

Indian Education Advisory Committee Report Provided by
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For May 6th 2019 Meeting of the Nevada Indian Commission

Meeting: Indian Education Advisory Committee (IEAC)

Date: March 11, 2019

Location: Via Teleconference at Multiple Sites

Agenda:

- Actions and approvals:
 - ✓ September 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes were approved.
- Initial Public Comment: Priscilla from ITCN mentioned the organization will be renewing their convention and it will be held October 28th – November 1st 2019.
- Appointment of Representative Forms recommended for approval by the NIC Board.
- Discussion on school district fees and how it affects American Indian/Alaska Native families and student access to school programs/activities. It seems each school district is different and some have waivers for free and reduced lunch students. Fredina Drye Romero is checking into this with Kristin in the Title I at NDE.
- Discussion and review of additional recommendations for revision of the tuition requirements for Tribal Members of Nevada Tribes to be proposed to NSHE was discussed.
 - ✓ Sub-Committee working on In-State tuition plans and responses from prior surveys from other committees such as tribal college report and other universities.
- Discussion on Washoe County School District policy on beaded caps for High School graduates. Eagle Feathers were approved but there is discussion for regalia and beaded caps also. Similar policies in California, Alaska, and Montana were discussed as well as potential legislation that the NIC could recommend in the next legislative session.
- Highlights from Indian Education updates given by the following:
 - ✓ Office of Indian Education – Fredina Drye Romero gave an update on the statewide Indian Education Summit and shared agenda.
 - ✓ Tribal Education Programs: NYCP program updates, UNITY program updates, and potential access to block grants for tribes in addition to 21st century grants.
 - ✓ Colleges, Universities, and communities are planning their spring semester graduate celebrations and summer programs such as orientations and events.
 - ✓ Washoe County School District is hosting their Paiute Language Bowl at the University of Nevada, Reno on May 21st 2019 10:30am to 1:30pm in the JCSU Ballrooms.

The next IEAC meeting is scheduled for May 7th 2019 via teleconference 9:30am to 11:30am.