



# Fact Sheet

## THE P-20W ADVISORY COUNCIL

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As directed by Executive Order 2015-11, Nevada's P-20W Advisory Council is charged with the review, coordination, and alignment of P-12 and higher education with workforce development in Nevada, so students are prepared when they begin work in chosen careers.

### BACKGROUND

The Legislature initially created the P-16 Advisory Council in 2007 through Senate Bill 239 (Chapter 522, *Statutes of Nevada*), and these provisions were incorporated into *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) as Chapter 400. The legislation included a declaration stating that matters relating to education are vitally important to the future of the State of Nevada, its economy, and the general welfare of its residents. The declaration also emphasizes the importance of the Legislature, the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), the State Board of Education, and the Executive Branch of State government working together as partners in developing a needed public agenda to advance education in this State. Further, the development of an agenda to advance education should be carried out with a view toward seeking input from all parties who have a stake in the advancement of education in Nevada.

The declaration called for strengthening coordination between elementary, secondary, and higher education to ensure that by grade 12, pupils are prepared adequately to make the transition to higher education or to careers. The declaration concluded that in order to accomplish this purpose, the P-16 Advisory Council was established to coordinate education from the level of preschool through the completion of a bachelor's degree. In 2013, the name of the Council was changed to the P-20W Advisory Council to highlight its role in the early childhood and workforce sectors. Assembly Bill 259 (Chapter 139, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*) also broadened the role of the Council in using the statewide longitudinal data system to:

1. Improve the college and career readiness of Nevada's students;
2. Assess the effective preparation of teachers and administrators; and
3. Evaluate the return on investment of workforce development programs.

### POWERS AND DUTIES

Pursuant to NRS 400.040, the Council addresses the following:

- Methods to increase enrollment of students in the NSHE seeking to become teachers;

- Methods to ensure the successful transition of pupils from elementary school to postsecondary education;
- Methods to ensure the data information systems for pupils are linked from K–12 public education to postsecondary education in NSHE;
- Methods to ensure the course work in secondary schools are aligned with the workload expected of students at the postsecondary level;
- Methods to ensure collaboration among the business community, academic community, and political leaders in developing strategies for the growth and diversification of Nevada’s economy;
- Policies relating to workforce development and employment needs in Nevada; and
- Other matters within the scope of the Council as determined to be necessary or appropriate by the Council.

The Council is further authorized to create committees to assist in carrying out its duties.

### **COMPOSITION**

Pursuant to NRS 400.030, the P–20W Advisory Council consists of 11 voting members, with 5 members appointed by the Governor, 2 members appointed by each the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly, and 2 members of the public appointed 1 each by the Minority Leaders of the Senate and the Assembly. In addition, the Chancellor of NSHE and the Superintendent of Public Instruction serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the Council. In accordance with NRS 400.035, the Council is to meet at least quarterly. The Office of the Governor provides administrative support, equipment, and office space, as is necessary for the Council to carry out its duties. Technical assistance to the Council is provided by the Board of Regents and the Department of Education, upon the request of the Chair of the Council.

### **REPORTS**

Under NRS 400.045, the Council is required to produce an annual report of its activities and recommendations for the Board of Regents, the State Board of Education, the Governor, the Legislature, and the Legislative Committee on Education. The report must be completed on or before June 30 of each year. In addition to this NRS requirement, the Council is required to prepare quarterly reports of its activities and submit them to the Governor no later than September 1, 2015; December 1, 2015; and April 1, 2016, in order to ensure that all work related to Executive Order 2015-11 is complete by April 1, 2016.