

# ENGLISH MASTERY COUNCIL

## English Proficiency & Academic Achievement Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 7, 2020  
9:00 A.M.

### STATE OF EMERGENCY SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Due to the circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the English Mastery Council including all subcommittees, will meet via videoconference. In accordance with Governor Sisolak's State of Emergency Directive 006, Section 1, there will be no physical location designated for this meeting.

The public is hereby noticed that the English Mastery Council reserves the right to take agenda items out of posted order (except that public hearings will not begin earlier than posted times); items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time; and items may be combined for consideration by the Council. A time for public comment is provided at the beginning and at the conclusion of the meeting. Members of the public may provide public comment in writing via email; public comment will be accepted via email for the duration of the meeting and shared with the English Mastery Council during the designated agenda items. Public comment may be emailed to Mindy Montoya at [mmontoya@doe.nv.gov](mailto:mmontoya@doe.nv.gov). Members of the public are asked to indicate in the email subject line whether the comment is for Public Comment #1 or Public Comment #2.

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### 1. Call to Order; Roll Call; Pledge of Allegiance

*Lorna James-Cervantes, EP&AA Subcommittee Chair, Clark County School District*

### 2. Public Comments #1

*Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item. 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 For Possible Action may be taken. The Chair may place reasonable limitations as to the amount of time individuals may address the Council (three minutes). The Chair may elect to allow public comment on a specific agenda item when that item is being considered.*

### 3. Approval of Flexible Agenda (For Possible Action)

*Lorna James-Cervantes, EP&AA Subcommittee Chair, Clark County School District*

### 4. Approval of February 20, 2020 Minutes (Information / Discussion / For Possible Action)

*Lorna James-Cervantes, EP&AA Subcommittee Chair, Clark County School District*

### 5. Presentation: Developing Content & Language Simultaneously for all Students (Information / Discussion)

Assistant Superintendent Ignacio Ruiz will present on how the Language Development Approach adopted by the Clark County School District addresses content and language development for all students. The presentation will provide an overview of effective, inclusive practices that ensure accessibility for all students. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. The discussion could address but is not limited to such topics as: a discussion of the presentation, potential outcomes or next steps for the subcommittee related to the presentation, new queries to research for the subcommittee arising from the presentation, or implementation of practices moving forward.

*Ignacio Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent, English Language Learner Division, Clark County School District*

## **6. Discussion: Some Current Research and Resources Regarding Lowest Performing Students**

(Information / Discussion)

The subcommittee will have a discussion based on the research and resources as assigned to the subcommittee members since the last meeting. A brief synopsis and conclusions for the articles for which each member was responsible will be assigned. Each member will provide input and lead the discussion regarding the material they researched and provided. The discussion could address but is not limited to such topics as: a discussion of research outcomes, types of research or resources needed in moving forward, best practices if applicable, teachers use in literacy development, best practices in support of lowest performing students in other states, exploring the root causes of lowest performing students, and practices of high performing states and high performing schools in the state of Nevada.

*Lorna James-Cervantes, EP&AA Subcommittee Chair, Clark County School District*

## **7. Public Comments #2**

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## **8. Adjournment**

*Lorna James-Cervantes, EP&AA Subcommittee Chair, Clark County School District*