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BRIEFING ON EDUCATION TOPICS

Dale Erquiaga is Nevada's Superintendent of Public Instruction appointed by Governor Brian Sandoval in August 2013. He previously served as the Governor's senior advisor. Dale's education policy experience also includes service with the Clark County School District (CCSD), as the executive director of Government Affairs, Public Policy and Strategic Planning. He consulted with CCSD and other education-related groups for five years before he was hired as a staff member. A native Nevadan, Dale has served as director of the Department of Museums, Library and Arts and was chief deputy Secretary of State. He managed a successful consulting practice and worked as vice president with R&R Partners advertising firm. Dale holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Nevada, Reno and a master's degree in leadership from Grand Canyon University.

Daniel J. Klaich is the Nevada System of Higher Education's (NSHE) tenth chancellor appointed by the Board of Regents on June 18, 2009. He previously held the positions of executive vice chancellor, vice chancellor for Legal Affairs and Administration, and chief counsel. Mr. Klaich is an attorney, admitted to the bar in Nevada and California, and practiced law privately for almost 30 years prior to joining NSHE. He is a native Nevadan and a 1972 graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. Mr. Klaich received his juris doctorate degree from the University of Washington School of Law in 1975, and he received a master's degree in taxation from New York University in 1978. Mr. Klaich served on the Board of Regents of NSHE from 1983 to 1997, including two terms as Chairman of the Board. He is also a member of Nevada's Board of Economic Development and the Nevada P-16 Advisory Council.

Patrick Gavin is the Director of the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA). Established in the 2011 Legislative Session, the SPCSA currently sponsors 21 charter schools collectively serving over 20,000 students and serves as the Local Education Agency for its sponsored schools. Prior to joining the SPCSA, he operated a school development and strategy consultancy and taught middle school English Language Arts at a Boston charter school. Patrick served as deputy chief for Strategy and Expansion for Friendship Public Charter School in Washington, D.C. leading the development of the organization's human capital strategy and expansion. He advised on the planning, development, and execution of the organization's partnership to restructure a high school. Patrick also served as in charter school operations and business development roles at multi-site providers of school management services. He is a native of Massachusetts and a graduate of Yale University.

H. Pepper Sturm is the Interim Director of the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB). He has worked for the Legislature since 1987, serving as staff to committees dealing with social services and educational topics. In addition, Pepper was staff vice chair in 1997 and chair in 1998 for the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) Standing Education Committee. He has also been a panelist or moderator for education related presentations at numerous NCSL and ECS conferences over the past two decades. Pepper served as a director on the executive committee on NCSL's Research and Committee Staff Section and was chair for two years. This legislative session he is staffing the Assembly Committee on Education. He has a master's degree in library science from the University of North Texas and a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Nevada, Reno.