

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 18, 2026
9:00 AM**

Office	Address	City	Meeting
Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	Room 114
Department of Education	101 N. Carson St.	Carson City	Old Assembly Room
Department of Education	YouTube Live Stream w/captions	n/a	Link

DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Commissioner Toby Babina
Commissioner Kenny Belknap
Commissioner Rozane Deighan
Commissioner Maria DeWeerd
Commissioner Christina Hollowood
President Amy Dockter-Rozar
Commissioner Teresa Schultz

In Carson City:

None

Virtually:

Vice President Shartriya Collier
Commissioner Hope Blinco
Commissioner Michele Haugen
Commissioner Jamie Hawkins
Commissioner Shanon Taylor

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Commissioner Derild Parsons

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Carrie Boehlecke, Education Programs Professional, EDLiFE
Heather Crabtree, Management Analyst II
Geri Mendiola, Administrative Assistant III, EDLiFE

In Carson City:

Jeff Briske, Commission Secretary, and Director of Educator Development, Licensure and Family Engagement (EDLiFE)

Emily Richardson, Administrative Assistant II, EDLiFE

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy Attorney General Christena Georgas-Burns

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE

In Las Vegas:

None

Carson City:

None

PRESENTERS

Carrie Boehlecke, Education Programs Professional, Office of Educator Development, Licensure and Family Engagement (EDLiFE)

Heather Crabtree, Management Analyst, EDLiFE

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

President Rozar called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. Roll call attendance was taken as reflected above and a quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Rozar.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

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

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Rozar recognized activities and events celebrated in the month of February:

- Black History
- Career and Technical Education
- Financial Aid Awareness

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Briske Director, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement (EDLiFE) briefed the Commission regarding public meeting workshops and hearings. Director Briske assured the Commission that future public workshops and public hearings will be heard throughout this calendar year.

5. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15, 2026, MINUTES (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

President Rozar asked the Commission if there are any discussions regarding the January 15, 2026, meeting minutes. No discussion was made regarding the January 15, 2026, minutes. President Rozar entertained a motion to approve the January 15th meeting minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Belknap moved to approve the January 15, 2026, meeting minutes. Commissioner Hollowood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the January 15th meeting minutes were approved.

6. PRESENTATION FROM UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS. (*Information/Discussion*).

This agenda item was withdrawn.

7. COURSE OF STUDY APPROVAL FOR THE SCIENCE OF READING SB460 SECTIONS 39 AND 56.2. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).

The Commission heard a presentation for a microcredential course of study designed by the Department to satisfy the components of SB460 Sections 39 and 56.2. The presentation was led by Carrie Boehlecke, Education Programs Professional, Office of Educator Development, Licensure and Family Engagement (EDLiFE) and Heather Crabtree, Management Analyst, EDLiFE.

Director Briske briefly described the sections of Senate Bill 460 that the presentation is based on. Director Briske explained that Section 39 is a licensure requirement, and Section 56.2 is the employment professional development requirement. The Commission is tasked with the approval of study placed forward for the licensure requirement.

The key objectives presented to the Commission include:

- A description of the structure and purpose of the NDE Science of Reading Microcredential Pathway.
- The microcredential content based on the five pillars of the Science of Reading.
- An explanation on how the pathway aligns to Sections 39 and 56.2 of Senate Bill 460.
- Understand the evidence requirements, review process, and expectations for rigor, quality, and demonstrated skill mastery.
- Recognize how pathway completers will demonstrate mastery through reflective practice, instructional integrity, and measurable impact on student learning.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussions regarding the Science of Reading course of study.

Commissioner Schultz asked if the course of study was competency based learning only with no pass, fail, or grade. If the person taking the course study was not meeting the competency, then they would

have an opportunity to fix the skill competency they were lacking. Director Briske confirmed that she is correct.

There were no further questions or discussion from the Commission; therefore, President Rozar entertained a motion to approve the course of study to satisfy the Science of Reading licensure requirements.

