

Notice of Public Meeting

**Nevada State Rehabilitation Council (N.S.R.C.)
Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 1 p.m.**

Physical Meeting Locations:

Rehabilitation Administration
751 Basque Way, Carson City, NV 89706
&
Vocational Rehabilitation
3016 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89102

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1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Verify Timely Posting of Agenda

Raquel O'Neill, Chair will call the meeting to order. Jenny Richter Livia, the Council Liaison will verify the timely posting of the agenda and notice of meeting, in accordance with Open Meeting Law.

2. Public Comment

Ms. O'Neill will call for public comment.

Members of the public are invited for comment(s). **NO** action may be taken on a matter during public comments until the matter itself has been included on an agenda as an item for possible action, and properly noticed pursuant to [§ NRS 241.020](#). Due to time constraints, the Chair may limit public comments to **three (3) minutes/person**. Please clearly state and spell your full name. Members of the public who attend the meeting at in-person locations will give comments first followed by any member of the public on the public phone line.

3. For Possible Action: Approval of the February 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes – Tab 3

Ms. O'Neill will begin the discussion to approve, deny, make possible changes or corrections to the February 6, 2024, meeting minutes.

4. For Possible Action: Election of the NSRC Chair & Vice-Chair for term July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023 – Tab 4

Drazen Elez, Rehabilitation Division Administrator will begin the discussion.

5. Suggestions from the council for the 2024 NSRC Annual Report.

Ms. O'Neill will begin the discussion.

6. Membership updates – Tab 6

Mechelle Merrill, Rehabilitation Division, Deputy Administrator of Programs, will introduce the new members of the NSRC council.

7. Other reports

Ms. O'Neill will Open the floor for updates on Client Assistance Program & Nevada State Independent Living Representatives.

Kate Osti, Acting Executive Director of the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC) will report on updates from the Client Assistance Program (CAP).

Dawn Lyons, Executive Director of the Nevada State Independent Living Council (NSILC) will report on updates from the program.

8. Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP) updates. 2024 – Tab 8

Mary Zeniou, Statewide Transition Coordinator, will present an overview and update on the SYIP program and Agency Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) Plans for 2024.

9. Disability Innovation Fund (DIF) Grant update.

Mechelle Merrill, Deputy Administrator of Programs, will provide an overview and update on the DIF Grant.

10. Vocational Rehabilitation Success Stories.

Mechelle Merrill, Deputy Administrator of Programs, will open the floor for the new member of the council, Ms. Cynthia Gustafson.

11. Rehabilitation Division State and Federal Audit Reports – Tab 11

Drazen Elez, Division Administrator, will provide an overview of the following:

- 2022 Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) Performance Audit Report of DETR Rehabilitation Division
- Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Monitoring Report on Nevada Vocational Rehabilitation
- RSA's Section 107 Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) Letter.

12. Divisions Report – Tab 12

Drazen Elez, Division Administrator, and staff will report on the following:

- VR Staffing updates
- VR Caseload size & days open update.
- NSRC Performance Indicators
- Fair Hearings
- VR Strategic Planning for calendar year 2024
- Social Media and the press release for the iBill Currency Reader program with the Bureau of Services to the Blind and Visual Impaired (BSBVI).

13. Comments by the Council

Ms. O'Neill will begin the discussion.

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15. Adjournment

Council Members

Raquel O'Neill, (Chair), Robin Kincaid (Vice-Chair),

Judy Swain, Rebecca Rogers, Cynthia Gustafson, Jennifer Casselman, David Nuestro,

Dawn Lyons, Jack Mayes, Sandra Sinicrope, Austin Olson, Drazen Elez (non-voting)

Note: Items may be considered out of order. The public body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The public body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. The public body may place reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of public comments but may not restrict comments based upon viewpoint. [§ NRS 241.020\(2\)\(d\)\(7\)](#). In accordance with the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual [§ 8.06](#), if a person willfully disrupts a meeting, to the extent that its orderly conduct is made impractical, the person may be removed from the meeting.

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- Attorney General's Office - 555 E. Washington Ave. # 3900, Las Vegas, NV 89101
- DETR - 500 E. Third Street, Carson City, NV 89713
- DETR - 2800 E. St. Louis Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104
- Voc. Rehab - 3016 W. Charleston Blvd. Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89102
- Voc. Rehab - 1325 Corporate Blvd., Reno, NV 89502
- Carson City Library - 900 Roop St., Carson City, NV 89701
- Capability Health - 6200 W. Oakey Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107
- NVPEP- 7211 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89117
- Nevada State Library - 100 N. Stewart St, Carson City, NV 89701
- Nevada Disability & Law Center - 1875 Plumas St #1, Reno, NV 89509
- Nevada Disability & Law Center - 2820 W. Charleston Blvd. #11, Las Vegas, NV 89102
- Northern NV Center for Independent Living - 999 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV 89431
- Southern NV Center for Independent Living - 2950 S. Rainbow Blvd. Suite 220, Las Vegas, NV 89146
- EmployNV Career Hub - 1929 N. Carson St, Carson City, NV 89701
- EmployNV Career Hub - 4001 S. Virginia St, Reno, NV 89502
- EmployNV Career Hub - 2281 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV 89431
- EmployNV Career Hub - 3405 S. Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89169
- EmployNV Career Hub - 2827 Las Vegas Blvd. North, North Las Vegas, NV 89030
- EmployNV Career Hub - 1500 Avenue F, Suite 1, Ely, NV 89301
- EmployNV Career Hub - 475 West Haskell St. # 1, Winnemucca, NV 89445
- EmployNV Career Hub - 121 Industrial Way, Fallon, NV 89406
- EmployNV Career Hub - 172 Sixth Street, Elko, NV 89801
- EmployNV Career Hub - 4500 E. Sunset Road, Suite 40, Henderson, NV 89014
- Aging & Disability Services - 9670 Gateway Dr, Suite 200, Reno, NV 89521
- Aging & Disability Services - 3416 Goni Road, Bldg. D, Suite 132, Carson City, NV 89706
- Aging & Disability Services - 1860 E. Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104
- Aging & Disability Services - 1010 Ruby Vista Dr, Suite 104, Elko, NV 89801

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