



**NEVADA LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY CONCERNING
COMMUNITY COLLEGES' SUBCOMMITTEE ON
GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING**

(Senate Bill 391, Chapter 494, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*)

SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The first meeting of the Nevada Legislature's Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges' Subcommittee on Governance and Funding was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 3:24 p.m. in Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 3138 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada and the Chilton Circle Modular Conference Room of the Great Basin College, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, 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 website at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/interim/77th2013/committee/>. In addition, copies of the audio record are available through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835).

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Senator Joyce Woodhouse
Assemblyman Paul Aizley
John J. Lee, Mayor, City of North Las Vegas
Bus Scharmann, Commissioner, Churchill County
Allison Stephens, Regent, Nevada System of Higher Education

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Senator Debbie Smith, Chair
John McKenna, Supervisor, Carson City
Mary Pierczynski

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT IN ELKO:

Chris J. Johnson, Mayor, City of Elko

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Brown
Marcus Conklin
Chris Giunchigliani, Commissioner, Clark County

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division
Brody Leiser, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division
H. Pepper Sturm, Chief Deputy Director, Research Division
Eileen O'Grady, Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Karly O'Krent, Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Sally Trotter, Principal Administrative Assistant, Research Division

OPENING REMARKS

- Chair Smith provided opening remarks regarding the importance of the Subcommittee and the work it is tasked to perform. She welcomed members and asked for introductions. Each member present provided brief introductory remarks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Smith called for public comment; however, no testimony was presented.

REVIEW OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, provided a memorandum that included the duties and responsibilities of the Subcommittee ([Exhibit B](#)). He reviewed Senate Bill 391 (Chapter 494, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*), which established the Subcommittee and its duties. Mr. Haartz pointed out two specific responsibilities as defined in S.B. 391:
 - Reviewing national best practices of governance of and funding methods for community colleges; and
 - Determining whether it is advisable to transfer the administration of community colleges from the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to another governmental entity and (1) if such a transfer is determined to be advisable, determining the best methods of accomplishing the transfer; and (2) if such a transfer is determined not to be advisable, determining whether there are other options available that would improve the governance structure of and funding methods for community colleges.

Responding to Chair Smith's request for a timeline of meetings, Mr. Haartz stated that the Subcommittee would need to complete its work no later than June 30, 2014. He remarked that the Subcommittee could hold five meetings and would convene when the Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges did not have a meeting planned.

- Senator Woodhouse discussed future meeting plans for the two subcommittees. She reported that February, March, and April would be reserved for the subcommittee meetings. Senator Woodhouse commented there would be a final meeting of the full Committee in May or June.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

- Chair Smith asked staff to discuss coordination for meeting dates. She suggested the Subcommittee coordinate meetings dates with the Subcommittee on Academics and Workforce Alignment so meetings would be held on different days or at different times so that members of the public could attend both subcommittee hearings. Chair Smith

confirmed with Senator Woodhouse that meeting dates for the Subcommittee should be scheduled in February, March, and April. She asked members to advise of any conflicting dates or times for those months.

- Each member pointed out conflicts and availability for meetings.
- Chair Smith stated that staff would review the legislative calendar and coordinate with members and the Subcommittee on Academics and Workforce Alignment to provide future meeting dates.
- Continuing, Chair Smith asked members to provide items of interest for future agendas.
- Mayor Lee reported that he had formed an advisory board with business leaders and the College of Southern Nevada (CSN). He added that he had met with high school principals in North Las Vegas to identify students who are interested in college and arranged for these students to tour CSN.

Mayor Lee asked for the Subcommittee's consideration of the following items for discussion at future meetings ([Exhibit C](#)):

- Formal community advisory boards that would connect economic sectors developed by the Governor and the Legislature;
 - Discussion regarding how our State structure and organization interferes with access to federal funds; and
 - Discussion regarding existing best practices and emerging, innovative governance models in other states.
- Regent Stephens indicated an interest in Dr. Aims C. McGuinness Jr., Senior Associate, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, who testified earlier during the meeting of the Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning Community Colleges, returning to address the Subcommittee.
- Assemblyman Aizley asked that the Subcommittee consider the issue of different tuition values for course transfers between campuses. He remarked that if tuition were based at the university level it could provide more funding for community colleges.
- Chair Smith requested that any other topics of interest be e-mailed to her or staff by the end of the week. She stated that meeting dates would be announced and commented that three half-day meetings should provide enough time to complete the Subcommittee's tasks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Smith called for public comment; however, no testimony was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Trotter
Principal Administrative Assistant

Alex Haartz
Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Senator Debbie Smith, Chair

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the “Meeting Notice and Agenda” provided by Kelly S. Richard, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).

[Exhibit B](#) is a memorandum dated January 28, 2014, to Members of the Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges’ Subcommittee on Governance and Funding (Senate Bill 391, Chapter 494, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*) from Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB, regarding “Review of the Subcommittee on Governance and Funding’s Duties and Responsibilities.”

[Exhibit C](#) is a document titled “Agenda Item 4: Discussion of future agenda items and meeting schedule,” submitted by Mayor John J. Lee, City of North Las Vegas.

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