

Notice of Public Meeting

**Nevada State Rehabilitation Council (N.S.R.C.)
Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 1 p.m.**

Physical Meeting Locations:

Vocational Rehabilitation
1325 Corporate Blvd, Reno, NV 89502
&
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

Jack Mayes, Vice-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 – Tab 2

Vice-Chair Mayes, 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 September 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes – Tab 3

Vice-Chair Mayes, will begin the discussion to approve, deny, make possible changes or corrections to the September 10, 2024, meeting minutes.

4. Presentation of the Disability Inclusion Awards – Tab 4

Mechelle Merrill, Deputy Administrator of Programs, will open the floor. Ken Pierson will provide information on initiatives with partners.

5. For Possible Action: NSRC 2024 Annual Report Final Draft. – Tab 5

Emire Stitt, contractor to review the proposed final draft of the NSRC Annual Report and discuss possible changes, additions, or corrections.

The Nevada State Rehabilitation Council must prepare and submit to the Governor and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), no later than 90 days after the end of the Federal fiscal year an Annual Report on the status of the vocational rehabilitation programs operated within the state and make the report available to the public through appropriate modes of communication, [34 CFR § 361.17](#).

6. Open Meeting Law Training –Tab 6

Angela Lee, Deputy Attorney General, will present.

7. Other reports –Tab 7

Vice-Chair Mayes, will Open the floor for updates on Client Assistance Program & Nevada State Independent Living Representatives.

Kate Osti, 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. Disability Innovation Fund (DIF) Grant update. – Tab 8

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

9. Divisions Report – Tab 9

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 2025

10. Comments by the Council – Tab 10

Vice-Chair Mayes, will begin the discussion.

11. Public Comment – Tab 11

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12. Adjournment – Tab 12

Council Members

Raquel O'Neill, (Chair), Jack Mayes (Vice-Chair),
Judy Swain, Rebecca Rogers, Cynthia Gustafson, Jennifer Casselman, David Nuestro,
Dawn Lyons, Robin Kincaid, Sandra Sinicrope, 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
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- DETR - 2800 E. St. Louis Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104
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- 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
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- 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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