

Nevada Department Of Education

Nevada Commission on Mentoring

Friday, November 4, 2022

2:00 PM

Office	Mode	Platform
Department of Education	Teleconference/Livestream	Zoom

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENT

Karl Catarata, Chair

Katie Membreno, Vice Chair

Douglas Garner

Brigid Duffy

Laura Davidson

COMMISSION MEMBER ABSENT

Michael Maxwell

Michael Flores

Sebastian Cardenas

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT

Rose Cota, NDE Staff

Pamela Juniel, NDE Staff

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Land Acknowledgement:

Chair Catarata called the meeting to order on Friday, November 4, 2022 at 2:05 p.m.

Rose Cota, conducted a roll call. **Quorum was established** (5 Members present).

Chair Catarata led the Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance and acknowledged Nevada's land and the contributions of indigenous people to the land.

2. Public Comment #1

Chair Karl Catarata opened the floor to public comment. There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda

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

Motion: To approve a flexible agenda
By: Chair Karl Catarata
Second: Dr. Douglas Garner
Vote: Passed unanimously

4. Welcome and Introduction (Mission Statement)

Vice Chair Katie Membreno welcomed the Commissioners and thanked them for attending.

Chair Karl Catarata acknowledged that December will be a month with many going on holiday, vacation, or break and indicated that for this reason, the Commission will be certain to ensure quorum for December's meeting.

Chair Catarata indicated that continuation of NCOM's mission includes determining how to disperse the remainder of the \$25,000 funds for the final grant cycle. The Chair next acknowledged that due to the changing leadership climate in the state, there may be changes afoot and indicated the importance of working with leaders on the topics of mentoring in time for the upcoming legislative session.

5. Approval of NCOM August 19th and September 21 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the NCOM August 19, 2022 and September 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes
By: Chair Karl Catarata
Second: Commissioner Brigid Duffy
Vote: Passed unanimously

6. Chair's Report:

Chair Karl Catarata informed the Commission that he will be in northern Nevada soon for work and looks forward to connecting with Dr. Davidson when he is there. Chair Catarata explained that the Commission a number of the Commissioners will be in the subcommittee to look at grants and go through the review process. Chair Catarata next indicated the importance of the Commission to begin thinking about its legislative requests and stressed the necessity of empowering fellow Commissioners in providing requests for which the Chair can then advocate and/or lobby with the legislature. Chair Catarata noted his belief that the Commission can expand its outreach in terms of those opportunities and suggested the fruitfulness of Commissioners with a relationship with a specific legislator finding a mentoring aspect or component to a specific bill. Chair Catarata stressed the importance of this, citing SB76 at the last legislative session, the bill to remove the Commission on Mentoring, at which time he was the only one to enter a legislative testimony record, and indicated his desire to see an increase in outreaches from other Commissioners.

7. NCOM Development updates:

a. Grant Funds Workshop

Chair Catarata informed the Commission that Commissioner Sebastian Cardenas has taken the opportunity to ensure that a grants workshop will take place in the days ahead in order to provide those interested in this grant cycle or who were denied in the last one to be successful applicants. The Chair noted that this workshop will be virtual and indicated that the Commission will work with the Department of Education regarding any possible connection issues that might occur as a result of this being a virtual platform.

b. Letter to Legislator

Vice Chair Katie Membreno reminded the Commission that with the recommendations from NDE, the Commission will pause on this letter for the moment in order to focus on the grant process, and will return focus to the letter following distribution of funding. Vice Chair Membreno noted that she and Commissioner Sebastian Cardenas will work on the creation of the letter following this process.

Chair Catarata asked Rose Cota if NDE is comfortable with NCOM members signing their names to the letters that will be going to legislators following the Commission's review and approval.

Rose Cota noted that NDE is comfortable with this process.

8. Agenda Item Considerations:

There were no additional agenda item considerations.

9. Public Comment #2

The Commission recognized Tina Winqvist, the new assistant director at NDE, and congratulated her on her new position.

10. Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the November 4, 2022 NCOM meeting at 2:25pm.

By: Chair Karl Catarata

Second: Dr. Douglas Garner

Vote: Passed unanimously