

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 16, 2022
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	<u>Link</u>

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Commissioner Amy Rozar
Commissioner Kenny Belknap
Commissioner Jennifer Davis
Commissioner Joseph Morgan
Commissioner Meredith Freeman

In Carson City:

Commissioner Jamie Hawkins

Virtually:

President Aaron West-Guillen
Commissioner Sherry Mitchell

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Commissioner Jordan Wenger
Commissioner Christina Tucker

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Jeff Briske, Director, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement (EDLiFE)
Rick Derry, Administrative Assistant II, 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 West 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 Commissioner Belknap.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

There was no public comment.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President West announced that the public hearing for Proposed Regulation 118-22 would be removed from the agenda at the Department's request to be sent to the Legislative Council Bureau. The language will be updated to match the intent of the workshop. It will be brought back at a future meeting. President West thanked everyone for their hard work as it will be his last meeting today. He looks forward to the advancement of the policies the Commission has been working on under the new leadership.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Briske, Director, Office of Educator Development, Licensure and Family Engagement. Director Briske informed the Commission that the Department is continuing to receive language back from the Legislative Council Bureau. Nevada will be hosting the Professional Education Standards Board Association meeting in Las Vegas on December 12 and 13. Newly elected officers from the Commission will be invited to attend. The Nevada Department of Education's contract with West Ed was approved and work relating to the Praxis CORE test workgroup will move forward. West Ed agreed to do the research on what other states are doing regarding exam alternatives and will hold three workgroup meetings. West Ed will present a full report and presentation to the Commission once that work has concluded. Director Briske solicited names from Commissioners who would like to join the Praxis CORE workgroup. Commissioners were informed they can participate in the workgroup without violating open meeting law. Three additional educator licensure staff positions were approved at the October interim finance committee. The positions include a management analyst II and two administrative assistants to provide customer support. The Department is excited these positions were approved and looks forward to training these individuals this winter in preparation for the licensure office's busy spring and summer seasons.

5. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19, 2022 MINUTES (Information/Discussion/For possible action)

President West asked the Commission if they would like to discuss the October 19, 2022 minutes. No discussion was made regarding the October 19, 2022 minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Rozar moved to approve the October 19, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. MEETING DATES 2023 (Information/Discussion/For possible action)

President West asked the Commission to review their collective calendars to determine meeting dates for the new year. He asked Director Briske suggested meeting dates for consideration, including summer dates. President West opened discussion on those dates Commissioners discussed the proposed meeting dates and made revisions to accommodate district calendars and Commissioner availability.

Motion: Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the 2023 meeting dates with the revisions of March changed to 8, July removed, and August changed to 23. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Information/Discussion/For possible action)

President West asked Deputy Attorney General David Gardner for comments related to the election process. Mr. Gardner explained the election was happening per [NRS 391.015](#) stating the Commission shall elect one of its members as President and one of its members as Vice President to serve at the pleasure of the Commission. The election begins when a member nominates themselves or any other member. Nominations happen first and then voting is held. The same process happens to elect a Vice President. If there is one nomination, voting still occurs. Mr. Gardner asked if there were any questions. Director Briske asked Deputy Attorney General Gardner if he could explain the duties of the President and Vice President. Mr. Gardner explained that the President or Vice President if the President is not available, will be meeting outside of public meetings with the Department staff to prepare agendas and follow up with any actions the Commission is asked to do. The Department will reach out to the President or Vice President of the Commission first before addressing the Commission about an item to avoid violating open meeting law. The President or Vice President will be running the meetings, following the agenda, and assuring everyone else is following the agenda. Deputy Attorney General Gardner asked the Commission if they had any questions. No questions were asked by the Commission.

Deputy Attorney General Gardner opened nominations for President. He reminded Commissioners that they can nominate themselves or any other member. President West nominated Commissioner Rozar due to the skillset she can bring to tackle some of the challenges the Commission will be facing. Commissioner Rozar accepted the nomination. Deputy Attorney General Gardner asked if there were any other nominations for President. No additional nominations for President were made.

Vote: Deputy Attorney General Gardner opened voting to elect Commissioner Rozar as President of the Commission. All Commissioners voted in favor to elect Commissioner Rozar as the new President of the Commission.

Deputy Attorney General Gardner opened nominations for Vice President. He reminded Commissioners that they can nominate themselves or any other member. Commissioner Rozar nominated Commissioner Davis. Deputy Attorney General Gardner asked if there were any other nominations for Vice President. Commissioner Morgan nominated himself. Commissioner Davis accepted the nomination. No additional nominations for Vice President were made.

Vote: Deputy Attorney General Gardner opened voting to elect Commissioner Davis as Vice President of the Commission. Six Commissioners voted in favor to elect Commissioner Davis as the new Vice President of the Commission. Deputy Attorney General Gardner opened

voting to elect Commissioner Morgan as Vice President of the Commission. Two Commissioners voted in favor to elect Commissioner Morgan as the new Vice President of the Commission. Deputy Attorney General Gardner announced Commissioner Davis was elected as the new Vice President of the Commission.

8. PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATION 166-22 AMENDING NAC 391.036 – TESTS OF COMPETENCY REQUIRED FOR INITIAL LICENSE; EXEMPTIONS; FAILURE TO COMPLY; NAC 391.420 – BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ENDORSEMENT: PROGRAM AREAS FOR WHICH ENDORSEMENT MAY BE ISSUED; NAC 391.425 – BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ENDORSEMENT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR RECEIPT AND FIRST RENEWAL. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

President West opened the public hearing at 9:22 a.m. to solicit public comment on proposed [Regulation 166-22](#) amending NAC 391.XXX. There was no public comment on this item.

Director Briske referred to the [supporting documents](#) for this item. In Proposed Regulation 166-22, section one of [NAC 391.036](#) allows applicants to use exam scores completed within 10 years of the application for licensure and allows the American College Test (ACT) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) exams in lieu of the Praxis CORE exam. The proposed changes to [NAC 391.420](#), section two would allow business and industry license holders to add certain endorsements to their license. Those endorsements include computer science, cultural competency, English language acquisition and development, and social emotional and academic development. Proposed changes to [NAC 391.425](#), section three would allow additional pathways for currently licensed Business and Industry or Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers to add certain additional endorsements. In addition, subsection seven exempts having to repeat coursework for a person who already holds a business and industry license and wishes to add another business and industry endorsement area.

President West asked the Commission if they had questions or discussions relating to the proposed Regulation 166-22.

Commissioner Hawkins commented she believes it is great streamlining and appreciates this effort being brought to the Commission.

President West asked for a motion to adopt the amendments to Proposed Regulation 166-22. Commissioner Morgan moved to adopt the amendments to Proposed Regulation 166-22. Commissioner Davis seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (*Information/Discussion*)

Director Briske informed the Commission that there will be public hearings at the next meeting. Ms. Sanchez will start the workgroup for the substitute and emergency substitute regulations. The work with West Ed regarding the Praxis CORE will continue as announced earlier. Commissioners were invited to speak with Director Briske after the meeting or via email if they were interested in joining that workgroup. Director Briske asked Commissioners if there were any future agenda items they would like to bring forward. No future agenda items were brought forward by the Commission.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

There was no public comment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rozar moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 A.M.