MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
(*Nevada Revised Statutes* 218.5352)
May 16, 2000
Las Vegas, Nevada

The eighth meeting of the Legislative Committee on Education (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] 218.5352) for the 1999-2000 interim was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, and videoconferenced to the Legislative Building, Room 3138, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. Pages 2 through 4 contain the "Meeting Notice and Agenda."

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams, Chairman
Senator Raymond D. Rawson
Senator Maurice E. Washington
Assemblywoman Barbara K. Cegavske
Assemblyman Mark A. Manendo

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Senator William J. Raggio, Vice Chairman
Senator Bernice Mathews
Assemblyman Marcia de Braga

OTHER LEGISLATOR PRESENT:

Assemblyman John C. Carpenter

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

H. Pepper Sturm, Chief Principal Research Analyst
Susan E. Scholley, Senior Research Analyst
Kristin C. Roberts, Senior Deputy Legislative Counsel
Melinda Braun, Education Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division
Lu Chen, Education Statistician, Fiscal Analysis Division
Maureen C. Kirkman, Senior Research Secretary

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization:	Legislative Committee on Education *(Nevada Revised Statutes* 218.5352*)*
Date and Time of Meeting:	Tuesday, May 16, 2000 9:30 a.m.
Place of Meeting:	Grant Sawyer State Office Building Room 4401 555 East Washington Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada

Note: Some members of the committee may be attending the meeting and other persons may observe the meeting and provide testimony, through a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the following location:

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A G E N D A

I. Opening Remarks
Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams, Chairman

*II. Approval of Minutes of the October 25, 1999, Meeting

*III. Request for Funding for Contractual Services to Complete Statewide Technology Plan Moises Denis, Chairman, Commission on Educational Technology
Mark Knudson, Nevada's Department of Education

*IV. Status Report—Commission on Educational Technology
Moises Denis, Chairman, Commission on Educational Technology

*V. Status Report and Implementation Issues – Regional Professional Development Program (RPDP) (Senate Bill 555, Section 16, Chapter 559, *Statutes of Nevada 1999*)
Roy Casey, Western Nevada RPDP
Stanley Chow, Director of Regional Services – WestEd

*VI. ENTICE Program for Teacher Training in Education Technology
Jhone Ebert, Clark County School District

*VII. Funding Issues for School Improvement Efforts
Scott Meihack, E.C. Best Elementary School, Churchill County
Patricia Casarez, Corbett Elementary School, Washoe County

*VIII. Class-size Reduction Demonstration Project (Assembly Bill 700 of the 1999 Session) Marcia R Bandera, Superintendent, Elko County School District

*IX. Adult Education

A. Adult Education Task Force
Representative, Clark County School District
Representative, Nevada's Department of Education

B. White Pine County School District's Nova Net Program
Mark Shellinger, Superintendent, White Pine County School District

*X. Distance Education Program for Teachers
Jim Hill, Lincoln County School District

*XI. Status Report and Recommendations Concerning Reporting Requirements for University Police Department
Tom Anderes, Acting Chancellor, University and Community College System of Nevada;
Carol Harter, President, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

*XII. Update on Implementation of Assembly Bill 368 of the 1999 Session Concerning School Facilities
Pat Herron, Assistant Superintendent of the Facilities Division, Clark County School District

*XIII.

XI. Status Report—Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools
Debbie Smith, Chairperson, Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools

X. Public Comment

Adjournment

*Denotes items on which the committee may take action.

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OPENING REMARKS

Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams, Chairman

Chairman Wendell P. Williams called the meeting to order and explained that Item XII – "Update on Implementation of Assembly Bill 368 of the 1999 Session Concerning School Facilities" would be deleted from the present agenda and postponed until further notice.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 25, 1999, MEETING

SENATOR RAWSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 25, 1999, MEETING WHICH WAS HELD IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. ASSEMBLYMAN MANENDO SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES TO COMPLETE STATEWIDE TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Moises Denis

Moises Denis, Chairman, Commission on Educational Technology, reviewed a contractual agreement between the Legislative Committee on Education and Rene' McFarland, an independent consultant, for the amount of $35,651 (see Exhibit A). He indicated that the contract would provide consultant services, which would assist with the implementation of the "State Technology Plan to Support Student Learning," as well as the maintenance and replacement of computer hardware and software. Further, Mr. Denis noted that the length of the contract would be June 1, 2000, through May 31, 2000. The committee motioned to approve contract funding:

ASSEMBLYMAN MANENDO MOVED TO APPROVE CONTRACT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $35,651. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR RAWSON WHICH HAD CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (SENATOR WASHINGTON, ALONG WITH ASSEMBLYWOMAN CEGAVSKE, WERE ABSENT AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE.)

