

## MINUTES

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE  
Institutional Advisory Council  
2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703

Thursday, March 19, 2026, 2:00 p.m. (PST)

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE ONLY (see information below to join meeting via video or telephone) AND THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING.

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** - Cary Richardson  
WNC IAC Chair Cary Richardson called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

1. Michelle Joy - Present
2. Alan Jurkonis - Not present
3. Wendy Loomis - Not Present
4. Jim Peckham - Present
5. Mary Pierczynski - Present
6. Cary Richardson, Chair - Present
7. Sean Rowe – Not Present

*Others present:*

Tracy Mendibles, Recorder

Kyle Dalpe, President

Natalie Brown, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Community Colleges

Dana Ryan, VP of Academic and Student Affairs

Coral Lopez, VP of Finance and Administration

Melody Duley, Chief HR Officer & Chief of Staff

- 2. Public Comment** **Information Only**  
Chair Richardson asked for public comment and none was offered.
- 3. Approval of Minutes** **Information/For Possible Action**  
Chair Richardson asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 25, 2025 IAC meeting. None were offered. Jim Peckham motioned to approve the minutes. Mary Pierczynski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 4. College Updates by President Dalpe** **Information Only**  
We are right around 4000 students this semester, enrollment is right where we want it to be. There are a number of projects going on such as, construction has started at the Fallon campus,

the design for the Douglas campus is about to be completed, and completing work on the Reynolds building on the Carson campus as fast as we can. We've also upgraded bathrooms.

The cafeteria space in the Aspen building, \$1.5M was received from the State for capital improvements which needs to be spent by June of 2027. Additional funding was received in federal funding for the project. The goal is to have food service on campus.

We also received funding for some updates on the observatory, such as dark skies outdoor lighting.

Strategic planning is in progress, which is on a 7-year cycle to be in line with the accreditation schedule.

- 5. Remarks from WNC IAC Chair Cary Richardson** **Information Only**  
Chair Richardson remarked that it is great to see the momentum on campus.
- 6. Presentation on WNC's Spring Updates** **Information Only**  
The [Spring Welcome Back powerpoint](#) presentation was shared with the group.
- 7. Remarks from WNC IAC Members** **Information Only**  
Remarks offered by Mary Pierczynski  
Remarks offered by Jim Peckham  
Remarks offered by Michelle Joy
- 8. New Business** **Information Only**  
No new business.
- 9. Public Comment** **Information Only**  
No public comment.
- 10. Adjourn** **Information Only**  
Chair Richardson adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.