

## STATEWIDE COUNCIL FOR THE COORDINATION OF THE REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 4:00  
PM

Office	Address	City	Meeting
Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	Board Room
Department of Education	700 E. Fifth St.	Carson City	Silver Ore Conference Room
Department of Education	Teams Link	N/A	<a href="#">Virtual Teams Link</a>

### SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS' PRESENT

1. Clayton "CJ" Anderson (via videoconference)
2. Joe Girdner (via videoconference)
3. Lisa Ford (via videoconference)
4. Matt Cameron (Unverified)
5. Elizabeth Adler (Unverified)

#### DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT

##### In Las Vegas

1. Jennese Black
2. Emily Bleyle

##### In Carson City

1. Amanda Hughes
2. Greg D. Ott

#### RPDP DIRECTORS

1. Annie Hicks
2. Ben Dickson
3. Jerrad Barczyszyn
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#### AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE (via videoconference)

1. Brian Myli
2. Harry Gustafson
3. Greta Peay
4. Michele Robinson
5. Nicole Jawhari

#### CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 4:06 PM. by Chair Clayton Anderson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Department Staff Jennese Black.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT #1

There was no in-person public comment in Carson City or Las Vegas and no public comment via email.

**INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A FLEXIBLE AGENDA**

Chair Anderson asked if there was a motion action regarding a flexible agenda.

**Member Adler made a motion for a flexible agenda. Interim Deputy Lisa Ford seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**FLEXIBLE AGENDA (ITEM NUMBER 8) INTRODUCED**

**INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2025-2027 RPDP ADMIN FUNDS PROPOSALS PURSUANT TO NRS 391A.190**

Chair Anderson approves to hear and take action on the presentations from the RPDP Admin Training Organizations NASA and LION.

Greta Peay, representing the Nevada Association of School Administrators (NASA), requested \$50,000 in RPDP funds to host their 10th Center for Educational Excellence Institute. The theme for the virtual, four-month institute (October 2025 – February 2026) is "The fierce urgency of now: a call to action for educational leaders," focusing on leadership, social-emotional growth, and academic knowledge. This professional learning opportunity, held in partnership with the Nevada Department of Education, aims to train school site and central office administrators alongside aspiring school leaders using evidence-based research and high-profile national and state presenters. Chair Anderson opened the floor for questions

Member Adler asked, "Is there a reason that this isn't run through a college or university for accountability?"

Dr. Peay replied, the option was sought out before but found to be not cost-effective for participants. Dr. Peay was not opposed to revisiting this option in the future.

Member Adler asked another question about the need for travel and lodging per diem for presenters if the presentations will all be virtual, as gathered from the one-page summary of the institute from Dr. Guiske.

Dr. Peay clarified, the travel per diem will not be used or necessary because all sessions and presenters will be virtual.

Chair Anderson asked for clarification about action with this item.

Lisa Ford responded that at this point it was for information only in regards to a historical precedence that existed in which these organizations had been funded. Going forward this council will need to authorize or not authorize funds.

- Clarification was needed, due to the limits of time and technology uploads, the agenda needed to be reposted.

Deputy Attorney General, Greg Ott clarified that no action needed to be taken since this was for information only about the dispersal of funds.

Dr. Peay asked if there will be a notification about the funds sent to NASA and LION

Lisa Ford responded that the Department will be sending allocation memos to both organizations.

**INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF JUNE 30, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Anderson asked if there was a motion to approve the June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting minutes.

**Member Girdner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Member Cameron seconded. Motion passed unanimously**

**FLEXIBLE AGENDA (ITEM NUMBER 8) REVISITED**

**INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2025-2027 RPDP ADMIN FUNDS PROPOSALS PURSUANT TO NRS 391A.190**

Chair Anderson opens the floor for Admin Training organization, LION to present.

Michele Robinson and Dr. Brian Miley outlined plans from the Leadership Institute of Nevada to expand professional learning and innovation efforts statewide. Dr. Brian Myli proposed a 2026 in-person summit in Las Vegas focused on artificial intelligence and the future of schoolwide literacy, aiming to equip educators and leaders with strategies for adopting AI to improve literacy outcomes and position Nevada as a leader in educational innovation. Dr. Michele Robinson highlighted ongoing engagement with over 800 alumni through expert-led learning events featuring Dr. Geoffrey Cohen on belonging and school culture and Michael Horn on reimagining education and innovation. All programming aligns with Nevada Educator Performance Framework (NEPF) standards and includes third-party evaluation to measure impact, guide continuous improvement, and inform future professional learning initiatives.

Chair Andeson opens the floor for questions.

Lisa Ford, offers clarity that this item does require action.

**Member Girdner made a motion to approve the Admin funds to support the proposals given by NASA and LION. Lisa Ford seconded. Motion passed unanimously**

**INFORMATION AND UPDATE REGARDING NEW SWCC COUCIL MEMBERS PURSUANT TO NRS391A.130 The Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs will review its, membership; terms; and welcome new members**

Chair Anderson asked for Jennese Black to state the new members.

