

# **BY-LAWS OF THE INDIAN EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE NEVADA INDIAN COMMISSION**

## **Introduction:**

The Nevada Indian Commission, pursuant to NRS 233A.100, Powers of Commission, is authorized to appoint advisory committees whenever necessary or appropriate to assist and advise the Commission in the performance of its duties and responsibilities. At a meeting duly held on June 20, 2001, the Commission authorized the formation of an advisory committee on Indian Education.

**"Committee" defined.** Unless the context otherwise requires, "committee" means the Indian Education Advisory Committee.

## **ARTICLE I - MISSION**

The mission of the Committee is to support, promote and assure optimum educational opportunities for American Indian and Alaska Native students in Nevada.

## **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Committee is to advocate for American Indian and Alaska Native students and act as an advisory body to the Nevada Indian Commission.

The Committee is responsible for promoting and supporting an effective and efficient system for early childhood development and a quality education for American Indian and Alaska Native students in Nevada through accountability of basic instruction as well as Johnson O'Malley (JOM), impact aid and other programs. The Committee will educate and inform Tribal Leaders on the importance of early childhood development and Indian Education; inform and educate tribal communities on the importance of early childhood development and Indian Education; ensure a system of coordination and collaboration among tribal early childhood development and Indian Education providers; and communicate the tribal early childhood development and Indian Education voice to the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council. The Committee may assist, as requested, in the planning, development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of appropriate curricula for American Indian and Alaska Native students.

The Committee disseminates information that reflects current legislation, theory, methodology, and practices in Indian education. The Committee also plans sessions with tribal entities, parents, and community members to discuss needs and develop and implement workshops or conferences for early childhood development and Indian education.

The Committee also:

1. Promotes the principles and practices that support the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in the benefits of education afforded to all other students in the State.
2. Promotes equality to ensure all students including American Indian and Alaska Native students are considered in the delivery of education.
3. Enhances the cultural awareness necessary to ensure American Indian and Alaska Native students are afforded learning opportunities conducive to their learning style and experiences.
4. Advocates to education policy makers on what is needed to improve American Indian and Alaska Native student achievement.
5. Encourages and supports efforts to ensure all American Indian and Alaska Native students meet or exceed the State's achievement standards

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Appointment of members; meetings.**

1. Members of the committee shall be selected from among residents, state agencies, tribes, tribal organizations and communities of this state who are familiar with early childhood development and the education of American Indian and Alaska Native children.
2. The committee consisting of members appointed by the Commission upon recommendation of the Advisory Committee is hereby created. The Advisory Committee may consist of a maximum of:
  - a. Two representatives from each of the 22 Tribes having a population and land base in Nevada (See list shown as Attachment A)
  - b. One representative from the Nevada Urban Indians, Inc.
  - c. One representative from the Las Vegas Indian Center, Inc.
  - d. Two representatives from the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
  - e. The Nevada Department of Education, Education Programs Professional for Indian Education
  - f. One representative from each Title VI program
  - g. Two members from each school district in Nevada with high populations of AI/AN students
  - h. Two members from each of Nevada's higher education institutions: University of Nevada Reno, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Nevada State College, Truckee Meadows Community College, College of Southern Nevada, Western Nevada College, Great Basin College and Sierra Nevada College
  - i. One representative from the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services
  - j. One representative from the Children's Cabinet
  - k. One representative from the Nevada Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council
  - l. Three Representatives from other State of Nevada child service agencies

3. Each member serves a term of 2 years. A member may be re-appointed for additional terms of 2 years in the same manner as the original appointment.
4. A vacancy occurring in the membership of the Advisory Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The committee, upon a majority vote may recommend a member to fill a vacant position until the next regular scheduled meeting of the Nevada Indian Commission where an appointment will be made to fill the position for a two (2) year term.
5. The Advisory Committee may meet at least quarterly and may meet at such times and places as it considers necessary to carry out its purposes.
6. At its first meeting and annually thereafter, the advisory committee shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members.
7. The Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commission serves as the Executive Director of the Committee, and that individual's administrative assistant serves as the Executive Secretary, both of which are ex-officio positions. Ex-officio members do not have voting privileges.
8. QUORUM: A simple majority of the official members approved by the Commission and entitled to vote, represented in person shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Committee membership.

