

**Nevada Office of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
Nevada WICHE Commission Meeting**

Nevada System of Higher Education
System Administration Building
2601 Enterprise Road
Reno, NV 89512
Room 114

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Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)
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4300 S. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89119
Room 105

Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 3:00 pm

Via Telephone: Dial 1-699-444-9171, Meeting ID: 918 2625 0903, Passcode: 906004

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BOARD

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Fred Lokken, Executive Commissioner _____
Ms. Cathy Dinauer, Commissioner _____
Mr. Dale Erquiaga, Commissioner _____

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

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2. MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Commission will consider approval of the minutes from the January 25, 2024, and February 1, 2024, meetings.

(Ref. 2-WICHE Commission Meeting Minutes January 25, 2024, and Ref. 3-WICHE Commission Strategy Meeting, February 1, 2024, meeting)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

3. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

INFORMATION ONLY

The WICHE Commissioners will provide updates on their activities as commissioners.

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

4. DIRECTOR UPDATE

INFORMATION ONLY

Director Patty Porter will provide the Commissioners with an update on the Nevada Office of WICHE activities.

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

5. UPDATE ON CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY PURSUANT TO SB 342

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Director Patty Porter and Deputy General Counsel Carrie Parker will provide the Commissioners with an update on the status of implementation of the contract dated February 1, 2024 related to SB 342 and negotiations with Utah State University (USU) regarding a possible amendment to the contract. Possible action may include review and approval of a contract amendment or further direction to staff regarding negotiations and next steps.

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 minutes

(Ref. 4-Nevada WICHE/USU Amendment for Contract, Ref. 5-Nevada WICHE/USU Veterinary Medicine 2025-2034 Projected Stipend Grant Disbursement)

6. ADD UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO TO 2023-2024 & 2024-2025 HEALTH PROFESSION EDUCATION PROGRAM (HPEP) RN TO BSN PILOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Director Patty Porter is seeking approval by the Nevada WICHE Commission to add the University of Nevada, Reno RN to BSN program as a participating NSHE institution for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Nevada Office of WICHE HPEP RN to BSN Pilot.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

7. INTERLOCAL CONTRACT BETWEEN DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) AND NEVADA WICHE FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Director Patty Porter and Deputy General Counsel Carrie Parker will present for possible action an interlocal contract between DPBH Nevada Psychological Internship Consortium and Nevada WICHE for July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025.

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

(Ref. 6-Interlocal Contract between DPBH and Nevada WICHE)

8. INTEREST RATE FOR PROMISSORY NOTE SET ACCORDING TO HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965, FOR UNSUBSIDIZED UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE LOAN RATE STARTING WITH 2024-2025 CONTRACTS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Per Nevada Revised Statute 397.064 section 1(a) All loans must bear a competitive interest rate, which must be established by three Nevada State Commissioners, acting jointly. Director Patty Porter requests that starting in 2024-2025 and forward the interest rate in participant promissory note is set on an annual basis according to section 455(b)(8)(A) through (c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, amended (HEA) for unsubsidized undergraduate/graduate loans.

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

9. NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION ONLY

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under "New Business" is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of

the item, which may include the reasons for the request, and no substantive discussion may occur at this meeting on new business items in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.010 *et seq.*).

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