

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
January 23, 2023
3:00 PM**

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| Department of Education | 2080 E. Flamingo Rd. | Las Vegas | Bristlecone |
| Department of Education | 700 E. Fifth St. | Carson City | Boardroom |

DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Rebecca Dirks-Garcia
 Vice Chair Tameka Henry
 Duana Malone
 Brande Johnson
 Darlin Delgado
 Gary Schoolfield

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (NDE) STAFF

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Land Acknowledgement led by Chair Rebecca Dirks-Garcia.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

No public comment provided in Carson City, and no public comment provided in Las Vegas.

3. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2022, AND DECEMBER 12, 2022

(Information/Discussion/Possible Action)

Chair Rebecca Dirks-Garcia entertained a motion to approve the November 21, 2022, meeting minutes. Member Gary Schoolfield motion to approve the November 21, 2022, meeting minutes. Vice Chair Tameka Henry seconded. With no further objections, the motion passed unanimously. December 12, 2022, meeting minutes were not available at this time.

4. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ON REINVENT SCHOOLS

(Information/Discussion)

Dr. Morgan will not be able to attend the meeting today, the council rescheduled the next February 1 meeting.

5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ON NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FAMILY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES

(Information/Discussion)

There were no updates provided at this time.

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT LICENSURE REQUIREMENT

(Information/Discussion)

There were no updates provided at this time.

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

(Information/Discussion/Possible Action)

Alberto Quintero shared the 2023 Advisory Council for Family Engagement Legislative Report. Mr. Quintero wanted to give the council members an overview of the report and to ensure they had time to view the contents of the report before they elect and approve to submit to legislative. He viewed the table of contents in regards all the legislative duties and responsibilities that the council is responsible for. Within each section is a summary of activities and discussions during previous council meetings on how they met specific legislative responsibilities. The first report states the requirement of the report to be submitted within the [NRS 385.620\(1\)](#) Policy Review, due to that this is year is an odd numbered year, the report will be submitted to the director of the legislative counsel bureau. During the past meeting in December, the council elected to create a workgroup to review the State Board of Education’s family engagement policy and provide feedback and recommendations for improvement to the Council as a whole.

Mr. Quintero shared the [NRS 385.620\(2\)](#) District Accountability Reports in which the council shall review the information relating to communication with and participation, involvement and engagement of parents and families that is included in the annual report of accountability for each school district pursuant to [NRS 385A.320](#) and similar information in the annual report of accountability prepared by the State Public Charter School Authority and a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education that sponsors a charter school pursuant to subsection 3 of [NRS 385A.070](#).

At the June 20, 2022, Council meeting, the council heard an initiative by the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement to develop a Nevada Family Engagement School Recognition Award. The award will seek to highlight and promote family engagement best practices occurring in the Nevada schools on an annual basis. The award is planned to debut during the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Quintero also discussed NRS 385.620(8) – Determining the need for State and/or District Family Engagement Coordinator, along with NRS 385.620(9) – Working with the office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement. Furthermore, the legislative session is approaching and pursuant [NRS 385.620\(10\)](#) the council shall on or before February 1 of each year, submit a report to the director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the Legislature in odd-numbered years and to the Legislative Commission in even-numbered year, describing the activities of the Advisory Council and any recommendation for legislation. ([see meeting materials](#))

Chair Rebecca Dirks-Garcia thanked Mr. Quintero for always updating the council and sharing information on the report and opened the floor for questions and suggestions as to what should be included in the report. Chair Dirks-Garcia suggested that could agree to include NRS 385.620(8) – Determining Need for State and/or District Family Engagement Coordinator as an affirmative statement rather than a passive one. Member Darlin Delgado agreed with Chair Dirks-Garcia that the council should request support because often there are positions or mandates that are non-funded, and trickles down to schools where the schools must do the work and continue doing those mandates on behalf of students and families without any additional support.

Chair Dirks-Garcia entertained a motion to recommend that it is necessary that there be a state and district level coordinator for family engagement. Member Delgado motioned to fund a coordinator position on a district and state level. Member Tameka Henry seconded the motion. With no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dirks-Garcia entertained a motion to adding a recommendation in regard to the accountability report that should be submitted for publication on the Nevada Report Card accountability portal that would be emailed to families and that the report be presented in language that is accessible to families using federally standardized language related to that. Vice chair moved; member Sgt. Major Gary Schoolfield seconded. With no objections, the motion passed.

The council agreed to a short meeting next week to finalize the recommendations for the draft report before February 1.

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

(Information/Discussion/Possible Action)

The council decided to hold off on a 2023 meeting schedule. There is no information at this time.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(Information/Discussion)

There are currently.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

There are no public comments in Carson City. There are no public comments in Las Vegas.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm