

**SECOND REVISED**  
**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Name of Organization: Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges (Senate Bill 391, Chapter 494, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*)

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2014  
9 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Room 4412  
555 East Washington Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Note: Some members of the Committee may be attending the meeting and other persons may observe the meeting and provide testimony through a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the following locations:

Legislative Building, Room 3137  
401 South Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada

Great Basin College, Berg Hall Conference Room  
1500 College Parkway  
Elko, Nevada

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<p>Note: Minutes of this meeting will be produced in summary format. Please provide the secretary with electronic or written copies of testimony and visual presentations if you wish to have complete versions included as exhibits with the minutes.</p>
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Note: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed. Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration. An item may be removed from this agenda or discussion relating to an item on this agenda may be delayed at any time.

- I. Opening Remarks  
Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair

II. Public Comment

(Because of time considerations, speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers. A person may also have comments added to the minutes of the meeting by submitting them in writing either in addition to testifying or in lieu of testifying. Written comments may be submitted in person or by e-mail, facsimile, or mail before, during or after the meeting.)

*For Possible Action*

III. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting Held on January 28, 2014, in Las Vegas, Nevada

*For Possible Action*

IV. Work Session–Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendations Relating to:

- A. Governance and Coordination of Nevada’s Community Colleges
- B. Need-Based Financial Aid
- C. Workforce Development Grant Programs
- D. Programs Allowing High School Students to Earn College Credit
- E. Advisory Boards and Committees of Community Colleges

The “Work Session Document” is attached below and contains recommendations proposed at this and other meetings of the Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges. The document is also available on the Committee’s webpage, [Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges](#), or a written copy may be obtained by contacting Kelly Richard, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, at (775) 684-6825.

V. Public Comment

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VI. Adjournment

Note: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, in writing, at the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747, or call the Research Division at (775) 684-6825 as soon as possible.

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Supporting public material provided to Committee members for this meeting may be requested from Christina Harper, Committee Secretary, Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau at (775) 684-6825 and is/will be available at the following locations: Meeting locations and the Nevada Legislature’s website at [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us).

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Prepared by the Research Division  
Legislative Counsel Bureau



## **WORK SESSION DOCUMENT**

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The following “Work Session Document” has been prepared by the Chair and staff of the Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges. It is designed to assist the Committee members in developing statements and determining recommendations to be forwarded to the 2015 Session of the Nevada Legislature. Each item in this document may be the subject of further discussion, refinement, or action.

The recommendations contained herein do not necessarily have the support or opposition of the Committee. Rather, these possible actions are compiled and organized so the members may review them to decide whether they should be adopted, changed, rejected, or further considered. The members of the Committee may vote to draft as many statements or letters as they choose; however, pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 218D.160, the Committee is limited to five bill draft requests (BDRs), including requests for the drafting of legislative resolutions. For purposes of this “Work Session Document,” the recommendations have been grouped by topic. They are not preferentially ordered. Additionally, although possible actions may be identified within each recommendation, the Committee may choose to take any of the following actions: (1) draft legislation; (2) draft a legislative resolution; (3) draft a Committee letter; (4) include a statement in the final report; or (5) take no action.

The source of each recommendation is noted in parentheses. Please note that specific sponsors of the recommendations may not be provided if the proposals were raised and discussed by numerous individuals and entities during the course of the Committee’s meetings. It should also be noted that some of the recommendations may contain an unknown fiscal impact. Committee members should be advised that Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) staff will coordinate with the interested parties to obtain detailed fiscal estimates, where appropriate, for inclusion in the final report.

Finally, please note that specific details of approved requests for legislation or Committee statements may need to be clarified by Committee staff prior to drafting. Supporting documents for some recommendations may be obtained by contacting Kelly Richard, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, at (775) 684-6825.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### **GOVERNANCE AND COORDINATION OF NEVADA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

1. **Request the drafting of a committee letter** in support of Nevada System of Higher Education's (NSHE) Shared Services Initiative, the Nevada College Collaborative, and the concept of the community colleges operating as a system within a system.
2. **Request the drafting of a committee letter** in support of the creation of a vice chancellor position within NSHE to act as a coordinator of community colleges and an advocate for the colleges within the system, as well as the establishment of a standing committee of the Board of Regents specifically focused on community colleges.

### **NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID**

3. **Request the drafting of a bill** to create a state-supported need-based grant program to provide financial aid to low-income students.

NOTE: Additional details concerning this proposal provided by Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, NSHE.

### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAMS**

4. **Request the drafting of a bill** to establish a \$6 million Workforce Development Rapid Response Investment Fund, intended to assist community colleges in setting up new programs to address workforce needs outside of the biennial budget process.

*(Recommended by Frank R. Woodbeck, Executive Director,  
Nevada College Collaborative, NSHE)*

5. **Request the drafting of a bill** to establish a \$3.5 million Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Workforce Challenge Grant, which would award funds to regional consortia to support the development and implementation of STEM programs in postsecondary education.

*(Recommended by Frank R. Woodbeck)*

**PROGRAMS ALLOWING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT**

6. **Include a statement of support** in the final report of the Committee for expansion of: advanced placement courses; dual credit courses, including apprenticeships and certificate opportunities; and community college high schools, in order to create additional opportunities for high school students to earn college credits on more campuses.

*(Recommended by Clark County Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani)*

**ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

7. **Request the drafting of a committee letter** to request the community colleges to perform a review of the various advisory boards and committees that provide input to the colleges on such matters as curriculum and course and program development, to ensure the boards and committees are effective and not duplicative. A report on the findings of the review should be provided to the 2015 Session of the Nevada Legislature.

*(Recommended by Assemblywoman Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Chair,  
Subcommittee on Academics and Workforce Alignment)*