

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 COMMISSION ON INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
 PROFICIENCY-BASED LEARNING SUBCOMMITTEE
 November 14, 2024
 3:00 PM**

| Office | Address | Meeting Room |
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**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE PROFICIENCY-BASED LEARNING
 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, White Pine County School District
 Kali Fox Miller, Nevada PTA President
 Anthony Nuñez, Principal, Cheyenne High School, Clark County School District
 Nicole Rourke, Director of Government and Public Affairs, City of Henderson
 Alexa Walsh, Nevada Youth Legislature Representative

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Dr. Gregory Koenig, Nevada State Assembly
 Malinda Riemersma, Teacher, Sonoma Heights Elementary School, Humboldt County School District

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Subcommittee Chair Anthony Nuñez called the meeting to order and took roll for the Subcommittee Commission members.

2. Public Comment #1

There were no public comments provided.

3. Review of Agenda and Materials (*Information and Discussion*)

Subcommittee members will review consolidated policy recommendations and consider guiding questions in preparation for discussion.

- Nathan Driskell, Chief Policy Officer, National Center on Education and the Economy
- Janice Case, Regional Director, West, National Center on Education and the Economy
- Leah Moschella, Senior Designer, Leader Experiences

Janice Case, the Regional Director of the National Center on Education and the Economy, introduced the agenda and materials for the meeting. The agenda included a discussion on the consolidated policy design, feedback on the draft recommendations, and plans to build momentum around the draft recommendations. Janice Case also mentioned that the draft report was sent out for review and that the meeting would focus on the structure and decisions made in the last virtual session. The conversation ended with an invitation for commission members to provide feedback and questions for clarification.

4. Discussion of Consolidated Policy Design (*Information and Discussion*)

Subcommittee members will discuss the design draft and consider ways to further align, and to be more future-forward and innovative.

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Consolidating Recommendations for Systemic Change

Janice Case discussed the process of consolidating recommendations from four documents into a single, more concise document. The team aimed to make the recommendations more immediate and bold, with a focus on systemic change. Subcommittee Chair Nuñez added that the document should also align with other people's work and be succinct for January's draft. He emphasized the need for a cohesive, clear communication of their work. The NCEE team also acknowledged that the document was not yet perfect and encouraged feedback on any glaring issues.

Document Feedback and Legislation Discussion

Janice Case led a discussion about the need for feedback on a document that will be translated into legislation. She emphasized the importance of everyone being on board with the document's content, as it will be turned into bills and potentially passed into action. Janice Case shared a Google form link for individual member feedback and suggested a follow-up meeting before Thanksgiving break to revise the document. Subcommittee Chair Nuñez and Commissioner Nicole Rourke agreed that everyone should have an opportunity to provide independent feedback, and Commissioner Rourke highlighted the need to get feedback from the groups she represents. The group decided to rely on the Google form for feedback, but also considered the possibility of a brief subcommittee call before December 10th for further discussion.

Report Structure and Key Components

Janice Case led a discussion about the structure of a report, emphasizing the importance of the 'why', current context, and recommendations. Commissioner Rourke suggested that the report should include background information on the bill, the intent behind it, and the research that went into it. She also proposed discussing the rollout timeline. Subcommittee Chair Nuñez agreed with Commissioner Rourke's suggestions and added the need for an elevator pitch to summarize the report's key points.

Simplifying Document for Effective Communication

Subcommittee Chair Nuñez expressed concern about the complexity of the current document and suggested the need for a simpler, more concrete vision to articulate their goals and recommendations. He proposed the idea of providing examples to illustrate their objectives. Commissioner Paul Johnson suggested identifying key influencers and groups to deliver their message effectively and collect feedback. Youth Legislature Representative Alexa Walsh emphasized the need for a shorter document to facilitate discussions with peers, while Commissioner Kali Fox Miller proposed adding a visual flow to the document for easier understanding. Janice Case agreed with Commissioner Johnson's suggestion to align their document with the Commission on School Funding Report.

5. Next Steps (*Information and Discussion*)

Janice Case and Commissioner Johnson discussed the possibility of sharing feedback without identifying the source. Janice Case confirmed that this could be done and suggested that the feedback should be posted before Thanksgiving to allow for processing. Janice Case also mentioned that they would be meeting with the subcommittee chairs on the November 21, 2024 to review the feedback and identify big themes. Commissioner Johnson agreed that the subcommittee chairs could handle the document and didn't need to meet again. Janice Case then moved on to discuss the next steps, specifically about sharing ideas with respective groups. Subcommittee Chair Nuñez agreed to this and suggested it as the next step.

Subcommittee Chair Nuñez emphasized the need for the recommendations to be compelling and have legs to make their way through Nevada. Janice Case agreed, suggesting multiple formats for the recommendations to make them more accessible to the general public. Commissioner Johnson suggested a strategy for a press release, which Janice Case agreed to consider. The next steps in terms of revision would be communicated in preparation for the next full commission meeting on December 10, 2024.

Additional identified next steps included:

All commissioners to review the consolidated policy design document and provide feedback via the Google form by Friday, November 22nd.

Commissioners to discuss/develop multiple formats of the recommendations document, including a more concise and accessible version for general public consumption.

6. Public Comment #2

There were no public comments provided.

7. Adjournment

Subcommittee Chair Nuñez adjourned the meeting.