STATUS REPORT—COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Denis further discussed the allocation of Senate Bill 555 (Section 16, Chapter 559, *Statutes of Nevada 1999*) funds, and reviewed the budget submitted to Nevada's Office of the Governor for $108 million for the upcoming 2001 Legislative Session. Additionally, Mr. Denis commented on:

- Replacement of school computers and outdated technology; and
- School district concerns regarding the allocation of past funding in Nevada schools.

The committee moved to accept the plan:

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE STATE TECHNOLOGY PLAN REPORT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR RAWSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Please see Exhibit A for further details of Mr. Denis' presentation.

STATUS REPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES – REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SENATE BILL 555, SECTION 16 CHAPTER 559, *STATUTES OF NEVADA 1999*)

Roy J. Casey

Roy J. Casey, Assistant Superintendent, Douglas County School District, and spokesperson for the Western Nevada Regional Professional Development Program (RPDP), presented a status report (Exhibit B) of the four RPDPs for the State, funded under S.B. 555, concerning training for site trainers, staff, and regional trainers. He additionally commented on:

- The monthly assembling of governance boards for the recommendations of RPDP implementation and training evaluations;
- Representation of State of Nevada governance boards (which appears as Item 1 of Exhibit B);
- The conducting of "409" statewide training sessions encompassing thousands of teachers; and
- The "PDP Activity Evaluation Form" for the four RPDP regions (which appears as Item 2 of Exhibit B) regarding content and standards of training.

Please see Exhibit B for further details of Mr. Casey's presentation.

Stanley Chow

Stanley Chow, Director of Regional Services - WestEd, discussed statewide "Implementation Challenges" (which appears as Item 3 of Exhibit B), as well as continuing efforts to "reach out" to smaller communities with educational services. Mr. Chow further discussed additional training issues including:

- The need for special program training in smaller communities, with quality training focusing on teachers and students;
- The need for improved communication concerning statewide initiatives (i.e., the "Accountability Initiative, the Standards Council, and the Technology Commission"); and

- The need to develop training content to address issues for the "special needs" population (i.e., English language and "special education" students).

ENTICE PROGRAM FOR TEACHER TRAINING IN EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY

Jhone M. Ebert

Jhone M. Ebert, Secondary Technology Coordinator, Clark County School District, Nevada, summarized that Project ENTICE (Education in Nevada Technology Infusion for Curriculum Enhancement) components will:

- Promote technology-supported student learning;
- Enhance curriculum integration with technology; and
- Contribute to a framework for statewide professional development.

Further, Ms. Ebert stated that interaction and integration accompany the program's series of 19 training videos offered.

A discussion ensued among Senator Washington, Assemblywoman Cegavske, Ms. Ebert, and Mark Knudson, Educational Technology Specialist, Nevada's Department of Education, concerning:

- The development of an on-line assessment program for Nevada's teachers;
- An available IBM State-purchased training assessment program;
- Interactive videos for K–12 classroom technology implementation; and
- State and national standards integration applied through video lessons.

Please see Exhibit C for further details of Ms. Ebert's presentation.

FUNDING ISSUES FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS

Melinda Braun

Melinda Braun, Education Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, conducted a brief overview and outline concerning State remediation fund eligibility (Exhibit D) and criteria, and addressed the following topics:

- Nevada's Education Reform Act of 1997 concerning provisions for schools designated as "in need of improvement";
- Eligibility considerations for schools to receive State remediation funds (i.e., Nevada's 1999 Legislative Session expanded provisions to include certain schools designated as demonstrating "adequate achievement" but meeting criteria for "low performance");
- Survey response summary table (which appears as Item 1 of Exhibit D) reflecting 18 Nevada schools no longer eligible to receive State remediation funds;
- Federal Title I and district funds as primary sources to continue eight educational programs; and

- Funding alternatives presented for consideration for the 2001 Legislative Session.

