

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
RESPONSE TO POWER BASED VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

DATE: APRIL 5, 2024

TIME: 2:33PM

Summary of Minutes of the Regular Meeting

In Attendance VIA Videoconference:

Committee Members

Chair Evans
Vice Chair Comis
Member Galli
Member Kennedy
Member Rodriguez
Member Silva
Member Prutzman
Member S Comis
Member Blinco
Member Garbutt
Member Klein
Member Burns

Department Staff

Director Higley – Department of Education, Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment
Secretary Lufrano – Department of Education, Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning

Additional Attendees

Kevin McPartlin – Associate Superintendent
Erin Walker – State Public Charter School Authority
Brook Walters – Assistant Principal
Lou Markouzis – Principal
April St. James – Children’s Alliance

1. Call to Order and roll call

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 2:31pm. Quorum was established.

2. Public Comment #1

No public Comment was submitted to record.

3. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes

Members reviewed the last meeting minutes from December meeting. No discussion or revisions were requested. Motion to approve as written by Vice Chair Comis, Seconded by member Silva. Vote passed unanimously.

4. Administrators Panel on Power Based Violence

Members had an opportunity to sit down and ask questions with administrators. Preset questions were provided and follow-up questions were asked by members. Recording is available on the committee website located at the NDE commissions and boards link. Base questions asked included:

Do you currently have procedures with power-based violence?

What safety or emotional resources do you or are you aware of that can be or is provided?

Do you feel that you or your staff are adequately prepared to handle instances of power based violence?

What barriers have you or your team encountered that this committee may be able to assist with?

Follow up questions by all members on these questions. Discussion was had on responses and a request was made for receiving documents from districts to review at another meeting.

5. Future Agenda Items

Narrow in and finalize committee recommendations

Review policies and procedures from other counties

6. Public Comment #2

Member Silva noted that he is vacating the seat due to internal policy changes and Secretary Lufrano will be coming on as a member.

7. Adjournment at 4:09 pm.