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Room 105

BOARD ROLL CALL: Mr. Fred Lokken, Executive Commissioner _____
Ms. Cathy Dinauer, Commissioner _____
Ms. Patricia Charlton, Commissioner _____

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

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2. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

INFORMATION ONLY

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

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 minutes

3. DIRECTOR UPDATES

INFORMATION ONLY

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

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

4. MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Commission will consider approval of the minutes of the July 23, 2025 meeting.
(Ref. 2-Nevada WICHE Commission Meeting Minutes July 23, 2025 meeting)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

5. FEDERAL POLICY CHANGES AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS ON GRADUATE PROGRAMS

INFORMATION ONLY

WICHE's Colleen Falkenstern, Director of Evidence and Strategic Initiatives and Director, W-Sara, Policy Analysis and Research Molly Hall-Martin will explore how the 2025 One Big Beautiful Bill Act is shaping upcoming regulatory changes, influencing student decision-making in graduate program selection, and affecting state workforce development strategies in critical fields. The session will include a focused discussion on the potential implications for Nevada and its students.

(Ref. 3-WICHE Implications of statutory and regulatory on graduate programs)

ESTIMATED TIME: 25 minutes

6. STRATEGY SESSION IDENTIFYING NEXT STEPS TO ADDRESS FEDERAL CHANGES ON NEVADA WICHE PROGRAMS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Director Patty Porter will lead a strategic discussion with Nevada WICHE Commissioners to identify priorities for the 2027 Nevada Legislative Session, including those that may be in response to federal changes affecting graduate programs, as enacted in the 2025 One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

ESTIMATED TIME: 25 minutes

7. UPDATE ON NEVADA WICHE/UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY (USU) COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE HEALTH PROFESSION EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTRACT

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

USU College of Veterinary Medicine Dean Dr. Dirk Vanderwall will present an update on recruitment of Nevada residents and accreditation. The Commission may discuss next steps related to the stipend process for the 2025-2026 academic year and efforts for future academic years and may take action to provide recommendations regarding future outreach recruitment efforts.

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes

8. APPOINTMENT REGIONAL WICHE LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Commission may take action to appoint Nevada Assemblymember Tracy Brown-May to the regional WICHE Legislative Advisory Committee.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

9. DOCUSIGN NEVADA OFFICE OF WICHE QUOTE

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Commission will consider DocuSign Master Services Agreement (“MSA”) and associated terms and conditions and approval of December 11, 2025 to December 10, 2026 DocuSign quote and authorize Executive Commissioner Lokken, in consultation with legal counsel, to negotiate and finalize an agreement according to the terms or better.
(Ref. 4-Docusign, Inc. Order form quote)

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes

10. 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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