



NEVADA LEGISLATURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Subcommittee to Study the Effectiveness of Career and Technical High Schools
(Assembly Bill 388, Chapter 309, *Statutes of Nevada 2005*)**

SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The first meeting of the Legislative Committee on Education Subcommittee to Study the Effectiveness of Career and Technical High Schools was held on January 18, 2006, at 10 a.m. in Room 2135 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. A copy of this set of "Summary Minutes and Action Report," including the "Meeting Notice and Agenda" ([Exhibit A](#)) and other substantive exhibits, is available on the Nevada Legislature's Web site at www.leg.state.nv.us/72nd/Interim. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835).

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Assemblywoman Bonnie Parnell, Chairwoman

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Senator Barbara Cegavske

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Bernice Mathews (excused)

Assemblyman Chad Christensen (excused)

OTHER LEGISLATOR PRESENT:

Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Carol M. Stonefield, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division

Kristin C. Roberts, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel

Joi Davis, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division

Maryann Elorreaga, Senior Research Secretary

OPENING REMARKS

Chairwoman Parnell called the meeting to order and introduced the LCB Staff assigned to the Subcommittee. She commented on the formation of the Subcommittee pursuant to Assembly Bill 388 (Chapter 309, *Statutes of Nevada 2005*) and its duty to report to the Legislative Committee on Education. She said agenda item testimony would be heard, but no action could be taken due to the lack of a quorum.

PRESENTATION ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN NEVADA

- Michael Raponi, Consultant, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, Nevada Department of Education (NDE), presented a document entitled “Overview of State and Federal Funding for Career and Technical Education in Nevada” ([Exhibit B](#)). He reported on basic grant allocations for secondary and post secondary education; basic grant-competitive fund allocations; funding granted under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998; Department of Labor incentive funds for secondary and post secondary education; State funds for secondary education under Assembly Bill 580 (Chapter 482, *Statutes of Nevada, 2005*); State apprenticeship funds; and State funding for career and technical student organizations.

PRESENTATION ON PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RELATING TO CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

- David Smith, Evaluation Consultant, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, NDE, conducted a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Career and Technical Education Indicators” ([Exhibit C](#)). He reviewed the percentage of high school students served; overall Career and Technical Education (CTE) and CTE Tech Prep enrollment; dropout rates for State and CTE students; Class of 2004 high school diploma attainment; secondary vocational/technical skill attainment; competency certificate attainment and competency skill attainment of secondary CTE students; and secondary placement within six months of CTE graduation.

Chairwoman Parnell commented on the small number of females enrolled in CTE programs and the need to boost total high school student participation in tech prep courses.

UPDATE ON ADVISORY TECHNICAL SKILLS COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 388 (CHAPTER 309, *STATUTES OF NEVADA 2005*) AND ASSEMBLY BILL 580 (CHAPTER 482, *STATUTES OF NEVADA 2005*)

- Phyllis Dryden, Director, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, NDE, submitted a document entitled “Advisory Technical Skills Committee Manual” ([Exhibit D](#)), which is a guide for school districts to be used when establishing Advisory Technical Skills Committees. She reviewed the membership requirements and the functions and duties of the committees.

UPDATE ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SURVEY OF NEEDS USING QUALITY CRITERIA FOR EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS AND DISCUSSION OF CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVE CAREER AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS

- James Barbee, Consultant, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, NDE, submitted a document entitled “Nevada Department of Education, Quality Criteria Survey of Needs” ([Exhibit E](#)). The purpose of the survey was to assist the NDE in obtaining information about career and technical education programs in Nevada, thereby identifying the areas in need of improvement for CTE. The schools were asked to provide information reflecting performance regarding standards and instruction; leadership and citizenship development; practical application of career and technical skills; qualified and professional personnel; facilities, equipment, and materials; community, business, and industry involvement; career guidance; program promotion; program accountability and planning; and student-teacher class ratio.

Senator Cegavske said middle school and high school students need to be made aware of what career opportunities are available and what skills are needed to become employed in those careers.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETING DATES AND TOPICS

- Chairwoman Parnell said the next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. March 1, 2006, in Las Vegas. The focus for that meeting will be careers in the field of health care. There will be presentations on Tech Prep and on Nevada’s Blueprint for High School Improvement. The meeting will be held on one of the community college campuses or at the vocational high school. (It was later determined the meeting would take place at the Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Center in Las Vegas).

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan, Clark County Assembly District Number 10, said he was appreciative of the work of the Subcommittee. He said his recent focus has been on assisting more females and minority workers into the construction industry.
- Kathleen Frosini, Clark County School District, said they use information published by the Nevada Development Authority when adding new programs and areas of study to the new career and technical schools.

- Michael Pennington, Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce, said workforce development and education initiatives were their primary focus for 2006. He said the Chamber is working with the business and education communities, and the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada in a partnership to identify the workforce needs of the business community and how the education community could help fulfill those needs through career and technical education.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Elorreaga
Senior Research Secretary

Carol M. Stonefield
Principal Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Bonnie Parnell, Chairwoman

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Meeting Notice and Agenda provided by Carol Stonefield, Principle Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit B](#) is a document entitled “Overview of State and Federal Funding for Career and Technical Education in Nevada,” submitted by Michael Raponi, Consultant, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Nevada Department of Education (NDE).

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