

Nevada Department Of Education

Nevada Commission on Mentoring

Friday, June 17, 2022

2:00 PM

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Department of Education	Teleconference/Livestream	Zoom

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENT

Karl Catarata, Chair

Katie Membreno, Vice Chair

Michael Flores

Douglas Garner

Brigid Duffy

Sebastian Cardenas

COMMISSION MEMBER ABSENT

Michael Maxwell

Laura Davidson

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT

Pamela Juniel, NDE Staff

Rose Cota, NDE Staff

1. Call to Order:

Chair Catarata called the meeting to order on Friday, June 17, 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.

4. Approval of Flexible Agenda

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

Motion: To have a flexible agenda
By: Douglas Garner
Second: Sebastian Cardenas
Vote: Passed unanimously

5. Welcome and Introduction (Mission Statement)

Brigid Duffy informed the Commission that there are currently four sets of meeting minutes from May 11, May 17, May 20, and May 27, and asked Commission members if there was discussion on any of the minutes. There was no discussion.

Motion: To accept the May 11, May 17, May 20, and May 27, 2022 minutes as written
By: Karl Catarata
Second: Brigid Duffy
Vote: Passed unanimously

6. Chair's Report:

Chair Karl Catarata informed the Commission that he would keep all members informed when the time comes to present checks to organizations in order to communicate to the public the good news. Chair Catarata next indicated that NCOM will be seeking out potential possibilities for expanding grants for fall and winter and requested that Commissioners let people know that NCOM is continually ensuring that mentoring organizations are being supported by state entities and the Department of Education and as such, there may be potential opportunity for another grant cycle.

7. NCOM Development updates:

Brigid Duffy informed the Commission that this was intended to include the update on funds allocated for the grants but because the last meeting did not reach quorum, this will now be addressed on today's agenda.

Sebastian Cardenas indicated that the \$3,000 in awards that were rejected would need to be discussed and the funds reallocated.

Chair Karl Catarata concurred, indicating that these monies need to be reallocated for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, College of Liberal Arts due to the fact that their division for contracts and grants at the university was unable to spend the items in a timely fashion. Chair Catarata recommended that the Commission, which has reached quorum, determine the recommendations for the \$3,000 and then direct DOE staff to reallocate it accordingly. Chair Catarata indicated that the money could be either reallocated to an organization that the subcommittee has denied or to an organization approved for lesser funding. Chair Catarata asked the members for recommendations or considerations for organizations to whom the \$3,000 should be allocated. Chair Catarata indicated his recommendation to reallocate the \$3,000 to a deserving mentoring organization.

Pam Juniell, NDE, asked if an application would have to have been submitted in order to be considered for these monies or if the members wished to provide names of known mentoring organizations.

Brigid Duffy suggested choosing applicants so as not to hand pick organizations who did not follow the process.

Sebastian Cardenas concurred with Commissioner Duffy's suggestion.

Brigid Duffy reiterated Chair Catarata's suggestion that the money could either be divided up among multiple organizations, given to a single organization, or provided to an organization previously denied the grant.

Douglas Garner suggested reconsidering the organizations whose applications were deserving but had not quite met the criteria.

Brigid Duffy informed the Commission that the Greenwood Foundation had been denied due to the fact that the funding would be used toward a new building; Empower to Endure had been relatively new to the community; Masterminds was based out of North Las Vegas; two sororities from UNLV were declined; Hip Hop Entrepreneur did not provide a well-written grant application.

Douglas Garner indicated his familiarity with Masterminds and Hip Hop Entrepreneurship.

Brigid Duffy indicated support for providing funding to Hip Hop Entrepreneurship based on her familiarity with the program. Commissioner Duffy indicated that the organization was looking for assistance in expanding the program to serve more youth, review and update the overall curriculum to address returning students, and leadership mentoring. Commissioner Duffy further indicated that the organization was looking to roll out a year-round academy, become a workforce vendor through Employ Nevada, provide a court-appointed intervention program, secure funding, expand to six sites, and increase the student population above 65.

Douglas Garner indicated that Masterminds had initially requested \$30,000 but did not describe the intent for the funding.

Sebastian Cardenas indicated his belief that Hip Hop Entrepreneurship gave more direct examples of funding usage and recommended granting them the funds with a request for a detailed budget of expenses.

Motion: To award the \$3,000 in funding to Hip Hop Entrepreneurship
By: Sebastian Cardenas
Second: Douglas Garner
Vote: Passed

8. Agenda Item Considerations

Sebastian Cardenas indicated the need to discuss the grant process, including feedback for some of the rejected grants as well as the possibility of future grant workshops.

Brigid Duffy requested that Rose Cota add these items to the next agenda.

9. Public Comment #2

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Brigid Duffy adjourned the June 17, 2022 at 2:40pm