NAC 391.056; he stated that this was a regulation change that requires a bit of background and context. In 2015, the Governor passed an emergency regulation which greatly amended the structure of provisions on licenses due to the repeal of NCLB. The Commission then adopted a regulation giving 1 year to fulfill the provisions. In April of 2018, the Governor put forward another emergency regulation allowing for more time on license provisions. The Commission then decided to act upon this and proposed a tiered structure for provision removal, with provisions having terms of either one, two, or three years depending upon the specific provision. He read the language of the proposed amended regulation into the record.

President Esparza opened the floor for Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Zeh asked about the 1 year provision on the license and if they would have a 3 year license. Mike replied that it would be a 3 year license with a 1 year provision to complete the item or items listed in the provisions.

**Motion:** Commissioner Zeh moved to adopt R112-18 as written amending NAC 391.056 to move forward to the State Board of Education. Commissioner West seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #8 – Public Hearing and Possible adoption of Proposed Amendments to R113-18: NAC 391.040 and NAC 391.391, presented by Mike Arakawa.**

Mike Arakawa presented the public hearing on R113-18 for NAC 391.040 and NAC 391.391. He stated that the changes were brought forward by NDE staff due to people not providing transcripts because it was not specifically called out in regulation. This makes sure that the regulation does in fact state that the office policy of the NDE is in regulation.

President Esparza opened the floor for Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Burnham stated some language cleanup and asked about the requirements for transcripts as far as program approval for Nevada higher education programs went. Mike replied that they would make the slight language cleanup which was not substantive and answered her question, stating that transcripts still need to be provided showing they completed an approved program, but not for the purpose of a course-by-course evaluation in that case.

**Motion:** Commissioner Carvalho moved to adopt R113-18 with the revisions as stated amending NAC 391.040 and NAC 391.391 to move forward to the State Board of Education. Commissioner West seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #9 – Public Hearing and Possible adoption of Proposed Amendments to R114-18: NAC 391.010, NAC 391.036, NAC 391.055, NAC 391.087, NAC 391.089, NAC 391.171, and NAC 391.557, presented by Mike Arakawa.**

Mike Arakawa presented the public hearing on R114-18 with amendments to NAC 391.010, NAC 391.036, NAC 391.055, NAC 391.087, NAC 391.089, NAC 391.171, and NAC 391.557. He stated most of the regulations were touched by Statute changing the endorsement in early childhood to a license and aligning the language.

President Esparza opened the floor to Commissioner comments.

**Motion:** Commissioner West moved to adopt R114-18 as written, amending NAC 391.010, NAC 391.036, NAC 391.055, NAC 391.087, NAC 391.089, NAC 391.171, and NAC 391.557, to move forward to the State Board of Education. Commissioner Carvalho seconded the motion. **Commissioner Gallivan-Wallace abstained. Motion carried.**

**Agenda Item #10 – Public Hearing and Possible adoption of Proposed Amendments to R115-18: NAC 391.036 and NAC 391.185, presented by Mike Arakawa.**

Mike Arakawa presented the public hearing for R115-18 with amendments to NAC 391.036 and NAC 391.185. He read the language of the proposed amendments into the record.

President Esparza opened the floor to Commissioner comments.

President Esparza asked Commissioner Zeh for her thoughts on the amendments to the regulations. Commissioner Zeh stated that the pathways are different for counselors than they are for standard educators and this cleans up the language to better reflect that. She would request that the word guidance is removed from the reference to school counseling and guidance as that is an old term. Mike replied that it was not substantive and would be updated in the regulation if it went forward.

Commissioner Zeh asked about the testing requirements.

Mike Arakawa stated that the most prudent thing to do would be to amend this regulation to include the standards as brought forward by Commissioner Zeh and public comment.

**Motion:** Commissioner Zeh moved to re-hear R115-18 with the updated standards and increased number of credit hours in the language amending NAC 391.036 and NAC 391.185 at a later date. Commissioner Carvalho seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #11 – Public Hearing and Possible adoption of Proposed Amendments to R116-18: NAC 391.252, presented by Mike Arakawa.**

Mike Arakawa presented the public hearing on R116-18 for NAC 391.252 and stated that there are currently two pathways to teach the JROTC, one being the B&I pathway and the second being the one in front of the Commission. The intent is to align the two pathways since the Bachelor's degree is not required through the B&I pathway.

