

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Legislative Committee on Education
(*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] 218E.605)

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, June 14, 2012
8:30 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Legislative Building, Room 3137
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, 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 location:

Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Room 4401
555 East Washington Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada

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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
Assemblyman David P. Bobzien, Chair

II. Public Comment
(Because of time considerations, the period for public comment by each speaker may be limited, and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers.)

*For
Possible
Action*

III. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting Held on April 26, 2012, in Las Vegas, Nevada

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Action*

IV. Overview of Current Issues in Nevada's System of Public Education
James W. Guthrie, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada's
Department of Education (NDE)

V. Presentations Concerning Charter Schools

A. Presentations Related to the Sponsorship of Charter Schools in Nevada

1. Report of the Newly Created State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) (NRS 386.509 through 386.5135)
Steve Canavero, Ph.D., Director, SPCSA
Kathleen A. Conaboy, Chair, SPCSA
2. Reports by School Districts on the Status of Charter Schools Sponsored by Districts
Dan Tafoya, Coordinator, Office of Charter Schools, Clark County School District (CCSD)
Michael Doering, Director, Alternative Programs, Washoe County School District (WCSD)

B. Report on Methods of Financing Charter School Facilities in Other States
Jim Griffin, President, Colorado League of Charter Schools

C. Presentation on the Performance Management of Charter Schools in Other States
Lisa Grover, Senior Director, State Advocacy, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools
Jim Griffin, President, Colorado League of Charter Schools
Steve Canavero, Ph.D., Director, SPCSA

D. Recommendations for Statutory Changes Related to the:

1. Application for Enrollment in a Charter School (NRS 386.580)
2. Account for Charter Schools (NRS 386.576 through 386.578)
3. Definition of an “Educational Management Organization” (NRS 386.562)
Steve Canavero, Ph.D., Director, SPCSA

E. Status of the Internal Revenue Service’s Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Titled, “Determination of Government Plan Status” (76 Federal Register 69,172 [Nov. 8, 2011]) Regarding the Possible Impact to the Participation of Charter School Teachers in State Retirement Plans
John Hawk, Ed.D., President, Charter School Association of Nevada

F. Presentations of Charter Schools in Nevada

1. Explore Knowledge Academy, Las Vegas
Abbe Mattson, Executive Director
2. Oasis Academy, Fallon
Melissa Mackedon, Administrator

VI. Status of Nevada’s Participation in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

- A. Presentation of the Proposed Assessment System and Timeline for Implementation
Carol Crothers, Director, Office of Assessments, Program Accountability and Curriculum, NDE
- B. Discussion of the Infrastructure Required to Support the Proposed Assessment System
Glenn Meyer, Director, Information Technology, NDE

- For Possible Action*
- VII. Presentations Concerning the Statewide Administration of College and Career Readiness Assessments
- A. Presentation on College Readiness Standards and Assessments, Including a Discussion of Common Core State Standards and the Assessments Developed by ACT, Inc. and the College Board
 Crystal M. Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)
 Carol Crothers, Director, Office of Assessments, Program Accountability and Curriculum, NDE
 Jim Morris, Director for Client Outreach and State Partnerships, ACT, Inc.
 Wayne J. Camara, Ph.D., Vice President, Research and Development, The College Board
- B. Reports by School Districts Concerning the Statewide Administration of College and Career Readiness Assessments
 Pedro Martinez, Deputy Superintendent, CCSD
 Lindsay E. Anderson, Director, Department of Government Affairs, WCSD
- For Possible Action*
- VIII. Presentation of a Proposal for a Student Regent to Participate as a Member of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada
 Michael Z. Stannard, Director, Department of Legislative Affairs, Associated Students of the University of Nevada
- For Possible Action*
- IX. Presentation of the Recommendations of the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Concerning Possible Modification of Assembly Bill 546 of the 76th Legislative Session, Vetoed by the Governor
 Margot Chappel, Director, Head Start Collaboration and Early Childhood Systems Office, Department of Health and Human Services
- For Possible Action*
- X. Report on the Interim Committee to Study the Development of a New Method for Funding Public Schools in Nevada (Senate Bill 11, Chapter 424, *Statutes of Nevada 2011*)
 Julie Waller, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB)
- For Possible Action*
- XI. Report on the Assessment Made by School Districts of the Feasibility of Sharing Services, Functions, and Personnel With Other School Districts (Assembly Bill 551, Chapter 183, *Statutes of Nevada 2011*)
 Rick Harris, Chief Logistics and Operations Officer, WCSD
 Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, CCSD
 Caroline B. McIntosh, President, Nevada Association of School Superintendents
- For Possible Action*
- XII. Presentation of the Effectiveness of the Program Developed by Communities In Schools (CIS) to Help At-Risk Students Stay in School and Graduate
 Terri A. Clark, Chief Executive Officer, CIS of Nevada
 Erin Smith, Vice President, Board of Directors, CIS of Nevada
- For Possible Action*
- XIII. Presentation of Programs Sponsored by Save the Children
 Andrew Hysell, Associate Vice President, Policy and Advocacy, Save the Children
- For Possible Action*
- XIV. Report of Types of High School Diplomas Offered by Other States
 H. Pepper Sturm, Chief Deputy Research Director, Research Division, LCB
- XV. Public Comment
- XVI. Adjournment

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