

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION  
MARCH 20, 2024  
9:00 AM**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	Room 114
Department of Education	700 E. Fifth St.	Carson City	Silver Ore
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**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**In Las Vegas:**

Commissioner Kenny Belknap  
Commissioner Meredith Freeman  
Commissioner Warren Shillingburg  
Commissioner Jordan Wenger

**In Carson City:**

Commissioner Joseph Girdner  
Commissioner Jamie Hawkins  
Commissioner Sherry Mitchell

**Virtually:**

President Amy Dockter-Rozar  
Vice President Jennifer Davis  
Commissioner Joseph Morgan  
Commissioner Christina Tucker  
Commissioner Shartriya Collier

**COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Commissioner Derild Parsons

**DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:**

**In Las Vegas:**

Jeff Briske, Director, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement (EDLiFE)  
Anabel Sanchez, Education Programs Professional, EDLiFE  
Geri Mendiola, Administrative Assistant III, EDLiFE

**In Carson City:**

None

**LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:**

Deputy Attorney General Gregory Cloward (Virtually)

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE**

**In Las Vegas:**

None

**Carson City:**

None

**1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Rozar called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call attendance was taken as reflected above and a quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Davis.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

There were no public comments in Carson City or Las Vegas.

**3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Rozar recognized several events taking place for the month such as National Reading Month, National Music in our Schools Month, National School Social Work Week March 3-9, and National PI Day on March 14.

**4. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Jeff Briske, Director, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement (EDLiFE) noted that regulations are moving forward with many of them at LCB for drafting or revisions.

**5. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2024, MINUTES (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)**

President Rozar asked the Commission if they would like to discuss the February 21, 2024, minutes. No discussion was made regarding the February 21, 2024, minutes. President Rozar entertained a motion to approve the February meeting minutes.

**Motion: Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the February 21, 2024, meeting minutes. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**6. PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC 391.XXX – PROVISIONAL RENEWAL OF LICENSE: ADDITIONAL**

**REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS WITH A CONFERRED DEGREE. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)**

President Rozar announced public workshop NAC 391.XXX at 9:05 A.M. to solicit comments on proposed amendments to NAC 391.XXX. The Commission considered a new regulation allowing the Department to issue a provisional license if otherwise qualified, with a 120-day transcript provision to an individual who completed their initial educator preparation program and graduated with a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution but is awaiting conferment of the degree. This will comply with Assembly Bill 428 section 3.5(3) (2023). The Commission may approve or not approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

Director Briske noted that the Department has been working with some of our Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions during the past few years allowing applicants who are recent graduates to apply for a license pending conferral of their degree on the transcript. This regulation would codify our current practice and comply with AB 428.

**Section 1** allows the Department to issue a provisional license with a 120-day transcript provision if they otherwise meet the requirements in this section.

**Section 2** allows the provisional license holder to be employed.

**Section 3** describes how to remove the transcript provision.

**Section 4** states when the license will invalidate.

**Section 5** allows the educator to reapply for their license should it become invalid.

This draft language will be sent to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) where they may decide to add it to NAC 391.056, which is our provision regulation.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussions regarding NAC 391.XXX. There were no questions or discussions. President Rozar entertained a motion to move NAC 391.XXX to a Public Hearing.

**Motion: Commissioner Belknap moved to approve NAC 391.XXX to a Public Hearing. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**7. DISCUSSION: NAC 391.XXX SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM) ENDORSEMENT. (*Information/Discussion*)**

President Rozar asked the Commission to consider a new regulation allowing the Department to issue a STEM endorsement to an educator's license after completion of required coursework and other requirements.

Janyne Malorni, Education Programs Professional, Office of Teaching and Learning explained that the purpose of the STEM endorsement is to expand student access to high quality STEM instruction and programs starting at the elementary level and would increase Nevada teachers' capacity to develop and implement high quality, experiential classroom pedagogy with embedded authentic feedback, collaborative practices, and application of STEM skills and knowledge.

Educators who are seeking to earn a Nevada STEM Endorsement must first hold a license for the grade level(s) of education in which the endorsement is offered; have two years of verified experience as a teacher in a Nevada public school; and complete one of the following pathways:

1. College/University coursework;
2. National certification for STEM teaching and college coursework;
3. Verification of placement in a STEM position (strategist/specialist) for 3+ years and a passing score on the Elementary STEM Praxis exam; or
4. Complete a Department approved professional learning course sequence

Ms. Malorni said that she is available for questions the Commission may have.

President Rozar commended the work and research that has been completed regarding the Nevada STEM Endorsement and emphasized that the Department and Commission should be more intentional about expertise in the STEM learning experiences for younger children.

President Rozar placed this agenda item on a future agenda to conduct a Public Workshop.

#### **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (*Information/Discussion*)**

There were no future agenda items.

#### **9. PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

There were no public comments in Carson City or Las Vegas.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

President Rozar entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion: Vice President Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 9:14 A.M.