

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION
JANUARY 18, 2023
9:00 AM**

Office	Address	City	Meeting
Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	Room 114
Department of Education	700 E. Fifth St.	Carson City	Board Room
Department of Education	Livestream	n/a	Link

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

President Amy Rozar
Vice President Jennifer Davis
Commissioner Kenny Belknap
Commissioner Joseph Morgan
Commissioner Meredith Freeman
Commissioner Jordan Wenger

In Carson City:

Commissioner Jamie Hawkins
Commissioner Sherry Mitchell
Commissioner Keith Lewis

Virtually:

Commissioner Christina Tucker

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

None

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Jeff Briske, Director, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement (EDLiFE)
Rick Derry, Administrative Assistant II, EDLiFE
Anabel Sanchez, Education Programs Professional, EDLiFE

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

Senior Deputy Attorney General David Gardner (Virtually)

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE

In Las Vegas:

None

Carson City:

None

Virtually:

Members of the public could view the meeting live via live streaming.

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rozar called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call attendance was taken as reflected above and a quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Davis.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

1. Kate Schum, Washoe County School District provided public comment regarding NAC 391.056. (A summary of the statement is available in Appendix A)

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Rozar expressed gratitude in serving as President of the Commission. She appreciated the work of the Commission. In her role as an administrator in the Clark County School District and President of the Nevada Association of Career and Technical Education, she values the opportunity to provide a different perspective to the Commission and to work with community members who may not be educators by trade.

President Rozar introduced Keith Lewis, superintendent of Douglas County, as the new member of the Commission. President Rozar invited Commissioner Lewis to say a few words of introduction. Commissioner Lewis stated this is his third year as superintendent of the Douglas County School District and he spent his entire career of 27 years in Douglas County. He is very proud and pleased to serve in this capacity to represent Nevada School Superintendents.

President Rozar provided a few remarks on the Professional Education Standards Board Association (PESBA) conference. She and Vice President Davis attended the conference. Her experience was invaluable in respect that it is apparent there is widespread support for increasing the capacity of our educators. President Rozar mentioned the need for increasing support for educators.

President Rozar invited Commissioner Davis to share her takeaways from the PESBA conference. Commissioner Davis shared her experience of looking at barriers to have more teachers in the classroom. She further mentioned her experience looking into retention efforts and what we are doing to assist teachers, as the Commission knows, a teacher's job can be stressful. Actions may involve reviewing what teachers and administrators are doing for each other and to help support each other. The conference was an eye-opening experience for her that she really enjoyed.

President Rozar invited Director Briske for comments about PESBA. Director Briske stated we were fortunate to have a large draw at this PESBA conference. This was the largest conference in the history of PESBA. There will be another midwinter meeting next year. We are also looking forward to the annual National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) meeting to be held during the month of June in Phoenix, Arizona.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Briske informed the Commission that items six and seven from the agenda will be pulled today. This is due to the Governor's executive order pausing all regulation work. Director Briske asked Deputy Attorney General David Gardner to explain the executive order and mentioned he will allow some time after for questions.

Deputy Attorney General Gardner explained [executive order 2023-003](#) that was issued January 12th. It freezes all regulatory actions by executive agencies, boards, commissions, and other groups unless it fits into the exceptions which are found in section five. For the time being, this means all regulations handled by executive branch agencies, commissions, and other entities are on pause unless they can fit into section five until this executive order is rescinded.

President Rozar stated the Commission is not able to act on the public hearing for proposed temporary [Regulation 008-22](#) and the public hearing for proposed temporary [Regulation 009-22](#).

Director Briske asked the Commission if there were any other questions for Mr. Gardner before he continued with the secretary's report. There were no additional questions from the Commission. Director Briske stated the Commission will wait for additional guidance from the Governor's office and the Department before proceeding with additional regulation work.

Director Briske continued with the secretary's report stating public hearing work may continue into the new year as we receive language back from the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB). Today marks ten regulations that have reached the public hearing work in this body. There were six regulations sent back to LCB as they did not meet the intent of the workshop. With the 82th Legislative Session starting soon, there may be further delays getting the remaining regulations back so the Commission may continue this process.

The Praxis Core exam work group held their first meeting before the holidays with WestEd. The second meeting may be held the afternoon of January 24. This may be paused as well due to it being regulation work, the Department is waiting to hear further direction on this.

As educator preparation programs continue to evolve to meet the needs of our next generation of teachers and students, Director Briske asked the Commission to begin thinking about what a rich clinical field experience looks like. Current regulations require eight semester hours of student teaching in several different areas of regulation. The content of those hours is left to the experts at the preparation institutions. Director Briske would like the Commission to start thinking about options to those eight semester hours of student teaching to become licensed in this state. An example provided

was how Grand Canyon University in Phoenix recently changed their preparation programs to six semester hours of student teaching on the transcript. This change included additional seminars and coursework. Those candidates from Grand Canyon University need to get licensed in Arizona before they can apply to Nevada via reciprocity. They cannot apply directly to Nevada, causing a barrier for those students.

President Rozar thanked Director Briske for his report and added that as a building principal, any barrier to hiring teachers is not something that should be supported, instead the Commission would need to find ways to combat those barriers immediately.

5. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2022 MINUTES (Information/Discussion/For possible action)

President Rozar asked the Commission if they would like to discuss the November 16, 2022 minutes. No discussion was made regarding the November 16, 2022 minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the November 16, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TEMPORARY REGULATION 008-22 AMENDING NAC 391.056 – PROVISIONAL NONRENEWABLE LICENSURE: QUALIFICATIONS; TERM OF VALIDITY; ADDITION OF ENDORSEMENTS. (Information/Discussion/For possible action)

This item was removed from the agenda.

7. PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TEMPORARY REGULATION 009-22 AMENDING NAC 391.XXX – SPECIAL NONRENEWABLE LICENSURE: QUALIFICATIONS; REQUIREMENTS; TERM OF VALIDITY. (Information/Discussion/For possible action)

This item was removed from the agenda

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Information/Discussion)

Director Briske asked the Commission if there were any future agenda items they would like to discuss. No future agenda items were mentioned. Director Briske invited Commissioners to email, call, or communicate with President Rozar to bring forward future items.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

There was no public comment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Wenger moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Belknap seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 A.M.

APPENDIX A: STATEMENTS GIVEN DURING PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Kate Schum, Washoe County School District provided public comment regarding NAC 391.056 and NAC 391.370. *(A summary of the statement is available in Appendix A1)*

ITEM A1: KATE SCHUM

Summary of Public Comment:

Provided Public comment regarding NAC 391.056

Washoe County School District appreciates the Commission's dedication to the student of Nevada. We support the T0008-22P, the temporary regulation going before the Commission today. As Districts nationwide look to new ways and approaches in the efforts to recruit and retain teachers, we must be thoughtful of the pressure and requests being put on our educators.

Inviting educators from outside Nevada is vital to easing the educator shortfall. These teachers may have completed their coursework with a different philosophy than higher education institutions in Nevada and should be welcomed to our state. Allowing three years to complete any additional coursework and testing, will give these educators a chance to establish themselves in our state and communities.

We thank you again for your dedication.

Kate Schum

Washoe County School District Human Resources