

Nevada Indian Commission Indian Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2021
Via ZOOM

Committee Member	Seat Filled	Present	Absent
Chair – Fawn Hunter	Washoe Tribe School District	x	
Teresa Rowe	Washoe Tribe of NV & CA Head Start	x	
Miguel Martinez	Truckee Meadows Community College	x	
Fredina Drye-Romero	Nevada Department of Education	x	
Della Frank	Clark County Department of Education Coordinator II	x	
Mary Williams	Yerington Paiute Tribe Education Director	x	
Cassandra Stahlke	Elko School District		x
Kari Emm	Director of Transfer Admissions and Programs UNR	x	
Lance West	Principal Schurz Elementary School		x

NIC Staff Present: Sari Nichols, Program Officer, Nevada Indian Commission.

I. Invocation

Della Frank gave the invocation.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Chairwoman Hunter called the meeting to order at 1:33pm. There were no introductions needed so the Chair moved on to role call to establish quorum. Quorum was established.

III. Initial Public Comment

There were no public comments

IV. Approval of April 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Miguel Martinez moved to approve the meeting minutes with corrections. Teresa Rowe seconded. The motion passed.

V. Unfinished Business (For Possible Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Approval of Education Advisory Committee for American Indians and Alaskan Native Appointment of Representative

Sari Nichols presented an Appointment of Representative for William Bauer, Professor of History and Program Director American Indian and Indigenous studies. UNLV. Professor Bauer would be the first non-voting member to be approved under the new bylaws and Chairwoman Hunter’s renewal form.

Fredina Drye-Romero motioned to approve Professor Bauer as a non-voting member. Mary Williams seconded. The motion passed. After being voted in as Vice Chair, Della Frank asked for approval of Fawn Hunter’s renewal. **Fredina Drye Romero motioned to approve Fawn Hunter’s appointment renewal. Miguel Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

B. Appoint Vice-Chair Fredina Drye-Romero nominated Della Frank to serve as Vice Chair. Kari Emm moved to approve the nomination of Della Frank. Teresa Rowe seconded. The motion passed.

C. Discussion on current bylaws

The Nevada Indian Commission's Board of Commissioners had previously requested that the IEAC go through its bylaws line by line in order to clarify its mission, revise membership qualifications, expand its offices, and update ambiguous language. The Committee worked through the document, line by line and offered some specific changes and agreed more thought would have to go into other changes.

There were several areas for further consideration; voting in a third officer as Secretary; keeping to quarterly meetings or moving to monthly meetings; redefining its purpose; define just cause when removing a member; listing memberships in attachment B. The Committee will continue to work on these issues. Della requested that the group look at the document before the next meeting

VI. Committee Member Comments and Announcements (For Discussion)

- a) Fredina Drye-Romero sent a reminder that on May 22, 2021 the Department of education will host a stake holder meeting to discuss the American Rescue Plan.
- b) Fawn Hunter reminded the group that May 21, 2021 the Washoe County School District will host the Paiute language bowl. It will be online this year. You can watch it on the WCSD YouTube channel.

VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings (For Discussion)

Continuing with a work session that goes into detail on the recommended changes. Scheduling and Location of Next Meeting (For Discussion)

The next meeting will be on ZOOM, June 17th, 2021 at 1:30pm

VIII. Final Public Comment

There were no final comments.

IX. Adjournment

Dell Frank adjourned the meeting at 3:33pm.