

ENGLISH MASTERY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 22, 2016

9:00 AM

Meeting Locations:

Video Conference from all locations

OFFICE	LOCATION	ROOM
Department of Education	9890 S. Maryland Pkwy Las Vegas, NV	Board Room 2 nd Floor
Department of Education	700 East Fifth Street Carson City, NV	Board Room
Great Basin College	1500 College Pkwy Elko, NV	Room MH 110

Call to Order

Council Chair Sharolyn Durodola called to order, from Las Vegas, the full meeting of the English Mastery Council at 9:11 A.M. on Thursday, September 22, 2016.

Roll Call

Council secretary Susan Johnson conducted a roll call. **Quorum established (9 members present)**

Council members present in Carson City: Laurel Crossman, Barbara Harris, Fares Karam

No one was present at Great Basin College, Elko

Council members present in Las Vegas: Sharolyn Pollard-Durodola, Magdalena Martinez, Lorna James-Cervantes, Evangelyn Visser, Duncan Lee, Lilian Steger

Absent Council Members: Steve Canavero, Maija Talso, Gladis Diaz, Melissa Esparza, Lynn John, Nancy Brune

NDE staff present in Las Vegas: Karl Wilson

NDE staff present in Carson City: Blakely Hume and Susan Johnson

Deputy Attorney General Greg Ott was present in Carson City

There was no public attendance in Elko, Carson City or Las Vegas

Diana Walker from Washoe County School District and Alberto Quintero from the Governor's Office were present only to observe.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Chair Durodola

Public Comment #1

There was no public comment from Carson City, Elko or Las Vegas.

Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2016 Meeting

Council reviewed the Minutes of May 23. There were no corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Lorna James-Cervantes motioned to approve the Minutes as prepared. Duncan Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried and the Minutes were approved.

Approval of Flexible Agenda

Chair Durodola asked for a motion to approve a flexible Agenda.

Motion: Laurel Crossman motioned to approve a flexible Agenda. Duncan Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried and a flexible Agenda was approved.

Election of English Mastery Council Chair

Karl Wilson presented a short orientation to the Council, explaining that in 2013, the State Legislature established the English Mastery Council per Nevada Revised Statutes 388.409. He explained the duties of the Council Chair, who is elected annually from the membership. Karl asked the Council for nominations for EMC Chair for the 2016-17 school year. Magdalena Martinez nominated Sharolyn Durodola for EMC Chair. There were no other nominations. The vote to elect Sharolyn was unanimous. Sharolyn Durodola was elected Chair of the English Mastery Council for the 2016-17 school year.

Council Member Introductions

Sharolyn welcomed all members, new and returning, and asked each member to state their name and state which stakeholder or organization they represent.

Review of EMC Responsibilities, Original Charge and Scope of Work

Blakely Hume expressed the necessity for a minimum attendance of 9 members to meet quorum at each meeting. Blakely discussed the responsibilities of Council and subcommittees. He reported the main function of the English Mastery Council is to make recommendations to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Board of Education, and the Commission on Professional Standards, as well as the Board of Regents and school districts.

ESSA Requirements

Jonathan Gibson reviewed the framework for work from the Department of Education to come. He provided a detailed explanation of a flowchart and legend created for use to track the possibilities for a single student as to whether they become identified as an English Learner or not. Council members asked questions regarding student qualifications and identification process. There were other comments and discussion in conclusion.

Update on Subcommittee Work

Blakely reviewed the English Mastery Council Annual Report which details the Council's accomplishments this past year. He reported that the districts submitted their District EL Policy/Plans, which have recommendations for improvement. They also retain the flexibility to update and modify their plan and operations to serve EL students without the necessity to return to their Board for approval of each revision. English Mastery Council members must review district policies annually. Blakely highlighted responsibilities of each subcommittee. He detailed all the recommendations of the TESL Subcommittee that were brought to the State Board, approved, rejected and revised, and again presented, and the final outcomes.

2016-17 Supported Efforts

Sharolyn read final Recommendation 3.1 to the Council. She stated that regulatory steps will be taken this year. Karl further explained those steps which should be taken to present the Recommendations. He stated once the Recommendations have been approved, they move toward becoming regulation in Nevada: working with the LCB to finalize legal language to become regulation under Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The process is the Recommendations go to public workshop, public hearing and if approved, will go to LCB for final approval.

With regard to the TESL Subcommittee, Sharolyn would like to see continued collaborative conversations with the NSHE faculty. She stated the Dean at UNR is concerned with the quality of the coursework, as it can shift teacher practice. She commented that Professional Development Grants have been awarded for teacher training, and there are opportunities to work and collaborate with rural and urban districts to shift teacher practice. Sharolyn added that the ELAD Endorsement is not final and there is work to be done.

2016-2017 Proposed EMC Schedule

Blakely explained that the 2017 EMC meeting dates are tentative, pending the State Board of Education's announcement of their meeting dates, stating an EMC meeting would get bumped in the event of a date conflict. He added that the November 29, 2016 meeting date is firm. Sharolyn posed the question should all three Council Subcommittees continue? Karl advised that the three Subcommittees were formed in the early days of the English Mastery Council, and established around the responsibilities outlined in state statute. He stated work remains to be done by each Subcommittee. Karl suggested that possibly a survey go out to all Council members to identify their top two Subcommittee preferences. Sharolyn agreed with sending the survey out, as there were several members who were absent. Karl felt that once each Subcommittee is identified, the Subcommittee could name the chair of that particular Subcommittee.

Public Comment #2

There were no public comments in Elko, Carson City or Las Vegas.

Karl directed Council members to forms in their folders to be completed and returned to either Susan Johnson or himself. Karl explained that the Vendor Registration Form should be completed and submitted if reimbursement for mileage would like to be claimed.

Adjournment

English Mastery Council Chair, Sharolyn Durodola, adjourned the meeting at 11:42 AM. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2016.