Motion: Commissioner Schultz moved to approve the course of study for the Science of Reading SB460 Section 39 and 56.2. Commissioner Belknap seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8. PUBLIC HEARING R038-25 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.146 – “EXCEPTION” DEFINED, NAC 391.148 – APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS, NAC 391.150 – SUBMISSION OF LISTS: LIST OF TEACHERS AND TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS; LIST OF TEACHERS TEACHING OUTSIDE AREA OF ENDORSEMENT, NAC 391.152 – REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION: SUBMISSION; FORM AND CONTENTS; OBJECTION, NAC 391.154 REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION: ACTION BY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, NAC 391.156 – PERIOD OF EXCEPTION; EXTENSION OF PERIOD, AND NAC 391.158 – LIMITATION ON TEACHING OF COURSES RELATED TO AREA OF ENDORSEMENT. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)**

President Rozar announced public hearing for R038-25 at 10:36 a.m. The Commission considered a regulation relating to education personnel; removing certain duplicative reporting requirements of school districts; repealing regulations related to requests for exceptions for teachers teaching outside their area of endorsement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The regulation would repeal these regulations as they are duplicative of NRS 385A.220-230 and would no longer be needed. The Commission may adopt or not adopt the regulation.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there are any questions or discussions regarding Public Hearing R038-25. There were no questions and discussions; President Rozar entertained a motion to move adopt R038-25.

Motion: President Rozar moved to adopt R038-25. Commissioner DeWeerd seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9. PUBLIC HEARING R040-25 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.367 – QUALIFICATIONS FOR TEACHING ADAPTED PHYSICAL EDUCATION TO PUPILS WHO HAVE DISABILITIES. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).**

President Rozar announced Public Hearing for R040-25 at 10:37 a.m. The Commission considered a regulation relating to educational personnel; revising the educational requirements for a person to receive an endorsement to teach adapted physical education to pupils with disabilities in certain settings; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The regulation would create another pathway for a candidate from out of state to obtain an Adaptive PE license. The Commission may adopt or not adopt

the regulation. President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussion regarding R040-25.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussion regarding this agenda item. There were no questions or discussions from the Commission; President Rozar entertained a motion to adopt regulation 040-25.

Motion: President Rozar moved to adopt R040-25. Commissioner Hollowood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. PUBLIC HEARING R067-25 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.060 – EXPIRATION OF LICENSES AND ENDORSEMENTS AND NAC 391.073 – RENEWAL OF LICENSE: REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE RETIRED AND HOLD A VALID LICENSE ISSUED BY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; FEE; TERM OF VALIDITY; DELAY OF EXPIRATION DATE BY SUPERINTENDENT; ENDORSEMENT; RENEWAL. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).

President Rozar announced Public Hearing R067-25 at 10:38 a.m. The Commission considered a regulation relating to educational personnel; revising provisions relating to the qualifications for and the expiration of certain licenses issued by the Department of Education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The regulation would align all licenses to 3, 5, and 6 years and would allow all educators licensed in Chapter 391 to obtain a retiree license. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussion on this agenda item. There were no questions or discussions from the Commission. President Rozar entertained a motion to adopt R067-25.

Motion: Commissioner Belknap moved to adopt R067-25. President Rozar seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. PUBLIC HEARING R068-25 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.063 – VOLUNTARY SURRENDER AND REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE OR ENDORSEMENT. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).

President Rozar announced public hearing R068-25 at 10:39 a.m. The Commission considered a regulation relating to educational personnel; revising requirements for the voluntary surrender of an endorsement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The regulation would allow an educator to request removal of an endorsement from their license without a notary. The Commission may adopt or not adopt the regulation.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or further discussion on this agenda item. There were no questions or discussions therefore President Rozar entertained a motion to adopt R068-25.

Motion: Commissioner Schultz moved to adopt R068-25. Commissioner DeWeerdts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. PUBLIC HEARING R098-25 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.036 – TESTS OF COMPETENCY REQUIRED FOR INITIAL LICENSE; EXEMPTIONS; FAILURE TO COMPLY. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).

President Rozar announced public hearing R098-25 at 10:40 a.m. The Commission considered a regulation relating to education; revising provisions exempting certain applicants for licensure as a teacher or other educational personnel from the requirement to pass a competency test in basic reading, writing and mathematics; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The regulation would allow a candidate to take certain approved coursework in lieu of the Praxis Core Basic Examinations. The Commission may adopt or not adopt the regulation.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or further discussion on this agenda item. There were no further questions or discussions from the Commission; President Rozar entertained a motion to adopt R098-25.

