

# Nevada Department Of Education

Nevada Commission on Mentoring  
Friday, March 18, 2022  
2:00 PM

Office	Mode	Platform
Department of Education	Teleconference/Livestream	Zoom

## APPROVED MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

### COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENT

Karl Catarata, Chair  
Katie Membreno, Vice Chair  
Michael Maxwell  
Michael Flores  
Douglas Garner  
Brigid Duffy

### COMMISSION MEMBER ABSENT

Sebastian Cardenas  
Laura Davidson

### DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT

Gabby Lamarre, NDE Staff  
Pamela Juniel, NDE Staff  
Rose Cota, NDE Staff

#### 1. Call to Order:

Chair Catarata called the meeting to order on Friday, March 18, 2022 at 2:05 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call:

Vice Chair, Membreno, conducted a roll call. **Quorum was established** (Members present).

#### 3. Public Comment

Chair Karl Catarata opened the floor to public comment. There was no public comment.  
Pamela Juniel, Chris James' successor, introduced herself to the Commission.

#### **4. Approval of Flexible Agenda**

The Commission **did acquire quorum** and therefore could vote on approval for any objective in this meeting.

**Motion:** Approve Flexible Agenda

**By:** Karl Catarata

**Second:** Brigid Duffy

**Vote:** Passed Unanimously

#### **5. Welcome and Introduction (Mission Statement)**

Vice Chair Katie Membreno informed the Commission that Richard Jack could not be present at today's meeting to present his PowerPoint.

#### **6. Approval of NCOM February 18, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Approve NCOM February 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**By:** Katie Membreno

**Second:** Michael Maxwell

**Vote:** Passed Unanimously

#### **7. Chair's Report:**

Chair Karl Catarata informed the Commission that he has not yet heard from the legislature regarding the timeline of the updates for the annual report, but assured the members that he is still working on the draft of this. Chair Catarata further indicated that he is working with legislative colleagues and stakeholders to ensure that the report is a collaborative process. Chair Catarata informed the Commission that the report is currently five pages of different testimonies from students. Chair Catarata further indicated that he will be reaching out to Gentlemen by Choice for their testimony in order for the legislature to see that NCOM does have stakeholders who are embodied in the work of the Commission.

Gabby Lamarre indicated that historically, NDE has received the report and then facilitated getting the report to the governor and informed the Commission that NDE is prepared to facilitate that again should the Commission so choose.

Chair Karl Catarata thanked Ms. Lamarre and indicated that he wants to work with NDE staff, including new staff member, Dr. Juniel, with the desired outcome of reaching all NCOM stakeholders.

#### **8. NCOM Development updates:**

Chair Karl Catarata informed the Commission that the Grant Subcommittee has not yet been scheduled and asked NDE staff to assist with the scheduling for this subcommittee. Chair

Catarata explained that once the subcommittee meets, the application process can be finalized and then the applications can be sent out to the community.

Gabby Lamarre indicated that Rose Cota could help assist with this process and asked if there was a secretary for NCOM as that would be the appropriate person with whom NDE should work.

Chair Karl Catarata explained that Vice Chair Membreno currently does much of the secretarial work for the Commission, including scheduling for community outreach affairs.

Vice Chair Katie Membreno indicated that she would work with Rose to create a doodle poll and set up some dates. Vice Chair Membreno explained that the poll could be done by midway through the following week, after which she would send out the meeting date chosen by the subcommittee members. Vice Chair Membreno next asked if there were any dates and times that would potentially work for the members so that she could begin adding them to the poll.

Brigid Duffy informed the Commission that she would be out of state from the 28th of March through April 1 and requested the meeting be set for the week following that.

Vice Chair Membreno asked the Commission if there were particular times that worked best for everyone.

Chair Karl Catarata indicated that 2:00 p.m. worked best for him. Chair Catarata further indicated that the subcommittee meeting would need to be posted for the public seven business days in advance.

Vice Chair Katie Membreno indicated that she would send out the poll today and then close it on Tuesday, after which she and Rose Cota would work on the agenda that could be ready to send out by next week.

Douglas Garner asked for a list of the members of the subcommittee.

Chair Karl Catarata indicated that the members consisted of himself, Dr. Laura Davidson, Commissioner Brigid Duffy, and Dr. Douglas Garner.

## **9. Agenda Item Considerations**

Chair Karl Catarata asked for agenda item considerations and suggestions for potential guest speakers.

Vice Chair Katie Membreno asked members to reach out to her directly with suggestions for organizations/speakers and that she would schedule those.

Chair Karl Catarata explained that the Nevada Children's Commission met and he was able to attend a portion of that meeting. Chair Catarata next asked if any Commission members would be interested in hearing and update from the Children's Commission, with whom Brigid Duffy works closely.

Brigid Duffy explained that the bulk of the meeting was a presentation by the Ackerman Center around the effects of alcohol on children and fetal alcohol disorders. Commissioner Duffy explained that the rest of the meeting focused primarily on the current mental-health crisis among kids and the shortages in treatment and providers for these children. Commissioner Duffy further indicated that the subcommittee group is actively working on trying to expand services within the communities for children in mental-health crisis so that they are not simply being bounced into an ER and then back home. Commissioner Duffy further indicated that having a mentor can provide a child with someone to talk with and help them to see their future and, as such, could potentially prevent these types of crises.

Chair Karl Catarata requested that Vice Chair Membreno try to find two speakers for the next NCOM meeting in order for the Commission to continually hear from the community.

Vice Chair Katie Membreno indicated that her term ends in June and asked Gabby Lamarre what she needs to do now to ensure that she is able to continue as a voting member without lapse. Vice Chair Membreno indicated her belief that her position was by appointment.

Gabby Lamarre explained that the person who appointed Vice Chair Membreno will need to reappoint her, and that this information is contained in a list.

Rose Cota informed the Commission that she has that list, and that she will provide Vice Chair Membreno with the information she needs to continue as a voting member on the Commission.

Vice Chair Katie Membreno asked if she herself should contact the person who appointed her or if this is a task undertaken by NDE.

Gabby Lamarre explained that this is dependent upon who appointed Vice Chair Membreno, and that NDE would provide next steps once that information was made clear.

A Commission member suggested a new organization, which is not exactly a mentoring organization, to come in and speak that is coming in with Clark County School District (CCSD) and is called something along the lines of Dads in Schools or Dads on Duty. The member indicated that this might be a good organization to come and present to NCOM as while this group is in schools, should they see a youth or child in need, they would have a resource list of

mentoring organizations provided to them by NCOM.

Brigid Duffy indicated that she has the contact email for Troy Martinez, the organizer, and that she would pass the information on to Vice Chair Membreno.

Pamela Juniel thanked Commissioner Duffy for triangulating the information, and explained that a school in Washoe County School District patterned some of the work done by this organizations, which included fathers come into elementary schools on a volunteer basis and work with students. Dr. Juniel reported that this had a very positive impact on the students and that these dads would actually receive training from the principal and then help with things like lunch and passing times. Dr. Juniel next questioned if it would be possible for NCOM to partner the Dads on Duty organization, when they meet with the Commission, with Hundred Men Academy.

#### **10. Public Comment #2**

Chair Karl Catarata opened the floor to public comment.

Vice Chair Membreno asked the members of the Commission to turn on their cameras in order for her to capture a screenshot to publicize today's meeting on social media.

There was no additional public comment.

#### **11. Adjournment**

Chair Karl Catarata adjourned the meeting of the Nevada Commission on Mentoring at 2:33 p.m.