Please see Exhibit D for further details of Ms. Braun's presentation.

Ms. Braun then introduced the next two speakers, school principals whose schools have received State remediation funding in the past, however, are no longer eligible.

Patricia Casarez

Patricia Casarez, Principal, Corbett Elementary School (Corbett), Washoe County, Nevada, thanked Nevada's Legislature for funds previously received from Senate Bill 482 (Chapter 473, *Statutes of Nevada 1997*) from which Corbett was able to purchase a professional development program (PDP). Further, Ms. Casarez mentioned that Corbett produced a video for review by the committee reflecting results of the PDP (i.e., problem-solving techniques and instruction).

Additionally, Ms. Casarez noted that in 2001, Corbett will not be able to have monthly instructional training due to a lack of funding. She recommended that once a school has initially been given funding, it should be able to continually receive that funding to further program education.

Scott Meihack

Scott Meihack, Principal, E.C. Best Elementary School (E.C. Best), Churchill County, Nevada, noted that test scores from 1997/1998 to the 1999/2000 school year reflected an increase of 16 percentile points. He stated that the increase in test scores could not be accounted for without the available funds to adopt certain programs.

He further emphasized that while E.C. Best had an average 16-percentile increase over a three-year period, it falls below the State average in 7 of 11 *TerraNova* tests. He asked the committee to consider the following factors when allocating program funding:

- What percentage of schools have free and reduced hot lunches;
- What are the true and statistical transient rates within those schools;
- What are the individual school's *TerraNova* test scores; and
- How successful is the implementation of State mandated or remedial programs.

Continuing, Mr. Meihack requested the assistance of the legislative committee to attain continued funding for E.C. Best.

Assemblywoman Cegavske, Ms. Casarez, and Mr. Meihack further discussed the status of community involvement and relationships to offset the loss of program funding.

Senator Raggio recognized Corbett and E.C. Best Schools for their dedication, effort, and achievement results from effectively using the allocated program funding. He noted that earlier in the meeting that comments have demonstrated that efforts should be made to expand future funding probabilities and recommended that the committee address this issue in the form of a bill draft.

He mentioned that Jeanne Botts, Chief Financial Officer, Washoe County School District, has proposed legislation and recommendations, which include continued funding for remediation for low-achieving schools, with additional funding for schools with test scores below the 40 percentile. Senator Raggio further encouraged the continuation of remediation programs.

Senator Washington pointed out that Item 2 of Exhibit D lists three possible options to assist funding and asked the committee members to review those for consideration at the committee's June 2000 meeting.

Dotty Merrill

Dotty Merrill, Director, Washoe County School District, Nevada, discussed "hierarchy of funding" recommendations (Exhibit E) and three educational proposals for consideration:

1. Funding for remediation for low-achieving schools (assisting students in reaching a level of considerable proficiency via exams); and

2. Funding for remediation outside school day schools (the continuation of program funding for remedial activities prior to and after school);

3. Funding for a professional development program (providing an educational reading development program).

Please see Exhibit E for further details of Ms. Merrill's presentation.

CLASS-SIZE REDUCTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT ASSEMBLY BILL 700 OF THE 1999 SESSION)

Assemblyman John C. Carpenter

Assemblyman John C. Carpenter, Elko County, Nevada, briefly stated that the Elko County School District was granted permission for a demonstration program of class-size reduction on a ratio of 1 teacher per 22 students, grades 1 to 6, and would be providing a report on program implementation.

Sue Sanchez

Sue Sanchez, President, Elko County Classroom Teachers Association, and fifth grade teacher, Mountain View Elementary School, Elko County, Nevada, expressed her perspective on teaching the "22/1" class-size reduction ratio program. She commented that the program has provided:

- More learning centers for students due to more room in the classroom;
- Additional student instruction time in class;
- Additional time to learn students' individualities; and
- Less crowded conditions.

