



Nevada Early Childhood
Advisory Council

MINUTES FROM THE:
NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD
ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)
PUBLIC MEETING
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“Nevada’s children will be safe, healthy, and thriving during the first eight years of life, and the system will support children and families in achieving their full potential.”

Meeting Locations:

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
University of Nevada Cooperative Extension	8050 Paradise Rd.	Las Vegas, Nevada	Room D
Nevada Department of Education	755 North Roop Street	Carson, Nevada	Upstairs Conference Room
Early Childhood Professional Development Center	240 Rock Blvd	Reno, Nevada	
Great Basin College, High Tech Center	1500 College Parkway	Elko, Nevada	Room 123

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

(Video Conferenced)

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MINUTES:

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Marty Elquist, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair called the meeting to order.

Quorum is met.

Council Members in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Sherry Bingham, NDE, Early Childhood Special Education
- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
- Dolores Hauck, Southern Nevada Nonprofit Early Childhood Programs
- Tammie Williams, Head Start State Collaboration
- Brenda Bledsoe, Part C Office
- Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation, Early Head Start

By Phone:

In Reno:

- Sherry Waugh, Nevada System of Higher Education
- Anna Severens, NDE, State PreK
- Marty Elquist, Children’s Cabinet
- Tina Springmeyer, Washoe County School District, Nevada PreK Standards

In Carson:



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- Jack Zenteno, Welfare Division

Public in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Nya Berry, State Public Charter School Authority
- Patti Oya, NDE
- Cindy Johnson, NDE
- Stacey Joyner, NDE
- Kourtenaye Monroe, NDE
- Kathy Banak, Clark County School District
- Diane Hardy, Childcare Licensing
- Sayonara Harris, Variety Early Learning Center
- Shelby Henderson, Children's Advocacy Alliance
- Amanda Haboush- Deloye, Nevada Institute for Childhood Research and Policy

In Reno:

- Kaia Bartling, CAA

In Elko:

- Lisa Calder, Elko County School District

2. Public Comment #1

No Public Comment regarding any item appearing on the agenda at this time.

No Public Comment on any matter within the Committee's jurisdiction, control or advisory power at this time.

The Committee moves on to Item #3

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda

Motion:

- Sherry Bingham moved for approval of a flexible agenda.
- Carrie Paldi seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- The motion carried.

4. Item A: Minutes from June 13-14

Minutes from June 13-14 have been reviewed

Motion:

- Anna Severens motioned to approve the minutes.
- Dolores Hauck seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

5. Item B: ECAC Facebook Page

Proposed maintenance of Facebook Page by Council Member
Tammie Williams and Anna Severens will help to maintain.

6. Item C: Bylaw Modification of Subcommittees

Discussion to broaden Bylaws:

Subcommittees: "The Council shall create standing committees deemed necessary to improve the functioning of a comprehensive early childhood system in 3 areas: Health, Early Learning, and Family engagement."

Motion:

- Sherry Waugh moved to accept broader By-laws
- Sherry Bingham seconded
- Motion carried.



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7. Item D: Position Statement on School Readiness

The Council discussed changes to language on School Readiness document as relates to ECAC Vision.

Motion:

- Carrie Paldi moved to accept Position Statement on School Readiness with discussed changes.
- Tammie Williams seconded.
- Motion carried

Documents on 'Expulsion' to be discussed at October 13th ECAC meeting.

8. Item E: NevAEYC Updates

Carrie Paldi gave NevAEYC Updates.

9. Item F: Updates on KEA and Read by Three

Patricia Oya stated update that currently two schools are piloting BRIGANCE as the KEA screen.

10. Item G: P-20 Council

No movement at this time.

11. Item H: Local ECAC Updates

The Council will re-engage Local ECAC's after strategic plan is complete.

12. Item I: Work Session

The Council agrees to take a short recess to allow time to review Documents for Discussion.

13. Item J: Future Agenda Items

The Council discussed adding to Agenda for next session:

- New Item: Discussion of documents including 'Joint Policy Statements on 'English Language Learners, Family Engagement, and 'Suspension & Expulsion'
- New Item: Clear 'Next Steps' for Timeline for when Jana returns in February.
- New Item: Discussion of who will be responsible for taking minutes.
- New Item: Discussion: Creation of Sub-Committees/ Specific Workgroups for Activity based discussions
– Need to Identify Goals, Strengths, and Weaknesses.

14. Public Comment #2

- Carrie Paldi stated update that Licensing has completed draft of regulations & small business impact study is due Sept. 25th, Requests all to Please share to spread info to providers.

The Council returns to Discussion of Item I:

- Confirmation of Currently Existing NV ECAC Mission Statement is discussed: "Creating community...Nevada's Children will be thriving..." Amanda Haboush agrees to forward by email. Marty Elquist and Delores Hauck agree Mission Statement is to be placed on ECAC Website & Facebook Page.
- Suggestion for New Agenda Item: Need Specific Workgroups for Activity based discussions.
- The Council will discuss overall SWAT Analysis then move on to SWAT Analysis within Sub-Committees once they have been established.
- Marty Elquist will forward email with Homework assigned to Council Members including Documents to read and necessary websites before next meeting.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.