

**Nevada Department of Education
Council to Establish Academic Standards
Wednesday, November 08, 2017
1:00 PM**

Meeting Locations:

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
Nevada Department of Education	9890 South Maryland Parkway	Las Vegas, Nevada (Via Video Conference)	Las Vegas Board Room
Nevada Department of Education	700 East Fifth Street	Carson City, Nevada	Carson City Board Room

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

(Video Conferenced)

AGENDA ITEM I- Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Chairwoman Sharon Beatty, called the meeting to order, 1:06 a Quorum was met 1:07 pm.

Council Members in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Sharon Beatty
- Brent Husson

In Carson:

- Evelyn Allred
- Nikki Haag

Dial In:

- Yvette Williams
- Gary Shen
- David Gardner

Department Staff Present:

In Las Vegas:

- Lisa Ford Office of Standards and Instructional support
- Melissa Scott Education Programs Professional
- Janie Malone Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator

In Carson:

- Dave Brancamp, Director, Office of Standards and Instructional support
- Sylvia Verdugo, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent's Office

Legal Staff Present:

- Greg Ott Senior Deputy Attorney General Office of the Attorney General

AGENDA ITEM II- Public Comment #1

Carson City:

- No public comment.

Las Vegas:

- Sheila Salehian-Deputy of State Treasurers office: showed her support on the behalf of having the Financial Literacy Standards reviewed. She also requested to have language be added to proposed grade 3 and 4 to the content page of the standards regarding savings and spending content theme:
 - In grade 3 to add the language “To inform students that they have a Nevada college Kickstart account and to acknowledge it. “
 - In grade 4 to encourage students to take action to claim their Kickstart account.

AGENDA ITEM III- Approval of September 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion:

- Member Allred, Member Williams, Member Haag and Chairwoman Beatty requested corrections.
- Member Husson moved to accept September 19, 2017 minutes as corrected. (including the correct spelling of Members names and proper grammar)
- Member Evelyn seconded.
- Motion carried.

No further discussion.

AGENDA ITEM IV - Approval of Flexible Agenda

Motion:

- Member Husson moved for approval of a flexible agenda.
- Member Yvette Williams seconded the motion.
- The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM V- Council Members Comments

- Chairwoman Sharon Beatty asked the Members to review Draft Checklist for the Nevada Standards that will be discussed at the January 10th Council Meeting. She also went over the importance of the Council to Establish Academic Standards and how the standards the Council reviews and approves are tools that the teachers use to create the curriculum taught in Nevada’s classrooms. The Council was also reminded how the standards drive test selection, stating that the approved standards should reflect what we want the students to learn. Students are to be tested on the standards that are set in place therefore there should be clarity and precision throughout. She also stated that there is a defined distinction between the content standards and strategies of teaching.
- Member Allred relayed her concern regarding creating a standard for a programs such as Kickstart as it may create a standard for a program that no longer exists asking the council keep that in mind.

AGENDA ITEM VI- Department Update

- Dave Brancamp, Director, Office of Standards and Instructional support gave the Members an update on the timeline of the Computer Science Standards. They will be brought to the Council at the January 10th meeting. He reminded the Council that there will be three sets of standards to be potentially reviewed/adopted by the Council in 2018 including.
 - SB107 Ethic Diversity Standards for grades 9-12
 - Review of the Health standards
 - Computer Technology Science.

AGENDA ITEM VII- Presentation, discussion of Nevada’s Open Meeting Law and discuss the Draft Standards Review Checklist

- Greg Ott Senior Deputy Attorney General Office of the Attorney General gave a presentation regarding open meeting law that maybe found at the following link [Council to Establish Academic Standards Meeting materials](#).
 - Member Yvette Williams will be contacting Dave Brancamp and Chairwoman Beatty regarding the draft checklist.

AGENDA ITEM VIII- Presentation, discussion, and possible approval of proposed revisions to Nevada Academic Content Standards for Fine Arts Music Standards

- Dave Brancamp, Director, Office of Standards and Instructional support introduced Lisa Ford Office of Standards and Instructional support. She went over the music standards that were reviewed by the Council members asking for possible questions or discussion.
- Member Evelyn Allred requested that language be clarified to include there will be a specialist that will be teaching the standards. She wanted to make sure that the music standards will not preclude a teacher from teaching a song and not require a classroom teacher to teach a subject that should be taught by a specialist.

Motion:

- Member Allred moved to approve the music standards as presented with the housekeeping additions K-8 and secondary disciplines.
- Member Brent Husson seconded.
- Motion carried

AGENDA ITEM IX- Presentation, discussion, and possible approval of proposed additions to the Nevada Academic Content Standards for Social Studies in Financial Literacy

- Dave Brancamp, Director, Standards and Instructional Support introduced Mary Holsclaw, Education Program Professional. Ms. Holsclaw gave a verbal presentation regarding the Financial literacy Standards asking for review and comments.
 - Chairwoman Beatty wanted clarification regarding the time the teacher will need to cover the proposed standards. Janie Malone Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator, addressed her question assuring the council that there will be adequate time to cover the material as financial literacy standards will be embedded as the curriculum is developed through the school year.
 - Member Allred asked a question regarding why a student in 6th-8th grade would be looking into scholarships they are not eligible for yet. She worried that there may be too much pressure on the middle schoolers regarding saving money for the future. Mellissa Scott Education Programs Professional Business/Marketing Education replied that a student needs to understand that it is essential to be on grade level. She suggested the work they are doing in middle school prepares them for high school and connects them to post-secondary options, getting the students thinking about their future and exposed to what is out there for them.
 - Member David Gardner asked for clarification regarding college and career options programs such as the Magnet program and how the different CTE options will be discussed with the students. Mellissa Scott reminded him that career and technical education programs are in all comprehensive schools and the students have a selection of the programs offered in their area to choose from. Information will be given to ensure the students may make an informed decision.

Motion:

- Member Brent Husson moved to approve the Financial Literacy standards to be added to the Social Studies standards as presented.
- Member Yvette Williams seconded
- Motion carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM X- Possible addition of Ethnic and Diversity Studies Standards as required by SB 107 to the Social Studies Standards

- Dave Brancamp, Director, Standards and Instructional Support gave an overview regarding Ethnic and Diversity Studies.

Motion:

- Member Nikki Haag moved for the Nevada Department of Education to proceed with the Ethic and Diversity Studies Standards as required by SB 107 into the Social Studies Standards.
- Member Brent Husson Seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM XI- Future Agenda Items

- Draft checklist for Council Review
- Chairwoman Sharon Beatty noted that the Tuesday January 10, 2018 -12:30 PM meeting would be held at Grant Sawyer and LCB with the hard end time of 4:30 pm.

Motion:

- Member Yvette Williams moved to change of time for the Tuesday January 10, 2018 -12:30 pm meeting to be held at Grant Sawyer and LCB with the hard end time of 4:30 pm.
- Member Brent Husson Seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM XII- Public Comment #2

Carson City:

- No public comment.

Las Vegas:

- No Public comment.

AGENDA ITEM XIII- Adjournment

- The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn if there was no further business.

Motion:

- Member Husson moved to adjourn
- Member Haag seconded.
- Motion carried meeting adjourned at 2:31