

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION STATEWIDE SCHOOL  
SAFETY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY December 13, 2023  
3:04 P.M.**

**Summary of Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**IN ATTENDANCE VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Interim Chair Ravin  
Interim Vice-Chair Hall  
Member Alamo  
Member Dzyak  
Member Barsel  
Member Anderson  
Member Miranda

**DEPARTMENT STAFF**

Program Officer Silva – Department of Education  
Secretary Lufrano – Department of Education

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m. by interim Chair Ravin. Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Secretary Lufrano. Quorum was established.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

No public comment was present.

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting minutes from November 15th 2023, was motioned for acceptance, and passed.  
Motion by Interim Vice-Chair Hall, Seconded by Member Alamo, Passed Unanimously.

**4. 2023 Summary Review**

Members reviewed documents prepared by Secretary Lufrano and Department Staff Silva with a summary of all 2023 meetings and previous reports. The purpose of the review was to educate newer members and to determine the best course of action for future meetings in the coming year. Upon completion of the review members discussed a possible timeline for the upcoming year. Members discussed the student panel and revisited that panel to include safety aspects with topics including social media. Members agreed that having this panel earlier in the year would maximize the benefit of input received. Plan was to include a discussion

on the panel in the January meeting and set a goal for the panel to be present in a subsequent meeting. Recommendation to include diversity in the student panel. Questions came up on what other states would have done and what lessons were learned. Members also discussed funding options and following up in writing to experts from past presentations to inquire what they feel the state could do to improve or achieve better results. Member Anderson gave a list of recommendations including SafeVoice Experts, increase funding as schools are doing more for less, Mental health professionals in schools and the difficulty rural districts have in hiring, building aging, securement and funding. Interim Chair Ravin notes that there has been discussion in the past for making schools safer but things like collapsing roofs are often overlooked and a highlight for discussion. Interim Vice-Chair Hall suggests also doing an administrator panel as well to help get voices to what they need. Member Anderson notes that they often have use outside entities and websites to get assistance they need and recognizing that other rural are often in the same situation and it is often highly unlikely that they would find a type of professional for each need in the area and having state funds or state provided would assist. Member Barsel notes there needs to be more mental health education and bringing in a counselor who works in curriculum development. Also discussed bringing in someone regarding SEL standards and providing updates to SEL and mental health curriculum. Jeremy noted he will find someone to discuss SEL for a coming meeting.

## **5. Discussion on recent school safety incidents**

Chair Ravin opened a discussion around recent schools safety incidents. He noted how the situation was handled and if there was anything we can learn or analyze from those events. Members discussed and noted that these problems are in part created by the communities and resources available to them. It was noted that it begins with recognizing and funding issues to bring better resources to families, students, and staff. Further discussion was held about creation of emergency operations plans (EOP) to utilize best practices and policies. Members discussed challenges for schools to implement those EOPs and to review at a future meeting.

## **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was noted that the meeting would be pushed back for a week to allow the governor's office to review the current applications which was expected to be reviewed on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting was pushed back to January 24<sup>th</sup> to allow an extra time. Members also noted for future meetings a possible admin panel in addition to the student panel. Bringing in Safety experts to discuss what this committee can do to reach best practices and to ensure there is time for new members and introductions as needed. Motion made by Chair Ravin to move January meeting back a week, Seconded by Member Barsel, no additional discussion was had motion passed unanimously.

## **7. Public Comment**

No public comment was present.

**Adjournment 4:21 p.m.**