

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
January 31, 2023
4:00 PM**

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
Department of Education	Virtual	Virtual	Lifesize Link

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Brande Johnson
Darlin Delgado
Duana Malone
Michelle Gorelow
Rebecca Dirks-Garcia
Sergeant Major Gary Schoolfield
Tameka Henry

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF PRESENT

Alberto Quintero, Education Programs Professional, Office of Educator Development, Licensure and Family Engagement (EDLiFE)
Rick Derry, Administrative Assistant, Office of Educator Development, Licensure and Family Engagement (EDLiFE)

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Rebecca Dirks-Garcia called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. Administrative Assistant Rick Derry gave roll call followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Native American land acknowledgement led by Chair Dirks-Garcia.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

No public comment.

3. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Alberto Quintero, Nevada Department of Education, provided an overview of the draft legislative report, including a review of the additions made to the draft report the Council requested at their January 23, 2023 meeting. Chair Dirks-Garcia added that one of the Council legislation recommendations should read the need to fund and require a parental involvement and family engagement coordinator in each public school district and State. Not just at the district level. Member Malone added that coordinators should be able to attend professional development opportunities and funding should be available for it. Member Henry suggested including language that district accountability reports be sent to families and posted on the Nevada Report Card to ensure accessibility for families. Chair Dirks-Garcia agreed. Member Schoolfield, member Delgado, and member Malone agreed as well. The Council discussed the legislative recommendation of requiring all boards, commissions, and council that impact students to have an appointed family representative. Chair Dirks-Garcia mentioned how some boards, commissions, and councils do not have a family

representative and this is the reason for the legislative recommendation in the report. Member Malone suggested to add clarity around the recommendation and the family representative should be of a child currently enrolled in a public school. Chair Dirks-Garcia agreed. No other changes were made to the legislative draft report.

Member Malone motioned to accept the recommendations in the legislative draft report. Member Schoolfield seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dirks-Garcia requested that Mr. Quintero review the rest of the legislative draft report.

Member Schoolfield motioned to approve the legislative draft report for submission. Member Henry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

Council members discussed possible future meeting dates. Mr. Quintero agreed to reach out to Council members to schedule the next meeting. A few members mentioned how meeting later in the afternoon and monthly would work best.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

No public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM.