

Nevada Indian Commission Indian Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2022
Via ZOOM

Committee Member	Seat Filled	Present	Absent
Chair – Fawn Hunter	Washoe Tribe School District	X	
Fredina Drye-Romero	Nevada Department of Education	X	
Vice Chair - Della Frank	Clark County Department of Education Coordinator II		X
Kari Emm	Director of Transfer Admissions and Programs UNR	X	
Lance West	Principal Schurz Elementary School	X	
William Bauer	Professor of History and Program Director Indigenous Studies, UNLV		X

NIC Staff Present: Stacey Montooth, Executive Director Sari Nichols, Program Officer, Sarina Nez, Office Coordinator

ATTENDEES: Julie Bryant, Delina Trottier, Bernadette Nieto, Carlene Pacheco, Rochanne Downs, Justin Zuniga, Markie Wilder, Cathi Williams Tuni, Reema Pulsifer

- I. Invocation**
Fredina Drye-Romero gave the invocation.
- II. Welcome and Introductions**
Chair Hunter began introductions.
- III. Initial Public Comment**
- IV. Approval of August 7, 2022, Meeting Minutes.**
Approval of minutes for September 2, 2021, meeting minutes were tabled until next meeting.
- V. Unfinished Business (For Possible Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. Discussion on current bylaws**
Bylaws approved by committee.
- VI. Updating the Indian Education Strategic Plan (for Possible Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. Discussion of Updating Goals**
Who are these goals for? How do we reach these goals? We each need to take responsibility for our part of the Strategic Plan. We also need to know what resources our tribes have available.
 - B. Should IEAC use Idaho’s Strategic Plan as a template? Where does the Strategic Plan live? On the NIC website? Someone needs to be accountable/oversight of plan and implementation. Accountability for educators, leaders, etc. that do not support or implement the plan should be determined, who is responsible for enforcement? Education needs to be the forefront.**

- C. IEAC is an advisory committee to the Nevada Indian Commission – NIC does not have staff to oversee the enforcement of plan – they are to inform constituents of the actions, plans, etc. of IEAC not enforce.
 - D. The IEAC Strategic plan is meant to advocate for Indigenous improvement in education.
 - E. A start to implementing the Strategic Plan would be for all of us to take responsibility for our part in the revision/editing of the plan.
 - F. What ways can we collaborate as one unit to reach not only the IEAC goals but also the goals of our individual department/agency’s Strategic Plan, how do these plans support one another? By collaboration we catch all Indigenous students not just those in Title IV programs or in specific counties.
 - G. What is lacking in education right now? We need more Indigenous representation. Help prepare our children for college and life. We, Natives, are the “experts” on Native education, not the State. We need to collaborate with State and Tribes to ensure our goals/Strategic Plan are implemented for our youth.
 - H. It was suggested that IEAC and Tribes reach out to school districts at the beginning of the school year to express the goals and plans to faculty.
- VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings (For Discussion)
Continue work on updating the IEAC Strategic Plan.
- VII. Date and Location of Next Meeting
September 21, 2022, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm via ZOOM
- VIII. Final Public Comment
The Strategic Plan could live on the NIC. Educators/Tribal Leaders are to implement and enforce goals.
- IX. Adjournment
Chair Fawn Hunter adjourned the meeting.