

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
June 20, 2022
3:00 PM**

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	Room 114
Department of Education	700 E. Fifth St.	Carson City	Board Room
Department of Education	Virtual/Livestream	N/A	Lifesize Link

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrea Hughs-Baird
 Brande Johnson
 Duana Malone
 Marilyn Dondero Loop
 Michelle Gorelow
 Rebecca Dirks Garcia
 Stacie Wilke
 Tameka Henry

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT

Alberto Quintero, Education Programs Professional, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement
 Rick Derry, Administrative Assistant, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT

David Gardner, Senior Deputy Attorney General

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Alberto Quintero, Education Programs Professional, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement (EDLiFE), called the meeting to order at 3:10pm. Rick Derry, Administrative Assistant, Office of EDLiFE gave roll call followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and land acknowledgement led by Mr. Quintero. Quorum confirmed.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

No public comment in Carson City, no public comment in Las Vegas, and no public comment sent electronically.

3. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ON COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND FUTURE MEETING DATES

Alberto Quintero shared updates on the council membership. Currently, the council has one vacancy open position for a member of the Board of Trustees of a school district whose county has a population of 100,000 or more (which will be either Washoe County or Clark County at the moment). The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) is reaching out to the school board association here in

Nevada to get a recommendation, so that the Superintendent can appoint a member to serve on the council. Mr. Quintero opened the panel for members of the council to introduce themselves and give a brief background and reason why they are serving on the council.

4. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ON OPEN MEETING LAW

Senior Deputy Attorney General David Gardner presented a slideshow [Open Meeting Law Training] in which he provides an overview on the Legislative intent, applicability of the Open Meeting Law, Public Body, what is a meeting, common issues, key requirements, exceptions, and violations ([see meeting materials](#)). Mr. Gardner closed the presentation with question-and-answer panel.

5. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Senior Deputy Attorney General, David Gardner cites [NRS 385.610](#) which states that the Advisory Council shall elect a chair and vice chair among its members and will serve a term of one year. The council members nominated Rebecca Dirks Garcia as Chair and member Tameka Henry as Vice Chair. Member Rebecca Dirks Garcia was confirmed as Council Chair and member Tameka Henry was confirmed as Council Vice Chair.

6. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 18, 2022

Member Marilyn Dondero Loop motioned to approve the April 18, 2022, meeting minutes. Member Stacie Wilke seconded the motion. All members of the council were in favor to approve minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ON NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FAMILY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES

Alberto Quintero provided updates on the Institute for Educational Leadership's (IEL) 2022 National Community Schools and Family Engagement Conference, which previously was two separate conferences throughout the year; one specific to family engagement and the other specific to community schools. Initially it was planned for 2020 but was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Alberto Quintero and Vice Chair Tameka Henry attended the conference from June 1, 2022 – June 3, 2022. IEL shared data that 30 individuals from Nevada attended the conference. In addition, IEL provided Nevada an opportunity to have a state breakout session regarding community schools. The purpose of the breakout session was to start creating a statewide network regarding community schools and to start building a coalition to form a statewide vision and mission statement for community schools in Nevada. During the conference, Mr. Quintero met with fellow Colorado counterpart Darcy Hutchins about developing a family engagement school recognition award similar to the Purple Star Schools Awards. Mr. Quintero announced that Nevada Family Engagement Summit will take place this year on Saturday, October 22, 2022. It will be a one-day family engagement summit that is open to everyone and will include workshops for educators, students, families, and community members. Pursuant to NRS, NDE must put on a family engagement summit every other year. It usually alternates between northern Nevada and southern Nevada. The last in-person summit was held in 2018 at Truckee Community College in Reno. Since then, the summit was held virtually in 2020 due to the pandemic. The summit in October of 2022 will be held virtually and registration will begin in July. Mr. Quintero provided information on the council report; per NRS the

council is required to submit a report to legislature by February 1 regarding the activities by the council and recommendations for legislation.

8. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ON NEVADA’S FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Alberto Quintero presented a slideshow [Nevada’s Family Engagement Framework]. He gave brief history of the framework along with the alignment with standards and other frameworks. ([See meeting materials](#)). Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow representing District 35 (Mountains Edge and Southern Highlands) introduced herself. She currently works at a foundation called Positively Kids; a local non-profit that provides special healthcare needs to children. In addition to working with Positively Kids, she has worked for March of Dimes for about 15 years as an advocacy for women and children’s healthcare issues which prompted her to run for office. She is the mother of two in which one of them was accepted into Washington State University this fall.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Rebecca Dirks Garcia opened panel for members to share ideas or request future agenda items. Chair Garcia mentioned that she attended that National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and asked the committee if they would be willing to give a presentation regarding the national standards for family/school partnerships. She wanted to suggest this as an option and would be done virtually.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

No public comment in Carson City, no public comment in Las Vegas, and no public comment sent electronically.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further objections, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46PM.