

**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)  
System Administration Building  
4300 S. Maryland Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89119  
Room 105

Friday, August 14, 2026, 1:00 pm

Via Telephone: Dial 1-346-248-7799, Meeting ID: 980 6084 6182, Passcode: 580684

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**BOARD ROLL CALL:**      Mr. Fred Lokken, Executive Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 Ms. Patricia Charlton, Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 Dr. Michelle Johnson, 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 June 4, 2026 meeting.  
(Ref. 2-Nevada WICHE Commission Meeting Minutes June 4, 2026 meeting)

*ESTIMATED TIME: 5 minutes*

## 5. UPDATE ON NEVADA WICHE/UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY (USU) COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

USU College of Veterinary Medicine Professional Practice Associate Professor/Director of Veterinary Admissions Cathleen Kovarik will present an update on recruitment of Nevada residents and Financial Officer Keri Shoemaker will present the annual stipend report. The Commission may discuss next steps related to the stipend process for the 2026-2027 academic year and efforts for future academic years and may take action to provide recommendations regarding future outreach recruitment efforts.  
(Ref. 3-USU College of Veterinary Medicine HPEP Stipend Finance Report, Ref. 4-USU College of Veterinary Medicine Update)

*ESTIMATED TIME: 15 minutes*

## **6. NEVADA WICHE 2027-2029 BIENNIAL BUDGET UPDATE FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Director Patty Porter will present an update on the Nevada WICHE 2027-2029 biannual budget:

- a. Request approval for the updated Nevada WICHE DRAFT 2027-2029 Governor's Office Biannual Budget Slot Matrix with loan repayment revenue.
- b. Request approval for all remaining funds in the Loan and Stipend account be carried forward to the next fiscal year without any restrictions if the loan repayment revenue is not replaced with state appropriation.

(Ref. 5-Nevada WICHE DRAFT 2027-2029 Biennial Budget with Increase in Support Fees and No Adjustments, Ref. 6-Nevada WICHE DRAFT 2027-2029 Biennial Budget with Increase in Support Fees and Adjustments, Ref. 7-Nevada WICHE DRAFT 2027-2020 Biennial Budget with Increase in Support Fees and Enhancements)

*ESTIMATED TIME: 20 minutes*

## **7. NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW TRAINING**

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

Nevada WICHE NSHE Assistant System Counsel Carrie Parker will provide the Nevada WICHE Commissioners a training on Nevada Open Meeting law.

(Ref. 8-Nevada WICHE Open Meeting Law Training slides)

*ESTIMATED TIME: 45 minutes*

## **8. 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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