Motion: Commissioner DeWeerdts moved to adopt R098-25. President Rozar seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. PUBLIC HEARING R100-25 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.057 – PROVISIONAL LICENSURE: QUALIFICATIONS; AUTHORIZED EMPLOYMENT; TERM OF VALIDITY; AUTOMATIC INVALIDITY; REINSTATEMENT. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).

President Rozar announced public hearing R100-25 at 10:41 a.m. The Commission considered a regulation relating to educational personnel; requiring qualified providers of a program for an alternative route to licensure to accept certain holders of an alternative provisional license who have been reassigned to a new teaching position into the program for the endorsement area required for the new position; requiring such holders to apply for a new alternative provisional license; providing for the issuance of a new alternative provisional license under such circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The regulation would allow for an additional pathway for educators to change endorsement areas. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or further discussion on this agenda item. There were no questions or discussions therefore President Rozar entertained a motion to adopt R100-25.

Motion: Commissioner Hollowood moved to adopt R100-25. Commissioner DeWeerdts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

14. PUBLIC HEARING R102-25 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.277 – ENDORSEMENT TO TEACH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, NAC 391.279 – ENDORSEMENT TO TEACH PHYSICAL THERAPY, AND NAC 391.XXX. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).

President Rozar announced public hearing R102-25 at 10:43 a.m. The Commission considered a regulation relating to educational personnel; revising certain qualifications to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant; revising certain qualifications to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist and physical therapist assistant; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The regulation would ensure minimum degree requirements and require persons to hold an endorsement to provide occupational and physical therapy services. The Commission may adopt or not adopt this regulation.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussions regarding R102-25. There were no questions or discussions therefore, President Rozar entertained a motion to adopt R102-25.

Motion: President Rozar moved to adopt R102-25. Commissioner Hollowood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

15. PUBLIC WORKSHOP R013-26 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.XXX – SCIENCE OF READING COURSE. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*)

President Rozar announced public workshop for R013-26 at 10:44 a.m. The Commission considered draft regulation language to address the Science of Reading course of study requirements for initial preparation programs and licensure renewal per Senate Bill 460, Sections 39 and 41.5. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

Director Briske explained that the intent of R013-26 is to comply with SB460 sections 39 and 41.5 and remain in compliance with NRS 391.019(3) and NRS 391B Article III(3). The regulation would require educators who only apply for an initial elementary license to have completed coursework as described in the regulation by July 1, 2029. Director Briske noted that all approved Educator Preparation Programs must have this course of study included in their elementary preparation program allowing a completer to obtain an elementary K-8 license by July 1, 2029.

Initial elementary licenses that are issued via reciprocity, from other jurisdictions must have the course of study completed prior to the renewal of their license. Regulation 013-26 may be included in the elementary NAC 391.095 as amended by R090-19 section 4.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussion. There were no questions or discussions from the Commission therefore President Rozar entertained a motion to move R013-26 to a Public Hearing at a future meeting.

Motion: President Rozar moved to move R013-26 to a Public Hearing. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

16. PUBLIC WORKSHOP R014-26 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.136 – ENDORSEMENT IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE: CONDITIONS FOR SUBSTITUTION OF COURSEWORK. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).

President Rozar announced Public Workshop R014-26 at 10:46 a.m. The Commission considered repealing the regulation as the provisions for adding by exam are already included in regulation R119-22. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussion. There were no questions or discussions from the Commission; President Rozar entertained a motion to move R014-26 to a Public Hearing at a future meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Belknap moved to move R014-26 to a Public Hearing. Commissioner Babina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

17. PUBLIC WORKSHOP R015-26 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391, REGULATION 011-24 – INTERIM ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENTS. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).

President Rozar announced Public Workshop R015-26 at 10:47 a.m. The Commission considered amending R011-24 to remove the 2-year requirement and 2 effective evaluations in section 1, paragraph 7 to convert an IRC endorsement to an initial endorsement as the endorsement holders may complete their coursework in less than 2 years. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

Director Briske noted that regulation 011-24 was adopted by the Commission in December 2024. The intent of amending R011-24 would be to remove the 2-year requirement and 2 effective evaluations in section 1, paragraph 7 to convert and IRC endorsement to an initial endorsement as the endorsement holder may complete their coursework in less than 2 years. An example of a license holder completing in less than two years would be a person with a generalist license adding an autism endorsement which is only four courses.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussion regarding this regulation.

