



**STATEWIDE COUNCIL FOR THE COORDINATION OF THE  
REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS  
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2020 11:00 AM**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:**

KellyLynn Charles  
Jeff Briske  
Arina Kazemi

**MEMBERS PRESENT via videoconference**

Wendi Hawk  
Brent Husson

Adam Young  
Aaron Grossman  
Wayne Workman  
Pam Teel

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE via videoconference:**

**Las Vegas:**

Chelli Smith  
Sarah Negrete  
Jerrad Barczyszyn  
Sara Cunningham  
Marjorie Conner  
Jeffrey Geihs  
AJ Adams  
Jeremy Hauer  
Brian Myli  
Jaime Chazen

Grant Hanevold  
Jeremy Hauser

## **1. Call to Order; Roll Call: Pledge of Allegiance**

*Adam Young; Council Chair*

The meeting of the RPDP was called to order at 11:06 a.m. by Adam Young. Quorum was established. Chair Young led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **2. Public Comment #1**

Chair Young asked Ms. Charles if any Public comments had been submitted. Ms. Charles answered, no public comment was submitted.

## **3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2020 (Information/Discussion/Possible Action)**

Adam Young, Council Chair explained that the minutes included supplemental materials were sent out to members of the Council. He then asked if there was a motion.

**Member Husson motioned to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Member Grossman. No discussion. Motion carried.**

## **4. Budgets and Budget Amendments *pursuant to NRS 391A.130* (Information/Discussion/Possible Action)**

Chair Young asked the Directors of RPDPs if they needed to add any more information to their budget amendments report. Ms. Negrete, Ms. Cunningham, and Ms. Smith replied they had nothing to add. Member Workman thanked directors for the amendments that were easy-to-read.

**Member Workman motioned to approve the Budgets and Budget Amendments pursuant to NRS 391A.130. Seconded by Member Grossman. No further discussions. Motion carried.**

## **5. Proposals for use of Administrative Funds *pursuant to NRS 391A.170* (Information/Discussion/Possible Action)**

Chair Young welcomed the guests on the call and asked them to share their work and their wonderful thoughts regarding how to use this fund to help educator and students throughout the state. The Council heard from The Public Education Foundation (PEF) first, followed by the Nevada Association of School Administrators (NASA)

Dr. Brian Myli, Vice President of Leadership & Innovation gave a background about Administrator training and historical content in terms of administrators training offered by the Public Education Foundation (PEF) under the umbrella of the Leadership Institute. He shared the Institute was initially seeded with matching funds from the 2011 legislative session and has enjoyed the support of both the private and public sectors ever since; including the support most recently in the 2019 legislative session. In 2012 the foundation initiated Nevada's first regional leadership summit to examine big ideas and best practices within the Nevada context. Dr. Myli shared that to date, the Institute has conducted 15 regional summits, both in the north and the south for more than 3,500 participants. The foundation also launched the Executive Leadership Academy in 2012 to grow and strengthen the school leadership pipeline across the state. The Executive Leadership Academy has 238 Alumni who have completed the program, 94% of whom remain in leadership positions in Nevada. Dr. Myli informed the Council the PEF launched the Teacher Leader Academy in 2016 to grow the leadership skills of classroom teachers while reinvigorating and retaining highly qualified teachers who might otherwise have left the classroom particularly in our Title I schools. To date, 270 teacher leaders have completed the program and 96% remain in education here in Nevada and 84% teaching in Title I schools. Dr. Myli turned the presentation over to Grant Hanevold to share the PEF's newest program developed in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Grant Hanevold, Vice President of Leadership and Strategic Design shared that PEF launched the Digital Leadership Academy in March in an effort to equip teachers and administrators with skills to deal with the rapid change to distance learning. The focus was on teachers and how to work with students in a digital environment. A pilot program launched in summer with 120 educators trained in distance learning. Since then, 3 more cohorts have been conducted with a total of 220 educators trained on distance learning. Mr. Hanevold shared the need for complementary training for school administrators in order for them to be able to support teachers in building online relationships, utilizing the tools of the technology, aiding students, building accommodations, designing online lessons and assessments, and dealing with the social emotional needs of students and staff. He shared that administrators also need to rethink supervising and evaluating teachers in an online space and how to redesign the normal in post-COVID world. The PEF is proposing a 15-hour course to complement the teacher training for school-based administrators. The content will be presented both synchronously and asynchronously. The modules will include the importance of relationships in community building; rethinking teaching in online learning; assessing online learning; Access, equity, and accommodations; and observing, coaching, supervising, and providing feedback in an online space. Mr. Hanevold shared a few of the presenters and their expertise with the Council. He shared giving a brief overview of the timeline found in the posted

proposal materials. The PEF will work with the third-party vendor, Data Insight Partners provide a formal, pre- and post-course evaluation.

Jeremy Hauser, Senior Vice President of Transformational Leadership gave a brief overview outlining the three proposed online statewide summits. He explained the summits would be a series of conversations with experts in their field, and focused on how to prepare themselves for post-COVID. Mr. Hauser explained that the summits would highlight examples of innovations and strategies that would benefit education with continued implementation post-COVID, much like innovations in tele-medicine. Mr. Hauser stated the goal is to have roughly 350 of unique attendees.

Jamie Chazen, Director of Grants and Community Impact at Public Education Foundation, provided information about the proposed budget found in the posted meeting materials. The Foundation is requesting \$48,000 of the administrative training funds.

