

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

Meeting Locations:

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
Department of Education	9890 S. Maryland Pkwy	Las, Vegas	Board Room (2 nd Floor)
Department of Education	700 E. Fifth St	Carson City	Board Room

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULATION MEETING
(Video Conferenced)**

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas

Kim Bennett, Administrative Assistant

In Carson City

Steve Canavero, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Brett Barley, Deputy Director, Student Achievement

Lauren Hulse, Management Analyst III

Karen Johansen, Assistant to the State Board of Education

Shawn Osborn, IT

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT

In Carson City

Greg Ott, Deputy Attorney General

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

In Las Vegas:

Craig Stevens, Clark County School District

Krista Donnelly, Clark County School District

Jeff Geihs, Clark County School District

Carson City:

Lindsay Anderson, Washoe County School District

Call to Order;

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

Public Comment #1

There was no public comment.

Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of proposed regulation R108-15, adding provisions to NAC Chapter 388B to establish the process for selecting public schools for conversion to achievement charter schools; prescribe the procedure by which an operator will be selected for an achievement charter school; prescribe the order of priority for enrolling pupils in an achievement charter school; authorize homeschooled children and opt-in children to participate in classes and extracurricular activities at an achievement charter school under certain conditions; clarify provisions of law governing improvements to the building in which an achievement charter school operates; provide that multiple achievement charter schools may be considered one achievement charter school for purposes of its designation as a local educational agency; authorize the early

termination of a contract to operate an achievement charter school under certain conditions; and provide other matters properly relating thereto.

Public Comment for R108-15

The public hearing was opened at 1:37 P.M. There three individuals present in Las Vegas, and one individual present in Carson City.

Brett Barley, Deputy Superintendent, Student Achievement, Jana Wilcox-Lavin, Superintendent in Residence, Achievement School District and Rebecca Feiden, Deputy Director, Achievement School District provided information about the proposed regulation.

Lindsay Anderson, representing Washoe County School District, read prepared comments in chronological order section by section. *See [Attachment 1.](#)*

In response to questioning from Superintendent Canavero, Lindsey Anderson added comments regarding concerns about language in Section 6 that specifics *most recent year*. Ms. Anderson stated it seems a school can be selected based on one year of information. In this dialog whether they are making growth, if there is only one data point, the school will not be in a position to have a determination about whether or not they are growing. If the language could be cleared up so that there was a time horizon in which they were looking over, everyone would feel better. The timing of the way the process works, right now, may not jive from using a current year data. For example, when talking about graduation rates, it is after this selection process is made. Will lagged graduation data be used to make a high stakes decision. If a school is at 59 percent, and in one year jumps to 65 percent, but is using the 59 percent, the growth that school made is not being acknowledged because of the timeline of the decisions to be made.

There is a school on the list in WCSD that is in that exact situation and is very anxious because they have made amazing gains, but that data is not finalized or public. What will they be judged on? That is their tactical concern. Let's make it clear in the regulation it is multiple years of data, not one point in time, and then jive that the decision is made on the most relevant data they can get. This could be a short time concern, but she has several examples of schools in WCSD on the list, that have shown gains that may not be public yet. Let's make sure we are using applicable data. She suggested adding "s" to the word year in section 6.

Jeff Geihs, assistant chief, Student Achievement Officer, Clark County School District, read prepared comments about the work that has been done in CCSD, and suggested a revision in Section 6. *See [Attachment 2.](#)*

Craig Stevens, director, Intergovernmental Relations, Clark County School District, read prepared comments with his suggestions. *See [Attachment 3](#)*

Dr. Canavero announced that he will consider the public comments provided at the hearing and will not be adopting R108-15 today.

The hearing was closed at 2:59 P.M.

Public Comment #2

There was no public comment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.