

ENGLISH MASTERY COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 24, 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. 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

Blakely Hume, Education Programs Professional, Nevada Department of Education

2. Public Comments #1

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3. Approval of Flexible Agenda

(Information / Discussion/For Possible Action)

Blakely Hume, Education Programs Professional, Nevada Department of Education

4. Approval of Minutes: 6/25/20 English Mastery Council Meeting

(Information / Discussion/For Possible Action)

Blakely Hume, Education Programs Professional, Nevada Department of Education

5. Approval of Minutes: 6/18/20 English Proficiency & Academic Achievement Subcommittee Meeting

(Information / Discussion/For Possible Action)

Blakely Hume, Education Programs Professional, Nevada Department of Education

6. Election of English Mastery Council Chair 2020-21

(Information / Discussion / For Possible Action)

Blakely Hume, Education Programs Professional, Nevada Department of Education

7. Review of EMC Responsibilities, Original Charge of Council

(Information / Discussion)

A review of core charges and responsibilities of the English Mastery Council. Possible actions include guidance to the subcommittees from the Council and/or direction to change the focus of their activities.

Chair, English Mastery Council

8. Nevada Department of Education Update

(Information / Discussion)

The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) will share the most recent updates pertaining to English learner initiatives. These could include such issues as updates regarding the needs for English Learner supports during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other updates will include the EMC presentation to the October 8 State Board of Education and EMC membership and appointments. Finally, a conversation will be had surrounding the impact of COVID19 on the English Mastery Council on the scheduling of meetings, budget and workflow procedures.

Karl Wilson, Education Programs Supervisor, Nevada Department of Education

Blakely Hume, Education Programs Professional, Nevada Department of Education

9. Nevada Department of Education Update: EL Impact from COVID-19

(Information / Discussion)

The NDE will update how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted ELs specifically with regard to recommendations related to processes for official EL counts for 20-21 and identification procedures.

Karl Wilson, Education Programs Supervisor, Nevada Department of Education

10. Zoom Breakout Procedures

(Information / Discussion / For Possible Action)

The EMC Logistics team will briefly discuss the trajectory of the work of the council for the year. This will entail the processes and procedures in place as it moves forward in COVID-19 regarding new zoom schedule, annual meeting schedule, work group functions, and how this pertains to the EMC legislative responsibilities.

Blakely Hume, Education Programs Professional, Nevada Department of Education

11. Zoom Work Group Breakout Discussion

(Information / Discussion)

During this period the EMC will separate various members into Zoom breakout sessions. There will individual discussions in groups regarding work, progress, procedures, and next steps for work on the various legislative requirements regarding TESL, District Policy and Criteria Planning, and English Proficiency and Academic Achievement. An NDE staff member will attend each group to help guide the discussion. All notes and thoughts will be reported to the full EMC in the next agenda item. After the work group breakout sessions, the full EMC council will reconvene to report out on what was discussed. Possible actions could include discussion or voting on the topics from the breakout sessions.

Chair, English Mastery Council

12. Update on EMC Subcommittee Progress

(Information / Discussion/For Possible Action)

Selected EMC members representing various work groups from the breakout session item will report out based on the discussion during the Zoom breakout session. Possible actions might include a discussion of the work of the subcommittees or recommendations to the EMC regarding legislative charges to bring forward to the State Board of Education.

Work groups:

- TESL Subcommittee
- District Policy and Criteria Planning
- English Proficiency & Academic Achievement

New Chair, English Mastery Council Chair

13. Discussion on Next Steps and Progress of the Council

(Information / Discussion/For Possible Action)

In order to move the EMC forward in meeting its legislative charges, there will be a discussion regarding the direction for the remainder of the year. The council members will participate by determining how their work may result in potential deliverables or cross functional work with various work groups. Possible actions might include but are not limited to: discussions concerning how subcommittees may collaborate on goals or other areas of progress of the council.

New Chair, English Mastery Council Chair

14. Public Comments #2

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15. Adjournment

New Chair, English Mastery Council Chair