



**Nevada Early Childhood
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Meeting Locations:

This meeting will be video conferenced to the following locations:

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
Nevada Department of Education	9890 South Maryland Parkway	Las Vegas, Nevada	Las Vegas Board Room
Nevada Department of Education	755 North Rook 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 121

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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, 9:15 a.m.

Quorum is met.

Council Members in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
- Dolores Hauck, Southern Nevada Nonprofit Early Childhood Programs
- Tammie Williams, Head Start State Collaboration
- Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation, Early Head Start
- Diane Hardy, Child Care Licensing

In Reno:

- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Tina Springmeyer, Washoe County School District, Nevada PreK Standards
- Jack Zenteno, Child Care and Development Program, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services



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Public in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Amanda Haboush- Deloye, Nevada Institute for Childhood Research and Policy

In Reno:

- Kaia Bartling, CAA
- Lynn Houghton, CSA
- Cindy Johnson, DOE
- Tiffany Olivas, OELD
- Lenae Davies, The Children's Cabinet

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:

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

4. Item A: Minutes from August 18

The Council discussed changes to the August 18 Meeting Minutes for Approval.

Motion:

- Tammie Williams moved to accept August 18 Minutes with changes discussed.
- Angela Triche seconded.
- Motion carried.

5. Item B: ECAC Minutes & Notetaking, Role of NDE in supporting ECAC

- Tammie Williams offers to take over much of ECAC Minutes responsibility, suggests continued duty for NDE Admin to help with Open Meeting Law requirements.
- Angela Triche offers to assist Tammie with note-taking.
- Jack Zenteno questioned the use of Program Coordinator and Director level staff in taking and preparing minutes as opposed to using administrative support staff.
- Tammie Williams and Kourtanye Monroe reported that due to the condensed version of the minutes, the time intensity is minimal (2-3 hours maximum).
- The Council will request NDE Admin to continue as assistant to ECAC.
- Item remains on Agenda for December to be discussed with Patti Oya of NDE.



6. Item C: Timeline for February

The Council discussed 'Next Steps' including:

- The Council reviewed documents recommended by Jana Martella, planning facilitator, on Strategic Planning.
- The Council discussed the need to take our time and create a visionary strategic plan that provides direction for a truly comprehensive early childhood system. We have through 2017 to do this work. We do not have to be done by February.
- The Council discussed the need to have clear role of the subcommittees and that the subcommittee members must be committed. Marty Elquist, Council Chair, will draft the creation of a One Page Fact Sheet with position description including time commitment and 'Scope of Work and Duties'. Carrie Paldi will send Marty an example from NevAEYC.
- Council Chair, Marty Elquist, discussed the Early Childhood Stakeholder Map framework from *Transforming the Workforce from Children Birth through Age 8: A Unifying Foundation*. This is the same map that Nikki Goldstein discussed at our 2-day Strategic Planning session in June. The Council discussed the need to engaging people with broad influence. Marty will collect data from Nikki Goldstein to inform list, to be discussed at December ECAC meeting. The stakeholder list will be used to recruit subcommittee members in the applicable areas.
- Dolores Hauck recommended sending out a survey to past subcommittee participants and those who attending the ECAC strategic planning session in June to give them an opportunity to participate in subcommittees.

7. Item D: Bylaw Modification of Subcommittees

The Council Discussed adopting Build's definition of the subcommittee general areas into the Bylaws:

- Health: Comprehensive services that promote children's physical, developmental, and mental health.
- Early Learning and Development: Nurturing relationships, safe environments, and enriching experiences that foster learning and development.
- Family Leadership & Support: Resources, experiences, and relationships that strengthen families, engage them as leaders, and enhance their capacity to support children's well-being.

Motion:

- Carrie Paldi moved to adopt Build Definitions into Bylaws
- Tammie Williams seconded.
- Motion carried.

8. Item E: Position Statement on School Readiness

No need to address as The Council reviewed and approved at last meeting. The Council moves on to Item F.