Chair Young wondered if that was the conclusion of Public Education Foundation (PEF) team presentation. The Council decided to hold questions until the end of both presentations.

Dr. Jeffrey Geihs, Senior Vice President of Strategic Partnerships thanked the Nevada Department of Education and provided a brief overview of NASA's past awards of the Administrative Funds for the Center for Educational Excellence Institute (CEEI). Dr. Geihs introduced A.J. Adams, an alum of the NASA CEEI to share his experience as a participant.

A.J. Adams, Educational Leader I Leadership/Career Coaching, Principal at Clark County School District shared his experience going through this CEEI. He stated they were very similar to the public at Foundation Executive Leadership Academy. The Institute had high-level training, high-level thinking outside of box training for administrators and developing innovations and really growing themselves as leaders. He shared that NASA hopes to develop a Statewide Certification Mentorship Program for new and aspiring Administrators as part of the CEEI in the future.

Dr. Marjorie Conner, Deputy Executive Director, we are honored to have the opportunity to present to you today. She explained the NASA proposal focuses on Competency-Based Education and ties into Superintendent Ebert's presentation to NASA. The learning in the CEEI would explore the initial steps of Competency Based learning and bring in educators from across the state who have been involved in this work. The other piece would be really important and forms the foundation for all learning is the Social Emotional Components. They have partnered with the Social Emotional Development group under Dr. Silvana Gorton to undergo an form a foundation for everything for what NASA is proposing. Dr. Conner explained they actively reached out to counties other than Clark, not just as participants but also as presenters. Additionally, NASA ensured this CEEI is a continuation of previous learning, and not a one time learning session. Dr. Conner went on to provide an overview of their proposed budget and informed the Council NASA had included purchasing books for participants, however they could increase the number of participants if they didn't purchase them books. She added that due to COVID and hosting trainings virtually, the expense of this year's CEEI proposal is \$54,900 and not the full \$100,000 because the cost of conference rooms and travel is not necessary. Dr. Conner shared the Competency Based Education expertise of Dr. Summer Stephens and Dr. Andrew Yoxsimer as CEEI presenters representing rural districts in Nevada. She praised the collaboration with VegasPBS as their fiscal agent last year, and noted NASA had reached out to continue with the partnership this year.

Chair Young asked Dr. Geihs if that concluded NASA's presentation. Dr. Geihs answered, yes. Chair Young thanked all the presenters from both organizations and asked members of the Council if they had any question or comments.

Member Teel stated she was impressed with both presentations.

Member Workman asked for clarification on the budget items. Chair Young clarified that NASA requested \$54,900 and the Public Education Foundation requested \$48,000 so the total of these proposals is \$102,900. Dr. Geihs stated NASA could reduce their requested funds by asking participants to purchase their books. Member Husson asked Dr. Connor or Dr. Geihs, if in the past A was awarded the entire \$100,000. Dr. Geihs answered, yes. Dr. Connor reminded the Council that when COVID happened, the state clawed back the transportation money and NASA returned \$50,000.

Member Husson stated from what he heard during the discussion, both programs would be exceptional for their future leaders and he has no problem supporting both.

Member Grossman asked the Public Education Foundation team for specific examples of that paradigm shift from medical community which could now be applied to schools. He wondered what would be a participant take-away. Mr. Hauser explained one take away could be the examples of increased parent engagement through new strategies created during COVID time, for example, PTA meetings held virtually to expand access. Mr. Hauser explained conferences also benefit from the online environment as participants can move from break out session and back very quickly.

**Member Husson motioned to approve the Proposals with NASA's budget reduced to \$52,000 and the Public Education Foundation's Proposal funded at \$48,000. Seconded by Member Workman. Motion carried.**

Member Workman thanked both groups Nevada Association of School Administrators (NASA) and the Public Education Foundations (PEF) for their continued efforts to include more participants and expanding the reach to include all the school districts and charter schools.

Chair Young agreed with member Workman.

Member Husson asked to hear back from the participants that attended, as well as to see some evidence about how their programs changed, and what the participants learned, and how it impacted students.

Both Dr. Conner and Dr Myli agreed to give feed back

## **6. Future Agenda Items (Information/Discussion)**

*KellyLynn Charles, NDE Education Programs Professional for Office of Educator Development, Licensure and Family Engagement*

Ms. Charles thanked everybody, She stated being pleasantly surprised with the amounts the entities proposed. She mentioned that she will reach out to Dr. Conner and Ms. Chazen to the next steps and what else it needs to get done. She then introduced Jeff Briske transitioning into the role of staff for the Council. She stated Mr. Briske would facilitate the next meeting. Ms. Charles reminded the Council would be comprised of approving the 2021 Meeting Dates and budgets and amendments. She stated a survey would be sent to members to select their preferred dates. Jeff Briske introduced himself and explained that in the restructuring of the EDLIFE office, it made more sense for him to work with the Council his duties include educator preparation and professional development approvals.

The members thanked KellyLynn Charles for her work with the Council.

## **7. Public Comment #2**

Chair Young asked Ms. Charles if any public comment had been submitted and allowed time submissions due to the livestream delay. Ms. Charles answered, no public comment was submitted.

## **8. Adjournment**

**Member Husson motioned to approve. Seconded by Member Teel. Motion carried at 12:10**