

MINUTES

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

Thursday, September 25, 2025, 1:00 p.m. (PST)

THIS MEETING WAS HELD via Zoom and at Western Nevada College, 2201 West College Parkway, Carson City, NV, 89703, Dini 201 in the Dini Library

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Cary Richardson

WNC IAC Chair Cary Richardson called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm and roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

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

Niki Gladys, Chief Advancement Officer

Daisy Perez Martel, Assistant to the VPASA

Lauren Slemenda Moore, Manager, Continuing Education

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 May 6, 2025 IAC meeting. None were offered. Jim Peckham motioned to approve the minutes. Wendy Loomis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. College Updates by President Dalpe

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President Dalpe gave an update on what is IAC. IAC is a state mandated advisory group to the President and the college, which meets a minimum of twice a year.

President Dalpe shared that he invited Lauren Slemenda Moore, the Manager of Non-credit programs, to give an overview of her offerings to the committee.

For credit students, enrollment is approximately 4000 students in the fall semester. Because of all of the flexible learning options now offered, the final enrollment number will not be known until January.

44% of WNC's enrollment is high school students. WNC does not receive 44% of its funding for high school students due to the weighted student credit hour formula, it is more like 23%. There is supposed to be a decline in this population in the near future which would have a negative affect WNC's enrollment.

The Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA) conference was attended in Missouri. Several Midwest schools reported their dual enrollment was 60% of their overall enrollment.

There is a significant number of facilities projects going on right now. A major renovation is going on at the Fallon campus, Pinion building. \$2.3 million from the federal government and additional funds from two private foundations to expand allied health in Fallon. Completion is scheduled for September 2026.

The Minden, Douglas campus has \$4.6 million going into its renovation, also to expand the allied health programs. Completion is scheduled for September 2027.

The other two projects that are going on are capital improvement projects, the interior space of the Aspen building, \$1.5 million and two years to complete, and the Observatory, \$1.5 million and four years to complete.

Fernley is one service area where WNC does not have a campus. \$600,000 was recently received for a battery recycling program and there are people to train but no building. WNC is looking to partner with local industry.

Senator Rosen visited the Carson City campus.

- 5. Remarks from WNC IAC Chair Cary Richardson** **Information Only**
Chair Richardson remarked that it's great to see everyone back to school and see the momentum. Hopefully the funding and other thing come together.

- 6. Presentation on WNC's non-credit programs** **Information Only**
Continuing education identifies needs in the community for skills and knowledge that traditional for credit programs can't fill.

Career training is typically short term, between 5 weeks and 18 months. Most are self-paced and online.

Professional development includes customer service skills to Lean 6, Sigma Green and Black Belt, which is manufacturing process improvement.

Community education classes are offered for things such as putting together a binder of legal and medical paperwork for caring for a seriously ill loved one. There are also fun classes like how to use credit card points for free travel.

695 learners are served, almost 500 certificates have been awarded and have a catalog of almost 900 courses.

Launching a feasibility study soon for guidance on when, where, how and what needs to be offered next through continuing education.

7. Remarks from WNC IAC Members

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Wendy Loomis offered remarks
Cary Richardson offered remarks
Natalie Brown offered remarks

8. Wrap-up Discussion on Topics Presented

Information Only

No wrap-up discussion.

9. New Business

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If there are elements of the college, like continuing education, that you would like a presentation on, please let WNC know.

Could the group get an update on battery recycling? American Batteries and Redwood

10. Public Comment

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No public comment.

11. Adjourn

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Chair Richardson adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.