See Exhibit F for further details of Ms. Sanchez' presentation.

Marcia R. Bandera

Marcia R. Bandera, Superintendent, Elko County School District, Nevada, provided a brief outline and overview of current 22/1 implementation for the class-size reduction program (Exhibit G). She further discussed:

- Providing sufficient additional classrooms (modulars) to assist program implementation;
- Project evaluation plan components consisting of:
    - Student/teacher ratios (by class, district, and grade level);
    - Pre-project classroom configurations types;
    - Student assessment data (class grades and *TerraNova* test scores);

- Administrator and teacher response/satisfaction data (guides, journals, and surveys);
- Parent response/satisfaction data (guides and surveys);
- Evaluation timelines; and

- Costs (comparison of 22/1 and historic ratios).

A discussion ensued between Senator Raggio and Ms. Bandera concerning class-size reduction and teacher/student ratios, and facilities to accommodate those ratios.

See Exhibit G for further details of Ms. Bandera's presentation.

ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION TASK FORCE

Phyllis Rich

Phyllis Rich, Work Force Education Team Leader, Nevada's Department of Education, briefly discussed the results of the Task Force for Adult Education and Alternative Education Reform. Further, she noted the task force's origination in 1999 and its members.

Please see Exhibit H for further details of Ms. Rich's presentation.

Sydney Franklin

Sydney Franklin, Assistant Superintendent, Clark County School District, Nevada's Division of Alternative Education and Adult Education Programs, emphasized that traditional education accountability has a major impact on population growth and diversity. Mr. Franklin further discussed:

- Academic improvement, performance, and State proficiency tests;
- Changes in the General Education Degree (GED) for 2001 (business components);
- Funding costs for prison programs concerning rehabilitation; and
- Current funding patterns and population changes (cliental age factors, language barriers).

WHITE PINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S NOVA NET PROGRAM

Mark Shellinger

Mark Shellinger, Superintendent, White Pine County School District, Nevada, discussed the on-line delivery system for educational services that will save the State of Nevada money while providing additional options for students. He further discussed Nova Center (a statewide high school in White Pine County) capabilities, which include:

- Assistance for expelled and suspended students statewide with less expense to Nevada;
- Assistance for adult education students with credit deficiencies;
- The "Come Home to Public Schools" pilot project;

- On-line elements (customized teaching and test assignments);
- One hundred and forty classes offered from auto mechanics to advanced placement; and
- Graduation and State standard requirements (proficiency testing).

A discussion ensued between Assemblyman Manendo and Mr. Shellinger concerning security and safeguard issues related to testing (passwords and on-line teachers talking to students prior to testing).

Additionally, Senator Rawson, Senator Washington, Assemblyman de Braga, and Mr. Shellinger discussed the high drop out rate in Nevada and the Nova Center program. Mr. Shellinger is of the opinion that the service is a successful way for students to return to school while also being cost effective. They further discussed a formal request letter to Mary L. Peterson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada's Department of Education, Carson City, dated April 24, 2000 (Exhibit I), concerning continuance of the Nova Center program.

Please see Exhibit I for further details of Mr. Shellinger's presentation.

Mary L. Peterson

Mary L. Peterson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada's Department of Education, Carson City, disclosed that she has requested an Attorney General Opinion (AGO) to clarify the Nova Center tuition agreement and whether or not the Nova pilot can be expanded for the fall 2000 school year according to interpretation of Nevada Revised Statutes 392.010. After a lengthy discussion concerning the awaited response for that opinion, a motion was proposed.

SENATOR RAWSON MOVED TO SUBMIT A LETTER (UPON REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE) TO MARY L. PETERSON, REQUESTING THAT SHE USE ALL POSSIBLE RESOURCES TO PROMPT NEVADA'S OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE TO EXPEDITE ITS INTERPRETATION OF NEVADA REVISED STATUTE 392.010 CONCERNING THE NOVA CENTER PROGRAM IN WHITE PINE COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN CEGAVSKE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Assemblywoman Cegavske requested that the committee consider asking staff to additionally forward a letter to the Office of the Attorney General to ask what the time frame will be for a response.