#### **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

##### Duties:

1. Executive Director:
  - a. Prepares the agenda with input from the Committee chair and Committee membership.
  - b. Advises the Chair and the Committee.
  - c. Liaises between the Committee and State Department of Education, State Board of Education, early childhood development and education policy makers, Colleges and Universities, and other stakeholders.
2. Executive Secretary:
  - a. Notifies Committee membership of upcoming meetings and other communications.
  - b. Records, publishes and disseminates minutes of Committee meetings.
  - c. Makes necessary meeting accommodations for Committee members.
  - d. Communicates with Committee and other advocates for Indian education on various subjects including early childhood development.
3. Chairperson: Conducts the Committee business and the Committee meetings. The Chairperson also reports activities of this advisory committee to the Nevada Indian

Commission Board at their quarterly meetings and as requested by the Executive Director

4. Vice-Chairperson: Acts on behalf of the Chairperson in his/her absence.
5. Committee as a whole:

The Committee serves as the Advisory Committee for the Nevada Indian Commission. The Committee also provides guidance where appropriate and within the stated purpose of the committee, on matters concerning Impact Aid, Title VI, Part C, Title I and other early childhood development and American Indian and Alaska Native education issues.

#### **ARTICLE V – OFFICER or MEMBER REMOVAL**

After just cause has been determined by the official membership of the Committee, an official recommendation to the appointing authority may be made to remove and replace an appointed member.

##### **REMOVAL OF OFFICERS:**

By a vote of the majority of the Committee members present at a regularly scheduled meeting, an officer may be removed with or without cause, and such action shall be conclusive on the officer so removed.

#### **ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS**

The Committee may meet at least quarterly unless otherwise determined by the Committee membership.

A meeting agenda will be prepared by the Executive Director for each meeting.

Members may request in writing to the Executive Director items to include on the agenda. Once the meeting agenda has been posted, it may not be changed.

Meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order and in compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law requirements.

Decisions requiring a vote will be decided by a simple majority vote.

Minutes of each meeting will be recorded by the Executive Secretary. Meeting minutes will be published and disseminated in draft form to Committee members as soon as possible after each meeting, and consistent with the requirements of NRS 241.035, for review of content accuracy. Meeting minutes in final form will then be presented for Committee approval at the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended, repealed, or replaced by new By-Laws adopted by a majority vote of the Committee members present at a regularly scheduled meeting. There must be at least a thirty (30) day written notice to committee members and a first reading at a regularly scheduled meeting of all changes to the By-Laws before the By-Laws can be amended, repealed, or replaced.

Whenever any amendment or new By-Law is adopted, it shall be permanently recorded as an update to the original By-Laws. If any By-Laws are repealed, the fact of repeal with the date of the meeting at which the repeal was enacted shall be stated in the minutes of that meeting and included in the By-Laws. Whether any provision of the By-Law is either amended or repealed, a marginal note shall be made thereon indicating the place or page where the amendment or repeal may be found.

### **Attachment A**

#### **Tribes in Nevada with Population and Land Base**

- 1 Battle Mountain Band Council
- 2 Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Tribe
- 3 Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
- 4 Elko Band Council
- 5 Ely Shoshone Tribe
- 6 Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
- 7 Ft. McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
- 8 Confederated Tribes of Goshute
- 9 Las Vegas Paiute Tribe
- 10 Lovelock Paiute Tribe
- 11 Moapa Band of Paiutes
- 12 Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
- 13 Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- 14 South Fork Band Council
- 15 Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
- 16 Te-Moak Shoshone Tribe
- 17 Walker River Paiute Tribe
- 18 Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California
- 19 Wells Band Council
- 20 Winnemucca Colony Council
- 21 Yerington Paiute Tribe
- 22 Yomba Shoshone Tribe

Record of Review and Approvals:

1. Approval by Review Committee

First reading of By-Law revisions took place at the January 3, 2017 IEAC meeting and was approved by the review committee members on September 4, 2018 with a motion to approve the By-Laws made by Fredina Drye-Romero, seconded by Lori Pasqua. By-laws were approved with a unanimous vote.

2. Review by Attorney General's Office

By-Laws submitted for review by Deputy Attorney General Wayne Howle on January 3, 2017. By-law review complete on January 12, 2017.

3. Approval by Nevada Indian Commission

By-Laws submitted for approval and ratification by the Nevada Indian Commission at a board meeting duly held on November XX, 2018. Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_. The motion carried with a vote of 0 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (0 Absent).

/S/ Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director  
State of Nevada Indian Commission