

# **NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STATEWIDE SCHOOL SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY December 15, 2025**

**3:00 P.M.**

## **DRAFT Summary of Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

### **In Attendance via Videoconference:**

#### **Committee Members**

**Chair CJ Anderson**

**Vice Chair Leon Ravin, MD**

**Nancy Alamo**

**Shari (S.) Grennan (NV OEM)**

**Dr. Rhodora Alonzo (NDE)**

**Shawina L. Tims**

**Sophia Hoag**

**Greg Prestipino**

**Oliver Ravin**

**Proxy present for Member Black (name as stated in transcript; proxy identified during roll call)**

#### **DEPARTMENT STAFF**

Jeremy Silva, Daisy Marglin – Nevada Department of Education, Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Quorum established. Meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chair CJ Anderson.

#### **Public Comment #1**

No public comment

#### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Vice Chair Leon Ravin moved to approve the minutes as written.

**Second:** Sophia Hoag.

**Discussion:** Vice Chair Ravin noted the minutes were significantly more detailed than prior versions and expressed appreciation; staff clarified they were not AI-generated and credited thorough review/note-taking.

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously (ayes; no opposed).

**Action Taken:** October meeting minutes approved.

#### **Discussion on Traffic Safety Related to Schools (Information/Discussion/Possible Action)**

**Guest Presenter: Andrew Bennett**, Director, Clark County Office of Traffic Safety; Chair, Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety.

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**Presentation Highlights (Summary):**

- Provided an overview of traffic safety philosophy (the “E’s” approach: education, enforcement, engineering, EMS, etc.).
- Reported traffic fatality context: Clark County and statewide fatality trends (noting recent years have been among the worst).
- Described improvements to youth pedestrian crash tracking due to limitations in historic reporting practices; noted an automated process now supports more timely data.
- Shared an estimate for the current school year in Clark County: approximately **221 students** struck on school days (students under 18), with the caution that improved data collection has increased accuracy and may affect comparisons over time.
- Clarified “struck” definition is based on the state crash definition (contact on public streets; does not require injury; excludes parking lots; focuses on pedestrians/cyclists/others outside vehicles).
- Discussed leading factors in fatal crashes: speeding and impaired driving; provided approximate percentages discussed during Q&A.
- Highlighted initiatives and policy developments, including:
  - Expanded crossing guard program to include middle schools in Southern Nevada (and noted jurisdictions following suit).
  - Special Session (Nov. 13–19, 2025) traffic safety measures discussed, including **AB6**, **SB4**, and **ACR4** (school zone local control and fine changes; DUI penalty increases; and interim study on e-devices).
  - Formation of a Southern Nevada School Traffic Safety Working Group (multi-jurisdictional) aiming to produce a report with short-, medium-, and long-term goals, with a draft/final timeline discussed (targeting April).
  - Use of Justice40-style mapping/data overlays to support equitable targeting of resources.
  - Engineering funding gaps identified as a major constraint (examples given: ongoing costs of maintenance like repainting curbs; broader needs for lighting/crosswalks/crossing guards).

#### **Committee Q&A (Selected Topics):**

- Clarified “calendar year” vs. “school year” references and how “school-day” windows are defined for data purposes.
- Questions on attribution of fatalities and actions addressing causes (speeding, impairment, failure to yield).
- Whether data includes charter/private students (presenter stated it includes all youth under 18; cross-referencing enrollment lists remains a goal).
- Geographic analysis by crash location; discussion of resource allocation and equity considerations.
- Cell phone use by pedestrians crossing streets (not illegal; emphasis on education).
- Bus stop location oversight and data-sharing progress (noted receipt of CCSD and charter bus stop location datasets and ongoing analysis).

#### **Possible Action / Committee Discussion:**

Chair opened the floor for potential committee action; members discussed support for traffic safety efforts but **no motion was made** under this item. Item closed.

#### **Student Safety Panel (Information/Discussion/Possible Action)**

**Purpose:** Revisit and plan a student safety panel (previously delayed due to quorum issues).

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**Key Discussion Points / Decisions:**

- Panel topic focus to remain **social media**, using last year's questions as a baseline to support year-to-year comparison; mental health topics may be included as a standing question if desired.
- Target panel composition discussed and agreed in concept:
  - **1 student from Clark County (high school)**
  - **1 student from Washoe County (high school)**
  - **3 students from rural districts (high school)**
  - **2 students from charter schools (high school)**
  - Private school perspective to be addressed via existing committee membership rather than separate student panelists.
- Preference stated for gender balance, if possible.
- Middle school representation discussed as lower priority based on prior panel experience; optional minimal inclusion considered but primary emphasis remained on high school voices.
- Process and timing:
  - Panel first, then survey later (panel to "gauge temperature," survey to validate more broadly).
  - Limit panel discussion scope by reducing the number of questions and limiting how many panelists respond per question to stay within time.
  - Staff to send last year's questions to committee members for **written feedback** (requested not to "reply all"; send directly to staff).
  - Students may be provided questions in advance (not done previously, but discussed as beneficial).

**Assignments (as captured in discussion):**

- Jeremy Silva: coordinate recruitment for **Clark** and **Washoe** student participants; compile and circulate last year's questions for committee feedback.
- Chair CJ Anderson: coordinate recruitment of **3 rural** high school student participants.
- Dr. Rhodora Alonzo: coordinate outreach for **2 charter** student participants via relevant contacts.

**Motion and Vote:**

- **Motion:** Vice Chair Leon Ravin moved to proceed as recommended by staff regarding the student panel plan/assignments.
- **Second:** Shari Grennan.
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously (ayes; no nays).

**Action Taken:** Committee approved proceeding with the student panel plan, including recruitment assignments and process steps.

**Future Agenda Items**

- **January meeting:** finalize student panel questions and plan.
- **February meeting:** hold the student safety panel.
- Potential guest speaker on **school threat assessment:** Vice Chair Leon Ravin reported contacting **Dr. Jack Rosell**, potentially available the **third Wednesday of January (January 21)**; Vice Chair to follow up to confirm availability.

- Technology/platform discussion: staff requested adding a January agenda discussion on transitioning the committee from Zoom to **Microsoft Teams** (or alternative), noting NDE boardroom compatibility needs.

**Motion and Vote (timeline / future items):**

- **Motion:** Vice Chair Leon Ravin moved to proceed with the discussed future agenda items and timeline.
- **Second:** Jeremy Silva.
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

**Action Taken:** Committee approved the proposed timeline and inclusion of discussed future agenda items, including threat assessment speaker coordination and continuing student panel planning.

**Public Comment #2**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT 4:09 PM**

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