NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
SEPTEMBER 29, 2026
10:00 AM

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	Board Room
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT #1**
   Public comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Department will impose a time limit of three minutes.

3. **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MARCH 24, 2026, MEETING MINUTES** *(Information/ Discussion/ Possible Action)*
   Members will review the minutes from the November 18, 2025, meeting. Possible action may include the approval of the minutes.
   - Rebecca Dirks Garcia, Chair

4. **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION, REGARDING THE EDUCATOR EFFICACY BELIEFS SURVEY WITH OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY** *(Information/ Discussion)*
   Members will be informed of the findings from the Educator Efficacy Beliefs Survey research conducted by Ohio State University on the Parental Involvement and Family Engagement required licensure course.
   - Yesenia Alvarez Padilla, Ph.D., Project Coordinator, Ohio State University
   - Jiarui Xie, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Scholar, Ohio State University

5. **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING FAMILY ENGAGMENT BEST PRACTICES FROM WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT** *(Information/Discussion)*
   Members will receive a presentation regarding family engagement best practices from the Washoe County School District in alignment with the Nevada Department of Education's Core Strategic Priority of Informed and Connected Families.

- Maria Fernandez, Family-School Partnerships Director, Washoe County School District
- Mary Stach, Accountability/FACE Coordinator, Washoe County School District

6. **INFORMATION , DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT BUDGET PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027** *(Information/ Discussion/Possible Action)*

   Members will receive an update on the council's available budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) and may discuss, formulate, and approve plans for the allocation and expenditure of funds.

   - Anabel Sanchez, Education Programs Professional, Nevada Department of Education

7. **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING UPDATES FROM THE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT (PIFE) OFFICE**

   Members will receive updates on actions relevant to the implementation of Nevada's Family Engagement efforts. The informational topics for this item are solely for informational purposes and do not require approval from the council. This information is designed to satisfy reporting requirements or convey information or updates from the Nevada Department of Education.

   - Anabel Sanchez, Education Programs Professional, Nevada Department of Education

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

   Public comment will be taken during this agenda item on any matter within the jurisdiction, control, or advisory power of the Department. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Department will impose a time limit of three minutes.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**