President Esparza opened the floor to Commissioner comments.

President Esparza stated that she had conversations with three JROTC individuals who are in her school and they are in support of this change to open more doors and pathways to the field. Commissioner Burnham voiced her support.

**Motion:** Commissioner West moved to adopt R116-18 as written amending NAC 391.252 to move forward to the State Board of Education. Commissioner Maruyama seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #12 – Public Hearing and Possible adoption of Proposed Amendments to R154-18: NAC 391.XXX, presented by Mike Arakawa.**

Mike Arakawa presented the public hearing on R154-18 with the creation of NAC 391.XXX for the endorsement as a specialist in Social Emotional and Academic Development (SEAD).

Amber Reid from the Office of Safe and Respectful Learning environment gave a brief background on why the endorsement was proposed by the NDE.

President Esparza opened the floor for Commissioner comments.

President Esparza asked what type of individual would want this endorsement and what kind of work setting would they be in. Amber replied that the way it is currently written, it would be for classroom teachers. The field has received quite a bit of attention recently, often preservice training for teachers does not give them a lot of exposure to this and the endorsement created by this regulation would mitigate that gap in preservice training to institute in their practices. This has been in demand by our educators and will allow their students to become more than academic learners, to become critical thinkers and active participants in their communities.

Kristin Barnson from the Nevada School Counselors Association stated that they do have school counselors without teaching degrees who would be excluded from this endorsement. She asked what this would look like in the schools. As an unintended consequence, there may be no need for school counselors. She would like to see others being able to receive this endorsement.

Commissioner Zeh stated that she believe that the same discussion was had previously. She requested that the Commission removes the words “to teach” in the regulation so that this would include everyone. She asked about the 25 hours of practicum or work experience and what that looked like on a school campus and how that would be tracked. Amber Reid replied that the practicum would be approved by the office of

Educator Licensure as how they do with other endorsements; this was modeled after similar endorsements. Commissioner Zeh asked who would be signing off on the hours in a school setting. Mike Arakawa stated that the NDE would use other similar endorsements as a basis to determine what this would look like and whether or not specific types of work experience would be of use for this. The 25 hour practicum would need to be documented on a transcript.

Commissioner Burnham stated it sound very similar to the ELAD requirement. Christine Furst stated that Commissioner Burnham was correct; it would be just like any other coursework where the practicum would be on a transcript from an accredited university.

President Esparza thanked the educators for bringing this forward as it is very important.

**Motion:** Commissioner Zeh moved to adopt R154-18 with the proposed revisions as stated for NAC 391.XXX to move forward to the State Board of Education. Commissioner Burnham seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #13 – Future Agenda Items, presented by Mike Arakawa.**

Mike Arakawa stated that the Department’s intention is to come back with the Nevada School Law training after more discussion with UNR.

**Agenda Item #14 – Commissioners’ Comments**

Commissioner Burnham stated that she had a conversation with ETS about implementation of the tests and would like that on a future agenda.

Commissioner West stated that in his day job he’s very involved with the Legislative process and is curious if the Commission has been proactive regarding possible legislation that could impact the Commission. He’d like to stay on top of those issues.

President Esparza stated that she was watching the Legislative Session last week and would like any changes that are happening affecting the Commission to be placed on the next agenda.

**Agenda Item #15 – Public Comment #2**

No public comment in Carson City or Elko

Las Vegas:

Vicky Courtney, president of the Clark County Education Association gave public comment asking for more notification to be given to educators concerning any changes that would affect their licensure and any new requirements needed. She would like to see that educators are sent notices through OPAL when things are updated. Mike Arakawa stated that the NDE is happy to give out notice. President Esparza stated that she would like the NDE to give notices to all the entities in human resources to give notifications statewide. Vicky replied that it should be a yearly notice or as things come out, there is a lot of information to remember and reminding them is very helpful. Mike stated that it was his understanding that Interim Deputy Superintendent was in the process of working with the various entities to have a rollout plan.

**Agenda Item #16 – Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.