Further, Mr. Manendo asked Mr. Shellinger how many full-time licensed teachers are working for the Nova Center in Nevada. He replied that there are currently 148 students instructed by:

- Two full-time licensed teachers;
- One principal; and
- Four teacher's aides.

Please see Exhibit H for further details of Mr. Shellinger's presentation.

Barbara Clark

Barbara Clark, Nevada's Parent-Teachers Association (PTA), briefly expressed her concerns for the direction in which Distributive School Account (DSA) funds are taking regarding the Nova Center program.

Denise Mitchell

Denise Mitchell, a resident, White Pine County, Nevada, briefly expressed enthusiasm for the quality of education that her daughter has received from the Nova program which she declared is not found in the public school system.

Sara Lee A. Anderson

Sara Lee A. Anderson, Student, White Pine County, Nevada, discussed her handout (Exhibit J) promoting the Nova program with its assistance in achieving a high school diploma.

Please see Exhibit J for further details of Ms. Anderson's presentation.

Sherry Cavander

Sherry Cavander, Resident, Clark County, Nevada, related from a parent's perspective how important the Nova program is for homebound students.

DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS

Jim Hill

Jim Hill, Special Education Consultant, Lincoln County School District, Nevada, briefly explained the District's Distance Education Program (a cooperative program with UNLV Distance Education, UNLV Department of Special Education, and Nevada's Department of Educational Equity for teacher licensure). He discussed the reason for the shortage of special education teachers and mentioned the accomplishments made through the Distance Education Program. He additionally addressed his handout (Exhibit K) concerning teachers who are teaching special education, as well as early childhood special education in Lincoln County, and stated that through the Distance Education Program, the majority of program teachers would be acquiring licensing credits by Spring 2001. He further discussed Distance Education topics, which include:

- Objectives, sites; and
- Rural capability concerns (due to on-line restrictions to conduct education programs).

Please see Exhibit K for further details of Mr. Hill's presentation.

STATUS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Carol C. Harter

Carol C. Harter, President, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), discussed:

- Documentation/responses concerning safety at the University (Exhibit L);
- Success(s) of:
    - The Public Safety Advisory Committee working on campus; and
    - Developing safety recommendations.
- The introduction of the University's current Director of Public Safety, Jose Elike.

Further, a discussion ensued among Senator Rawson, Senator Washington, and Ms. Harter regarding the director's tenure and duration of his contract with the University and agreed it was an issue that needed to be worked through.

Please see Exhibit L for further details of Ms. Harter's presentation.

Mark Alden

Mark Alden, Regent, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, briefly stated that the University is moving in the right direction and safety issues will be addressed.

Gary Peck

Gary Peck, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada, discussed his participation as a member of the public in the ongoing discussions with the UNLV campus' Public Safety Advisory Board and commended the intentions of the legislative committee in their assistance with University matters. He further commented on complaints found to be credible involving the University's campus police and emphasized his dissatisfaction with how events have been handled.

In conclusion, a discussion ensued between Senator Rawson and Mr. Peck concerning resolution procedures (i.e., communication and police/administrative accountability).

Joey Cohn

Joey Cohn, a student, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, (and original member who testified at a previous Committee on Education meeting concerning "Students Against Campus Police Misconduct"), mentioned that over the past several months he has participated on the Public Safety Advisory Board and has become involved developing recommendations of that board.

Rick Bennett

Rick Bennett, Government Relations, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, discussed:

- Recent recommendations (Exhibit M) given to UNLV's President, Carol C. Harter, (previously mentioned on page 15 of these minutes) and her responsibility for accepting/implementing those recommendations; and

- Concerns for a safe and secure environment on the UNLV campus.

Further, a discussion ensued among Chairman Williams, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Cohn regarding adopting new recommendations developed by the Public Safety Advisory Board.

Please see Exhibit M for further details of Mr. Bennett's presentation.

UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 368 OF THE 1999 SESSION CONCERNING SCHOOL FACILITIES

This item has been postponed by the committee until further notice.

