

Nevada Indian Commission Indian Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2022
Via ZOOM

Committee Member	Seat Filled	Present	Absent
Chair – Fawn Hunter	Washoe Tribe School District	X	
Fredina Drye-Romero	Nevada Department of Education	X	
Vice Chair - Della Frank	Clark County Department of Education Coordinator II		X
Kari Emm	Director of Transfer Admissions and Programs UNR	X	
Lance West	Principal Schurz Elementary School	X	
William Bauer	Professor of History and Program Director Indigenous Studies, UNLV	X	

NIC Staff Present: Stacey Montooth, Executive Director Sari Nichols, Program Officer, Sarina Nez, Office Coordinator

ATTENDEES: Yuli Chavez, Delina Trottier, Paul Mitchell, Myrton Running Wolf, Julie Bowers, Justin Zuniga, Kostan Lathouris

- I. Invocation**
Fredina Drye-Romero gave the invocation.
- II. Welcome and Introductions**
Chair Hunter began introductions.
- III. Initial Public Comment**
- IV. Approval of September 2, 2021, Meeting Minutes**
Approval of minutes for September 2, 2021, meeting minutes were tabled until next meeting.
- V. Unfinished Business (For Possible Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. Discussion on current bylaws**
Bylaws approved by committee.
- VI. Updating the Indian Education Strategic Plan (for Possible Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. Discussion of Updating Goals**
Discussion began noting that the submitted Strategic Plan was proposed and approved in March 2009. Since the approval of the Strategic plan goals have changed. Kostan Lathouris, Chair of the Nevada Indian Commission stated the presented goals needed to update and action plans put in place that reflect the most current methods of achieving the revised goals. Discussion continued regarding updating goals and how to achieve these goals.
 - B. Discussion then opened other changes that may need to be included in the Strategic Plan such as curriculum and retention of educators. How do we find and retain educators that are not only educated in Native American history, language, and culture but are willing to teach these subjects.**

- C. Discussions continued regarding evaluating the set goals, are we attaining those goals, how are these goals measured? Do we as educators have good working relationships with Nevada tribes? If we are not reaching the goals, we set the fee waiver for Native American students that we worked to get passed will not matter because we are not preparing Native American students for primary education let alone secondary or higher education. Amidst this discussion it was also discussed that to prepare the committee to attain their goals it would be best to meet frequently and more closely in areas of expertise to adjust goals, create open conversations, share ideas, and find ways to reach those goals.
- D. It was determined that the IEAC would meet again in two weeks and every two weeks after to complete revising goals. These meetings shall include breakout sessions for committee members and educators to continue discussions on specific goals.

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings (For Discussion)

Continue work on updating the IEAC Strategic Plan.

VIII. Date and Location of Next Meeting

August 31, 2022, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm via ZOOM

IX. Final Public Comment

Agreement by all present to meet again in two weeks. Julie Bowers stated she and Fredina Drye Romero will work on the role Nevada Department of Education can and will play in the development of updated goals and assisting the committee in reaching those goals.

X. Adjournment

Chair Fawn Hunter adjourned the meeting.