

**STATEWIDE COUNCIL FOR THE COORDINATION OF THE REGIONAL
TRAINING PROGRAMS**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
2:00 P.M.**

Office	Address	City	Meeting
Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	BristleCone Board Room
Department of Education	700 E. Fifth St.	Carson City	Board Room
Department of Education	Virtual/Livestream	N/A	N/A

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Arthur “AJ” Adams (via videoconference)
2. Jennifer Black (via videoconference)
3. Dr. Seng-Dao Keo (via videoconference)
4. Denise Trakas (via videoconference)
5. Adam Young (via videoconference)
6. Erin Phillips (via videoconference)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

1. Pam Teel

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT

In Las Vegas

1. Daisy Marglin

In Carson City

1. Heather Crawford-Ferre
2. Mary Holsclaw

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE (via videoconference)

1. Leonardo Amador
2. Chelli Smith
3. Erica Etienne
4. Jeff Geihs
5. Dr Greta Peay
6. Ben Dickson
7. Jarod Praction
8. Annie Hicks
9. LION Team

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Chair Adam Young. Quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Denise Trakas.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

There was no in-person public comment in Carson City or Las Vegas and no public comment via email.

3. INTRODUCTION OF ALL MEMBERS, NDE STAFF, RPDP STAFF PRESENT, AND PRESENTORS

4. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 8, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

Chair Young asked if there was a motion to approve the June 8, 2023, meeting minutes.

Member Denise Trakus moved to approve the June 8, 2023, meeting minutes. Member Erin Phillips seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. PRESENTATIONS FROM GRANTEES OF RPDP ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS (2)
PRESENTATIONS**

Jeff Geihs thanked Chair Young and the entire council for their ongoing support of NASA Centers for Educational Excellence Institute which held number seven during the 2022-2023 school year. Dr. Peay along with himself have planned the CEEI number eight which is set to begin October 2023. It already has well over 100 people registered and will have more prior to its start date. They started a program with three credits and are now running the CEEI with six credits and corresponding hours and salary advancement. While thematically the topics tend to be the same year to year, there were many changes. There were so many more differences where they elaborated in the learning for the participants. Dr. Peay and Dr. Geihs put together a presentation where direct testimony was shared from some of their participants. Leo Amador and Erica Etienne would like to share some comments before Dr Peay shares the testimonials and presentation.

Erica Etienne couldn't say enough about the opportunity. It was her second year participating. What she liked was she found CEEI was an opportunity to learn from those in the same field. Getting feedback from teachers and also those in different rolls that she could take back to the building the very next day. She found that to be super powerful. Through note taking, dialogue, and breakout sessions she was able to hear different perspectives and better focus attention on her own craft as a building leader. Dr Peay put some responsibilities on her that boosted her confidence. She was ultimately able to make the decision to leave the classroom and now she is serving as the Director of Substitute Services. That decision came from the skills that she was able to demonstrate and hearing the perspectives from the teachers and other colleagues. She was excited to bet on herself and could finally see herself in a different role. It has been very rewarding and she is looking forward to her participation with CEEI for years to come.

Leonardo Amador said he was just like Erica, looking for something new to do. Trying to figure out how to advance himself and his own learning. He has been in education for 26 years and he wanted to see what was out there. It was a refreshing idea to go and see what the current trends are, what the new mindset is, and just picking the brains of those around him. He stated, "the different perspectives from support staff, central office, building administrators, and teachers was invaluable". The dialogue and camaraderie that was built through the institute was one that they all trusted each other. With honesty and openness, they were able to take things back to the building and make changes as needed and could see immediate effects from. As a principle that invigorated him to

take action on other things he was doing. It gave him the motivation to develop an African American Studies course for middle school for equity across the board for all of their kids. That was part of the push he got from participating with the group at CEEI. Knowing what he was doing and the direction he was going was the right way to go about, with the support of so many people that saw the same vision that he saw.

First presentation. Dr. Peay thanked Dr Geihs, Chair Young, and the Council members then proceeded with a recap of the PowerPoint. The Center for Educational Excellence Institute fiscal year 2022-2023 theme was around the adaptive leader. They thought it was important that participants received information on what an adaptive leader is. What the characteristics and traits are and what the mindset of an adaptive leader is. The institute started October 15, 2022, and concluded February 2, 2023. The participants participated in 26 sessions and received 6 contact units. There were over 90 hours of licensure renewal hours. All of the sessions were virtual. Keeping them virtual meant they were able to offer the opportunity to all their colleagues throughout the state. They had 15 individuals from the Washoe County School District who participated in CEEI. There were two measurable objectives that NASA engaged for success. The first objective was to increase the number of educators who participated in the CEE Institute. They increased the number of participants from 172 from the previous fiscal year to 321 participants in the 2022-2023 fiscal year who completed CEEI. The second measurable objective was to make sure that the participants had an opportunity to earn six credits, and 90 hours. The participants had to submit a 3–5-page reflection responding to three questions. In the PowerPoint presentation you will find feedback from results and testimonials from the participants. You will also find the titles and photos of the presenters who were the facilitators of learning for CEEI. They had individuals from the state level, national level, international level as well as a superintendent. They thought it important for the council to see a diverse group of expertise. The rest of the PowerPoint will show how the 2022-2023 fiscal year granted funds were used.

Chair Young asked the if there were any questions for the NASA Team. There were no questions. He thanked NASA for the presentation and for the terrific work throughout the course of the year.

Second presentation. The LION team with Brain Lylee, Brenda Cassat, Ramona Esparza, and Dr. Michelle Robinson.

6. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE DRAFT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR RPD ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

Chair Young explained that this council receives \$100,000 from the Nevada legislature to use for administrative training each year.

7. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUTURE MEETING DATES

8. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

There was no in-person public comment in Carson City or Las Vegas and no public comment via email.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no objections, Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.