Jennese stated that members have been informed that the term is for 2 years and until their seat position has been filled. Jennese welcomed, Lisa Ford, Elizabeth Adler and Matt Cameron to the Statewide Coordinating Council.

Lisa Ford introduced herself as the Interim Deputy Superintendent for the Student Achievement Division Chief Strategy Officer for the Nevada Department of Education

Elizabeth Adler introduced herself as a longtime educator and strategist in the Clark County School District with 27 years of experience. She has served as a foreign language and ELL teacher, currently works as a language learning strategist, teaches part-time at UNLV's School of Education, and serves on the Executive Board of the Clark County Education Association.

Chair Anderson and Member Adler share similar experiences in teaching Spanish.

Matt Cameron, Superintendent of Lincoln County School District, introduced himself as being in his first year in the role. With 25 years of experience in the district, he expressed enthusiasm about collaborating with others and continuing to learn in his new position.

**Chair Anderson concluded this item**

**INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2024-2025 RPDP  
ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO NRS 391A.190, All Regional Development Program (RPDP)  
Directors and/or program representatives may present their 2024-2025 Annual Report.**

Jerrad Barczyszyn, Director of the Southern Nevada RPDP, presented a fully revamped annual report that highlights a shift from organizing work by content areas and grade levels to focusing on four key organizational goals. These goals include delivering high-quality, job-embedded professional learning for educators, aligning support with state, district, and school goals, fostering active learning, and increasing educator engagement and collaboration. The report reflects strong participation growth and a strategic move toward more in-depth school-based support through observation, mentoring, and co-teaching. Barczyszyn also noted that this was the final report authored by former director Dr. Shelley Smith, who recently retired.

Chair Anderson asked if there were questions.

Ben Dickson, Director of the Northwest RPDP, shared that his team has continued refining their annual report to make it more goal-centered, readable, and user-friendly. Now in its second year of showcasing staff work through concise one-page highlights, the report emphasizes hands-on school engagement and sustained professional learning. Dickson highlighted the success of their reciprocal teaching initiative, where trainer Rachel Croft worked with over 120 teachers across three districts through ongoing coaching and modeling cycles. Overall, the RPDP supported more than 4,300 educators this year—an increase from previous years—by prioritizing meaningful, in-school collaboration and multi-session professional development rather than one-time trainings.

Chair Anderson asked if there were questions.

Annie Hicks, Director of the Northeastern Nevada RPDP, highlighted that despite being slightly understaffed, her team delivered 209 intensive professional learning sessions last year, reaching 78% of teachers (878 educators) and 93% of administrators (105 leaders) in the region. They also expanded support for paraprofessionals to enhance co-teaching and classroom effectiveness. Hicks emphasized a shift from one-off trainings to sustained, job-embedded professional learning, which research shows has the greatest impact on student growth. With full staffing restored, she expressed optimism about continued growth and increased engagement in the coming year.

Chair Anderson asked if there were questions. He continued with positive feedback for the directors and recognized their hard work and impact.

Lisa Ford clarified that their reports needed to be voted on to be approved.

**Member Girdner made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 annual reports from the RPDP directors.  
Member Cameron seconded. Motion passed unanimously**

**INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BUDGET**

**AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO NRS 391A.190, One or more of the Regional Professional Development Program (RPDP) Directors and/or program representatives may present budget amendments.**

Annie Hicks, Director of NNRPDP, presented Budget Amendment #1 to the Council, explaining that it reflects current staffing levels and addresses increases in PERS and insurance costs. To balance the budget, she adjusted funds within the one-hundreds and two-hundreds categories and offered to answer any questions or provide clarifications.

Ben Dickson, Director of the Northwest RPDP, presented Revision #1 of their budget, explaining that staffing changes allowed for reallocations. Funds were restored to a previously half-time position in Douglas County to make it full-time, allocated to support an upcoming AI conference, and adjusted to account for increases in PERS and health costs. He offered to answer questions and share additional details about the conference.

Jerrad Barczyszyn, Director of SNRPDP, presented the First Budget Amendment for the Southern Nevada RPDP. He explained that after Clark County School District negotiations, the budget is now balanced, with adjustments primarily in staffing, benefit cost increases, and accounting for an upcoming staff retirement in October. Funds were reallocated to restore salaries to their normal levels, and he offered to answer any questions.

**Member Girdner made a motion to approve the budget revisions. Lisa Ford seconded. Motion passed unanimously**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Jennese Black asked for any additional agenda items for the next meeting.

Ms. Black stated the council should have nine members and once technology systems are restored, and the governor application is back on line there will be efforts to have a full council. Ms. Black thanked everyone for their work and recommendations thus far.

Chair Anderson asked when is the next meeting. Ms. Black responded, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

There was no public comment in person or on line in Las Vegas or Carson City

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jennese Black concluded the meeting at 5:13pm