

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMMISSION ON INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
JUNE 4, 2024
8:30 AM**

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV)	4505 S. Maryland Pkwy.	Las Vegas	Lied Library, Goldfield Room

SUMMARY MINUTES OF COMMISSION ON INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elysia Byrd, Teacher Strategist, John F. Miller School, Clark County School District
Teresa Dastrup, President, Elko County School District School Board
Jhone M. Ebert, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of Nevada
Dr. Mariluz Garcia, Commissioner, Washoe County
Tim Hughes, Nevada State Board of Education
Paul Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, White Pine County School District
Marilyn Dondero Loop, Nevada State Senate
Kali Fox Miller, Nevada PTA President
Erica Mosca, Nevada State Assembly
Anthony Nuñez, Principal, Cheyenne High School, Clark County School District
Sean Parker, Executive Director, Teach for America
Tina Quigley, President and CEO, Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance
Nicole Rourke, Director of Government and Public Affairs, City of Henderson
Maite Salazar, Owner and Co-Founder, 3F Initiatives LLC
Amy Stephenson, Director for the Governor’s Finance Office, State of Nevada
Dr. Angie Taylor, Nevada State Assembly
Dr. Robin Titus, Nevada State Senate
Adam Young, Superintendent, White Pine County School District
Peter Zierhut, Vice President, Haas Automation, Inc.

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Patty Charlton, Chancellor, Nevada System of Higher Education
Dr. Gregory Koenig, Nevada State Assembly
Roberta Lange, Nevada State Senate
Malinda Riemersma, Teacher, Sonoma Heights Elementary School, Humboldt County School District
Joyce Woodhouse, Commission on School Funding Member

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Chair Tina Quigley called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. on Tuesday, June 4th and asked Angie Castellanos to perform roll call.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

There were no public comments provided.

3. APPROVAL OF APRIL 23, 2024, COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

Chair Quigley called for review and approval of the April 23, 2024 minutes. Approval passed without modifications.

4. INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW OF PROCESS, GOALS, AND ARC OF LEARNING (*Information and 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

Members of the National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE) Team shared slides that were designed to remind the full commission of the journey thus far. Members were reminded of the sessions held thus far as well as the next series of sessions to include both the full commission and the subcommittees.

5. SYSTEM THINKING: ENSURING ALIGNMENT AND COHERENCE (*Information and Discussion*)

Commissioners will receive an introduction to systems theory and apply it to their work in education policy development.

- Nathan Driskell, Chief Policy Officer, National Center on Education and the Economy
- Janice Case, Regional Director, West, National Center on Education and the Economy

As the subcommittees continue to dig deeper into their respective policy areas, it becomes critical to consider how the four policy areas are interconnected and interdependent. Likewise, it is important to develop an understanding of how current research on systems theory and evaluation differs from the traditional thinking around systems and change. To that end, commissioners considered Characteristics of Systems and the factors that impact the Operations of Systems. Commissioners were challenged to consider two changes to initiatives they have participated in in the past - one that was successful and one that was not. In small groups, commissioners considered the systems research and identified what contributed to their success and what was missing in the instance where they were unsuccessful. The exercise was designed to deepen their understanding - all of which led to a first official reporting of the four subcommittees in the next agenda item.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE PANEL (*Information and Discussion*)

Subcommittee Chairs will report out on the ideas and emerging priorities generated in their subcommittee meetings to date. They will name interdependencies across the subcommittees. All Commissioners will ask questions and give feedback.

- Anthony Nuñez; Dr. Mariluz Garcia; Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop; Assemblywoman Erica Mosca
- Janice Case, Regional Director, West, NCEE (moderator)

The four Subcommittee Chairs participated in panel discussion that was moderated by Janice Case. The purpose of the panel was to surface thinking from each subcommittee that will impact/be interconnected with other policy areas. The panelists were asked:

1. What are 1-2 major takeaways from your subcommittee session that you feel are important to share across subcommittees?
2. How do you understand the key components of your policy area as they relate to the other three policy/subcommittee areas?
3. What was a question that was raised in your subcommittee that you'd like to ask of the other chairs?

Ultimately, it was agreed that there is a great deal of overlap between the four policy areas subcommittees and that continued efforts to share ideas and research across will be crucial. Once the panel wrapped up, all commissioners went into "jigsaw" groups where they had a chance to discuss the following based on what they heard from the panel:

1. A connection you see across the four subcommittee/policy areas.

2. A question you have as a result of the panel discussion.
3. An idea you have about how to “share out” in August.

This activity ensured that all commissioners had an additional opportunity to collaborate with their colleagues across all four policy area subcommittees.

7. COMPETENCIES AS A LEVER FOR STUDENT-CENTERED TRANSFORMATION (*Information and Discussion*)

Commissioners will explore how the competencies developed as part of the NV Portrait of a Learner can spur student-centered transformation.

- Charlie Brown, Senior Director of Systems Transformation, KnowledgeWorks
- Katie King, Senior Director of Strategic Engagement, KnowledgeWorks

The team from KnowledgeWorks provided a deeper look at the Portrait of a Nevada Learner process, the Nevada Network’s current efforts, and the next steps with the implementation of the Portrait. Commissioners saw a preview of the Competency Continuums that are being developed to map the learning progressions for each of the four Portrait Domains.

The overview spurred a conversation about language, specifically, how we understand: competency-based, proficiency-based, and the concept of mastery. Commissioners revealed some inconsistencies in the group’s understanding of the concepts. It was determined that the KnowledgeWorks team will join the next subcommittee session for the Proficiency-Based Learning subcommittee in order to come to consensus about language.

8. SUBCOMMITTEES: PLANNING FOR NEXT STEPS (*Information and Discussion*)

Subcommittees will have the opportunity to continue their learning and planning in light of the feedback and discussion.

- Subcommittee Chairs

Subcommittee Chairs, supported by the NCEE Team, led their respective groups in a discussion around next steps. Each group set the calendar dates for their next virtual calls and discussed the role of the upcoming interim report in their next session.

9. REFLECTIONS, SYNTHESIS, AND NEXT STEPS

- Nathan Driskell, Chief Policy Officer, National Center on Education and the Economy
- Janice Case, Regional Director, West, National Center on Education and the Economy

The NCEE team provided an opportunity for Commissioners to make sense of it all via a Thought Exchange. Commissioners responded to this prompt: Given our learning from today, and the learning from our subcommittees - what is a pressing question you would like answered AND/OR what is an area you would like us to explore further with the full group? The NCEE team shared that the responses will be used for the planning of future full commission and subcommittee meetings.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

There were no public comments provided.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Quigley adjourned the meeting at 2:00 P.M.