Commissioner Babina asked if a 2-year person were to complete the coursework, will 2 evaluations be required and if a person completes the coursework in less than 2 years, would the evaluations be required. Director Briske confirmed that removing the 2 year requirement and 2 years of effective evaluations would affect anyone who is on the Interim Route to Certification (IRC)

President Rozar asked if there were any further questions or discussions from the Commission. There were none; President Rozar entertained a motion to move R015-26 to a Public Hearing at a future meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Schultz moved to move R015-26 to a Public Hearing. Commissioner DeWeerd seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

18. PUBLIC WORKSHOP R039-25 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.XXX – ENDORSEMENT NAME CHANGES OR REMOVAL AND PATHWAY TO TRANSITION TO ANOTHER ENDORSEMENT. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).

President Rozar announced Public Workshop R039-25 at 10:50 a.m. The Commission considered a regulation that would allow the Superintendent of Public Instruction to update by name or remove an endorsement and provide a pathway to transition to another endorsement when an endorsement no longer exists. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

Director Briske explained that the intent of the regulation is to allow the Superintendent of Public Instruction to update by name or remove an endorsement on a license when an endorsement no longer exists and to provide a pathway to a new endorsement.

Director Briske explained that the TESEL endorsement, which no longer exists, was changed to ELAD. The Department would change the name on the endorsement which would still allow the educator to teach in the same assignment.

An example of an endorsement that no longer exists would be Special Qualifications for Secondary. The Department would allow for a transition pathway to qualify for another current secondary endorsement. In the example, the Department would issue the corresponding secondary endorsement without any additional coursework allowing the educator to teach the same assignment.

Another example of an endorsement being eliminated would be Computer Literacy or Computer-Based Applications. The name of the new endorsement is Introductory Computer Science. The requirements of the old endorsement were fewer than the requirements of the new endorsement. In this case, the Department allowed the holder of the old endorsement, three years to complete two additional courses to obtain the new endorsement. Before the Superintendent can act on a name change of an endorsement or the removal of an endorsement, the Commission must approve.

Commissioner Babina raised the concern regarding the automatic removal of a substitute license when a teaching license is issued. This would raise issues for Alternative Route to Licensure (ARL) pathway for teachers and asked if the language for the regulation could be addressed.

Director Briske noted that the Department is currently discussing this issue to determine if it can be addressed.

President Rozar asked the Commission if there were any questions or discussion regarding R039-25. There were no questions or discussions; President Rozar entertained a motion to move this regulation to a Public Hearing at a future meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Belknap moved to move R039-25 to a Public Hearing. Commissioner Blinco seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

19. PUBLIC WORKSHOP R115-25 TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC CHAPTER 391.391 – ENDORSMENT TO TEACH PUPILS IN A PROGRAM OF ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY. (*Information/Discussion/For possible action*).

President Rozar announce public workshop R115-25 at 10:55 a.m. The Commission considered a regulation to ensure a person must hold an endorsement to teach pupils in a program of orientation and mobility and to ensure a person must hold an endorsement to teach pupils in a program of alternative education. Transitory language for providers already employed will be provided. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

Director Briske explained the intent of this regulation is to ensure a person must hold an endorsement to teach pupils in a program of orientation and mobility and to ensure a person must hold an endorsement to teach pupils in a program of alternative education. Transitory language for providers already employed will be similar to R124-22 Section 7. This regulation ensures all persons who provide services or teaches students hold an endorsement.

President Rozar asked if there were any questions or discussions from the Commission. There were none therefore, President Rozar entertained a motion to move R115-25 to a Public Hearing.

Motion: President Rozar moved to move R115-25 to a Public Hearing. Commissioner Hollowood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

20. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (*Information/Discussion*)

- Workshops and Public Hearings
- UNLV Competency Based Program

21. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

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

22. ADJOURNMENT

President Rozar acknowledged the next Commission on Professional Standards meeting on April 15, 2026, and entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Belknap moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Schultz seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 A.M.