

Nevada Indian Commission Indian Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2022
Via ZOOM

Committee Member	Seat Filled	Present	Absent
Chair – Fawn Hunter	Washoe County School District		X
Fredina Drye-Romero	Nevada Department of Education	X	
Delina Trottier	Native American Student Advocate Recruitment and Access Center Truckee Meadows Community College		X
Vice Chair - Della Frank	Clark County Department of Education Coordinator II		X
Kari Emm	Specialist, Tribal Students College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources University of Nevada, Reno	X	
Interim Vice Chair - Lance West	Principal Schurz Elementary School	X	
William Bauer	Professor of History and Program Director Indigenous Studies, UNLV	X	

NIC Staff Present: Sarina Nez, Office Coordinator

ATTENDEES: Anne Millar, Emily Navarro, Melanie Smokey, Myrton Running Wolf, and Markie Wilder.

I. Roll Call

Interim Vice Chair Lance West – 11:07 am call to order, roll call, quorum established

II. Invocation

Interim Vice Chair Lance West gave the invocation.

III. Welcome and Introductions

Interim Vice Chair Lance West began introductions

IV. Public Comment

Fredina Drye-Romero -4th Annual Fostering Success Retreat coming up and asking for volunteer from IEAC to represent at retreat.

Kari Emm- Inter-Tribal Ag Council Annual Conference in Las Vegas will be attending with 4 UNR Students to network and present – report to follow when return.

Lance West – School District Transparency – attended CCSD Title VI Parent Action Committee Meeting- concern as a community advocate there appears to be some confusion regarding federal guidelines in terms of various title programs how information should be disseminated to Tribal Communities.

Annie Millar – received an email regarding CA Tribal College will share information in chat. If anyone is interested in discussing charter school opportunities, please contact me. Interested in exploring potential partnering with the National Native Children’s Trauma Center in Montana, to expand vision to what education can be for Native children.

Myrton Running Wolf- Meeting with the Governor’s Office of Economic Development to discuss possibly utilizing the Stewart Indian School Campus as a Film and Television Production Studio. Providing a new economic system for Nevada for Native and non-native content. UNR looking at creating a Native American Film Festival.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from 11/16/22 approved with the addition of titles for surveys that were approved. Willy Bauer motions to approve minutes, Kari Emm seconds. Motion passes with additions.

VI. Updating the Indian Education Strategic Plan (for Possible Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Interim Vice Chair Lance West opens discussion regarding Pre-K through 12 Teacher Survey. Willy Bauer likes the survey, good way to get ball rolling.
- B. Annie Millar asked is the survey for all educators not just Native educators.
- C. Kari Emm makes motion to approve Pre-K through 12 Teacher Survey.
- D. Willy Bauer seconds motion to approve survey.
- E. Committee votes Pre-K through 12 Teacher Survey approved.
- F. Review of IEAC Member applications of Maria Wharf, Voting Member and Brandi Vizcarra as alternate as representing Early Childhood.
- G. Fredina Drye-Romero makes motion to approve. Kari Emm seconds motion. Committee votes and approves Maria Wharf as new voting member and Brandi Vizcarra as alternate.
- H. Discussion of Teacher Survey continues – committee agrees survey looks good. Kari Emm makes motion to approve survey. Willy Bauer seconds motion. Committee votes and Teacher Survey is approved.
- I. Lance West working on community survey – continue to work on creating surveys?
- J. Fredina Drye-Romero – I think we are good with surveys to get conversations going to build strategic plan.

I. Agenda Items for Future Meetings (For Discussion)

Approval of 11/30/2022 meeting minutes
Add Land Acknowledgement to agenda for future meetings
Invite Native Education Collaborative to discuss Circle of Reflections

II. Date and Location of Next Meeting

January 18, 2023, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm via ZOOM

III. Final Public Comment

Fredina Drye-Romero – reminds committee members to volunteer on sign up site to staff table at ITCN Annual Conference.
Kari Emm notes that her UNR Ag table has requested to be next to IEAC Table
Sarina Nez notes NIC table has been requested to be next to IEAC Table

IV. Adjournment

Interim Vice Chair Lance West adjourned the meeting at 12:14 pm.