STATUS REPORT—COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Debbie Smith

Debbie Smith, Chairperson, Nevada's Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools, reported on updated activities of the council. She noted among other things:

- The adoption of Art, Computer Technology Standards, Physical Education, and Social Studies for implementation

in the upcoming school year (2000/2001);

- Prioritizing education standards at the State and local level;
- Developing policy statements for adoption at the July 2000 meeting; and
- Completing the fiscal year within the council's operating and consulting budget.

Senator Raggio commended Ms. Smith and the Standards Council for a job well done. Additionally, Chairman Williams explained that the upcoming June 2000 meeting in Carson City will be a work session and any matters or recommendations related to topics reviewed in the past ten months should be submitted to H. Pepper Sturm, Chief Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, for inclusion in the work session. He noted that the meeting would include a brief review of statewide testing issues that also may appear on the work session document. Further, he noted that the "Comprehensive Review for Public Education" is targeted for a September 2000 meeting and for all parties to analyze the results accumulated to allow for findings and recommendations at that time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dotty Merrill

Dotty Merrill (previously mentioned on page 9 on these minutes) pointed out that the districts' "Proposal for Tracking Financial Support to Schools" is contained in Exhibit E.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Exhibit N is the "Attendance Record@ for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen C. Kirkman
Senior Research Secretary

H. Pepper Sturm
Chief Principal Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams, Chairman

Date: _____ _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit A is a handout provided by Moises Denis, Chairman, Commission on Educational Technology, which

consists of the following documents:

1. A letter dated April 26, 2000, to Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn, from Moises Denis, Chairman, Nevada's Commission on Educational Technology, regarding "Commission on Educational Technology's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003";

2. Pages 1 through 4 of an undated document titled "State Technology Plan—Legislative Funding Proposal"; and

3. A document dated April 24, 2000, titled "Commission on Educational Technology--State Technology Plan Independent Consulting Activities," provided by Mark Knudson, Educational Technology Specialist, Nevada's Department of Education, concerning $35,651 in consultant fees.

Exhibit B is a booklet, dated May 16, 2000, titled "Professional Development Program," provided by Roy J. Casey, Assistant Superintendent, Douglas County School District, and spokesperson for the Western Nevada Regional Professional Development Program (RPDP), which includes these attachments relating to his presentation:

1. An undated document titled "Professional Development Program Governance Boards," referenced by Roy Casey, Assistant Superintendent, Douglas County School District, and spokesperson for the Western Nevada Regional Professional Development Program (Item 1);

2. An undated Regional Professional Development Program form titled "PDP Activity Evaluation Form," referenced by Roy Casey, Assistant Superintendent, Douglas County School District, and spokesperson for the Western Nevada Regional Professional Development Program (Item 2); and

3. An undated Regional Professional Development Program document titled "RPDP Progress (CONT.)," referenced by Stanley Chow, Director of Regional Services – WestEd, concerning implementation challenges (Item 3).

Exhibit C is a handout dated May 16, 2000, provided by Jhone M. Ebert, Clark County School District, Nevada, summarizing project "ENTICE" framework.

Exhibit D, provided by Mindy [Melinda] Braun, Education Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, which includes the following documents:

1. A memorandum dated May 12, 2000, to [Nevada's] Legislative Committee on Education, from Mindy [Melinda] Braun, Education Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, concerning "Legislative Committee - Agenda Item VII - Funding Issues for School Improvement Efforts," which includes the following excerpts:

    - Page 1 of 2 titled "Schools No longer Eligible To Receive State Remediation Funds Survey – May 2000" (Item 1); and

    - Page 2 of the memorandum, referenced by Senator Washington (Item 2).

2. A memorandum dated May 12, 2000, to [Nevada's] Legislative Committee on Education, from Mindy [Melinda] Braun, Education Program Analyst, Legislative Counsel Bureau, concerning "Panel Reports & Plans for Improvement – Schools on Academic Probation."

Exhibit E is an undated handout titled "Suggested Bill Draft Requests (BDRs)," provided by Dotty Merrill, Director, Washoe County School District, Nevada, concerning funding recommendations.