9. Item F: NevAEYC Updates

Carrie Paldi of Creative Kids Learning Center gave updates.

- 2017 State conference will be in Las Vegas: May 18-20, 2017
- The Reno Association for Education is seeking local Board members.

10. Item G: Updates on KEA and Read by Three

Patti Oya of the Office of Early Learning and Development, NDE was not in attendance. Tina Springmeyer gave updates on Zoom, NV Ready program and reported that Washoe County PreK Programs were using the Brigance screener.

11. Item H: P-20 Council

Kimberly Regan was not available for updates on P-20 Council. Marty will request updates via Email.

12. Item I: Local ECAC Updates



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- Lisa Calder gave updates for Elko.
- Kaia Bartling gave updates for Carson City.
- Amanda Haboush gave updates for Southern Nevada.
- Tina Springmeyer gave updates for Washoe County.
- Local ECAC's Nye, Fallon, and Tribal were not represented.
- The Council Discussed the need to Re-engage Local ECAC's during the subcommittee recruitment process.

13. **Item J: ECAC Subcommittee Updates**

The revised Bylaws allow us to create subcommittees in the 3 general areas. The ECAC discussed creating three initial subcommittees in the respective areas.

Motion:

- Carrie Paldi motioned to move forward with the 3 initial Sub-Committees.
- Tammie Williams seconded.
- Motion carried. Sub-Committees are approved.

The Council discussed the appointment of chairs. The Bylaws state that appointment of Subcommittee Chairs (or Co-Chairs) is the responsibility of the ECAC Chair. Chair Elquist asked for suggestions or volunteers for Chairs.

- **Family Leadership & Support:** Tammie Williams and Angela Triche volunteered to Co-Chair
- **Early Learning & Development:** Tina Springmeyer volunteered to Co-chair. It was discussed that Anna Severens was the other Co-Chair of the old Early Education Subcommittee and we should reach out to her first to see if she would like to continue as Co-Chair for this committee as the work is closely aligned. Chairwoman Elquist will follow-up with Anna.
- **Health:** The Council discussed that new member, Diane Hardy, would be a good choice as the Child Care Licensing representative under the Board of Health. Diane agreed to serve as Co-Chair. Other potential Co-Chair could be the Part C representative that is currently vacant.
- The above individuals were appointed as Subcommittee Chairs by Chairwoman Elquist.

14. **Item K: Work Session (Policy Statement on PreK Expulsion)**

The Council discusses adopting language from the Joint Policy Statement on 'Suspension & Expulsion' from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Education that was presented by Jack Zenteno.

Motion:

- Tina Springmeyer moved to adopt Policy Statement with discussed changes.
- Diane Hardy seconded
- Motion carried.

Chairwoman Elquist will update the ECAC website to include the policy statement.

15. **Item L: Future Agenda Items**

The Council discussed adding to Agenda for next session:

- **Item:** Planning 2017 ECAC Meeting Dates during December meeting.
- **Item:** Angela Triche suggests forwarding to review and Discuss Document outlining changes in Health Education impacting young learners Birth to 5 years, Change's in Effect on November 7th.
- **Item:** Discussion for input from all Council members on things to post to Facebook Anna Severens Tammie Williams agree to work on.
- **Item:** Discussion: Recruiting for Sub-Committees
- **Continued Item:** Discussion with Patti Oya of role of NDE in ECAC



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16. Public Comment #2

- Marty Elquist compliments Kourtenaye Monroe's work on newly required ADA Compliant Minutes and Agenda Formatting.
- Tina Springmeyer gave Updates on Northern Regional Family Engagement Presentation occurring at the Northwest Career and Technical Academy.
- Amanda Haboush updated on event at UNLV for Children's opportunity Forum during the week prior to Presidential debates, suggesting people register early as seating limited

Chairwoman Elquist will send out New Doodle calendar and Items for Next Month's Agenda.

17. Adjournment