



STATEWIDE COUNCIL FOR THE COORDINATION OF THE REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2021 11:00 A.M.

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DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

via videoconference

- Brent Husson
Wendi Hawk
Pam Teel
Adam Young

In Carson City

- Wayne Workman

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT

In Las Vegas

- KellyLynn Charles, Education Programs Professional, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT

- Greg Ott; Chief Deputy Attorney

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE

via videoconference

- Sarah Negrete, Director Northeastern Nevada Regional Professional Development Program
Sara Cunningham, Director Northwestern Nevada Regional Professional Development Program
Chelli Smith, Director Southern Nevada Regional Professional Development Program
Jeremy Hauser, Senior Vice President of Transformational Leadership, Public Education Foundation
Greta Peay, Deputy Director, Nevada Association of School Administrators

In Las Vegas

- Jeffrey J Geihs, Executive Director, Nevada Association of School Administrators

1: CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting of the Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs Council was called to order by Chair Young. Quorum was established. Chair Young led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2: PUBLIC COMMENT #1

Chair Young asked Ms. Charles if public comments had been submitted. Ms. Charles answered that no public comment was submitted via email. No in-person public comments were submitted in Las Vegas or Carson City.

3: INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 22, 2021, MINUTES

Member Hawk motioned to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2021, meeting. Seconded by Member Husson. No discussion. Motion carried.

4: INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE RPDP TRAINING PROGRAM

Chair Young asked if any of the Regional Professional Development Program (RPDP) Directors had any information they would like to share with the council. Sarah Negrete shared they submitted the annual reports per NRS requirements for approval of the state council to move forward to stakeholders.

Chair Young asked if there were comments or questions. Member Hawk questioned the section where teachers felt a disparity about online learning for clarification. Ms. Negrete clarified the misconception teachers had and how they resolved this issue.

Member Workman motioned to approve the Annual Reports of RPDP Training Programs. Seconded by Member Teel. No further discussion. Motion carried.

5: INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PLAN FOR USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS PURSUANT TO NRS 391A.170

Ms. Charles stated there were two programs in attendance to present: the Public Education Foundation (PEF) and the Nevada Association of School Administrators (NASA). She had PEF start.

Brian Myli of the Leadership Institute of Nevada introduced his two colleagues, Jeremy Hauser and Ramona Esparza. Mr. Myli shared the PEF plans to hold two summits during the 2021-2022 school year, one in the north and the other in the south. The intent is to have in person and live streaming events with about fifty in person and one hundred participants online in both regions. Mr. Myli solicited suggestions from the Council for potential topics. He shared the PEF was most interested in pursuing topics related to social emotional development and/or student-centered competency learning. Their budget outlines for speakers, a national consultant, leadership institute staff, graphic artists, technology assistants, and approved travel.

Jeremy Hauser provided input on the need for the summit for stakeholders to be aware of issues facing public education. Ramona Esparza stressed the need for educators to have coping strategies during times of crisis.

Brian Myli asked members of the committee if they had questions. Member Hawk asked how the proposed summit would focus on leadership development and expressed concern about the topics. Mr. Myli stated they are interested in working with stakeholders to analyze how local school and system leaders are impacted.

Member Hawk questioned the reason for the Public Education Foundation to not have prepared input from stakeholders prior to today's meeting and stated she was not comfortable approving funds for their summit at this moment. Brian Myli stated they wanted to work with partners in their field first. Mr. Myli responded he was hopeful PEFs ten-year track record of providing quality professional development (PD) would allow them to continue moving forward. Member Hawk stated she agrees with the outstanding reputation of the PEF and that she is disappointed they did not better prepare for this meeting. Mr. Myli acknowledged understanding that.

Chair Young asked for additional questions or comments. Member Husson asked Ramona Esparza (PEF) to provide insight as to her collaboration with Katie Dockwiler and what they will be offering together. Ms. Esparza explained their collaboration. Member Husson asked if they would continue with the program regardless of whether it is approved today or not. Ms. Esparza responded they would continue with the program. Member Husson restated how the funds are to be used for leadership development and address the core concepts of the committee.

Member Husson asked Ms. Esparza if the program they were developing would be targeting Social Emotional Learning or mental health. Ms. Esparza explained it would be a multi-tiered system that begins with leadership then follows school environment applications. Member Husson questioned if they have the resources to present to a broader range of audiences like school boards and superintendents. Jeremy Hauser (PEF) replied the summit brings stakeholders and leaders together to have those discussions.

Member Workman commented the purview of the council to recognize the needs of separate school districts according to their corresponding regions. He questioned if the PEF had a plan to adjust to the various needs within the regions. Brian Myli responded they wanted to be much more specific in meeting the immediate needs given the timeframe. Chair Young asked for specific processes they will have in place. Mr. Myli replied they will solicit through personal contact to recruit people who want to work with them to design and plan for the rural and urban regions.

Member Husson asked the PEF to consider sharing an educational presentation for school boards and superintendents as one of the outcomes of their summit.

Chair Young thanked the PEF presenters and asked Dr. Jeffery Geihs to share the Nevada Association of School Administrators (NASA) proposal.

Jeffrey J Geihs (NASA) introduced Greta Peay (NASA) as the new deputy director. Dr. Geihs stated The Center for Educational Excellence Institute (CEEI) has evolved into an eight-credit conference, lasting 120 hours and covering a variety of topics. Dr. Peay shared the theme and focus is Powerful Leadership Through Equitable Decision Making this year. Dr. Peay explained the sessions will run from October 16, 2021- January 26, 2022 and participants can earn up to six credits in nineteen sessions in total with presenters. Participants can also earn eight credits if they choose to. Dr. Geihs mentioned they are in collaboration with the Nevada Department of Education's Superintendent Ebert to implement objectives in the Statewide Plan for the Improvement of Pupils (STIP). Further discussion about the experience of the presenters for CEEI took place from Dr. Peay and Dr. Geihs. Dr. Peay introduced the topics covered in CEEI and how they align with the Department of Education's STIP goals. Dr. Peay explained the budget analysis, requesting \$50,000 in total.

Chair Young asked if there were questions or comments from the council. Member Husson expressed gratitude to NASA for the leadership preparation efforts. Member Workman also expressed gratitude to NASA in adjusting, adapting, and spreading professional development to as many as possible. Chair Young also thanked both the PEF and NASA for their presentations.

Chair Young stated they have an action item, two proposals, both for \$50,000, totaling the amount to disperse of \$100,000. Chair Young opened the floor for motions.

Member Husson motioned to approve the proposals of both programs. Seconded by Member Teal. No further discussions. Motion carried.

6: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items suggested included budgets, budget amendments, and an update from the Public Education Foundation Leadership Academy.

7: PUBLIC COMMENT #2

Chair Young asked if public comments had been submitted. Member Workman answered no in-person public comment in Carson. Ms. Charles answered that no public comment was submitted via email. No in-person public comments were submitted in Las Vegas.

8: ADJOURNMENT

With no obligations, Chair Young adjourn the RPDP at 12:13 PM.