Exhibit F is an undated handout titled "Number of students: 22 to 1 (18/17 to 1)," provided by Sue Sanchez, President, Elko County Classroom Teachers Association, and a fifth grade teacher at Mountain View Elementary School, Elko County, Nevada, concerning the class size reduction "22 to 1" teaching ratio program.

Exhibit G is a handout provided by Marcia R. Bandera, Superintendent, Elko County School District, Nevada, which contains the following items noted in her presentation:

- A document dated May 16, 2000, titled "Elko County School District Status Report on Implementation of Class Size Reduction Pilot Project of 22:1—Grades 1-6";

- An excerpt on page A-3 of the September 11, 1999, edition of the *Elko Daily Free Press,* dated September 8, 1924, concerning Elko's kindergarten classroom accommodations then and now;

- An article titled "Elko County School District CSR Demonstration Project 1999-2000 & 2000-2001" (Attachment A);

- A memorandum dated October 28, 1999, to Principals and Staff from Diane Hecht, Director of Instruction, Elko County School District, Nevada, regarding "22:1 Journals" (Attachment B);

- "Elko County School District CSR Classroom Observation Guide" (Attachment D); and

- Page 32 of an Elko County School District form titled "Elko County School District Class-Size Reduction (CSR) Parent Survey 1999-2000" (Attachment F).

Exhibit H is a handout dated May 16, 2000, titled "Adult and Alternative Education Task Force Report to the Legislative Committee on Education," provided by Phyllis Rich, Work Force Education Team Leader, Nevada's Department of Education, contains the following documents noted is her presentation:

1. A letter dated June 23, 1999, to Mrs. Mary Peterson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, [Nevada's Department of Education], from William J. Raggio, Chairman, [Nevada's] Senate Committee on Finance, and Morse Arberry, Jr., Chairman [Nevada's] Assembly Committee on Ways and Means; and

2. An undated document titled "Proposal for Nevada's Adult/Alternative Education System [DRAFT]," provided by Marcia R. Bandera, Superintendent, Elko County School District, Nevada.

Exhibit I is a handout provided by Mark Shellinger, Superintendent, White Pine County School District, which consists of the following documents:

1. A letter dated April 24, 2000, to Mary Peterson, Superintendent [of Public Instruction], Nevada's Department of Education, from Mark Shellinger, Superintendent, White Pine County School District;

2. A letter dated January 28, 2000, to Mark Shellinger, Superintendent, White Pine County School District, from Steve L. Dobrescu, Attorney at Law; and

3. Pages 1 through 4 of an excerpt from the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, dated April 23, 2000, titled "Nevada school district plugs in technology, pulls in students."

Exhibit J is a handout provided by Sara Lee A. Anderson, a student, White Pine County, Nevada, which consists of the following items noted in her presentation:

1. A document titled "Pertaining to Agenda Item Number 9";

2. An undated excerpt from the *Las Vegas Sun*, titled "Trial by Peers," written by Kristen Peterson; and

3. An undated excerpt from the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, titled "Nevada school district plugs in technology, pulls in students," written by Ken Ward.

Exhibit K is an undated handout titled "Lincoln County School District Distance Education Program," provided by Jim Hill, Special Education Consultant, Lincoln County School District, Nevada.

Exhibit L is a handout provided by Carol C. Harter, President, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, which consists of

the following documents noted in her presentation:

1. A memorandum dated May 1, 2000, to Tom Anderes, Interim Chancellor [University of Nevada, Las Vegas], from Carol C. Harter, President [University of Nevada, Las Vegas], concerning "Request for Report"; and

2. A memorandum dated May 1, 2000, to Dr. Harter [Carol C. Harter, President, University of Nevada, Las Vegas], from Bob Ackerman [Vice-President for Student Services, University of Nevada, Las Vegas], concerning "Wendell Williams [Wendell P. Williams, Chairman], Nevada's Legislative Committee on Education."

Exhibit M is an undated handout titled "Department of Public Safety Advisory Board," provided by Rick Bennett, Government Relations, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Exhibit N is the "Attendance Record@ for this meeting.

Copies of the materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, Carson City, Nevada. You may contact the library at (775) 684-6827.