



**CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS  
EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SUMMARY MINUTES**

February 26, 2024  
5:00 p.m., Council Chambers,  
2250 Las Vegas Boulevard North,  
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030  
Website - <http://www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com>

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairwoman Hirschi** called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

**VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW**

**City Clerk Jackie Rodgers** confirmed compliance with Open Meeting Law.

**ROLL CALL**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Member Johnson  
Member Hirschi  
Member Spurlock  
Member Romero  
Member Mathis (Arrived at 5:07 p.m.)  
Member Magallon  
Member Carpenter

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Member Calvo (Absent)  
Member Coleman (Absent)  
Member Serrano (Absent)

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Senior Deputy City Attorney Rhiann Jarvis Denman  
Education Initiatives Manager Ingrid Johnson  
Community Services and Engagement Director Wilson Ramos  
City Clerk Jackie Rodgers  
Chief Deputy City Clerk Cherry Lawson

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - BY INVITATION**

Led by **Councilman Isaac Barron**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Chairwoman Hirschi** opened the meeting to receive public comment. No comments were received.

## **AGENDA**

1. Education Advisory Committee Special Meeting Agenda of February 26, 2024.  
(For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)

**MOTION:** *Member Johnson moved and Member Romero second the motion approving the agenda as presented.*

**ACTION:** **APPROVED**

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Education Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2023. (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)

**MOTION:** *Member Spurlock moved and Member Magallon second the motion approving the Consent Agenda as presented.*

**ACTION:** **APPROVED**

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

## **BUSINESS**

3. Presentation by the Lumen Impact Group on Assisting the City of North Las Vegas with the Charter School Authorizer Application Process. (For Discussion)

*(The full presentation may be viewed from the city's website at <https://cityofnorthlasvegas.primegov.com/public/portal>). Below are highlights of the presentation.*

**Education Initiative Manager Ingrid Johnson** introduced **Lumen Impact Group** representatives (attending via telephone), **Amy Ruck Kagan, Laura Groth and David Hartman**. **Ms. Ruck Kagan** explained that she and Laura work for Lumen Impact Group, and David works for an organization called Ben Education, but that they are the team supporting the city and their sponsor application.

**Ms. Ruck Kagan** provided history of the movement and then specifically the history of the charter movement in the state of Nevada. The first charter school law was passed in Minnesota in 1991 and today, 47 jurisdictions, across the country have charter school laws. That is 45 states plus D.C. and Puerto Rico. There are nearly 7700 charter schools across the country, and we enroll about 3.4 million students, which equates to about 7% of all public school students in the United States.

The state charter authority has 80 charter school campuses located in five counties across Nevada. That includes Churchill, Clark, Elko, Washoe, and White Pine. Then 85% of those, are in Clark County. We have three school districts currently in the state that are allowed to authorize Clark County, Washoe and Carson City, but those have very small numbers across them. And until recently, no other entity was approved to be a sponsor within the state. However, legislation was recently passed, and the city has determined that there is an alignment with the city's strategic plan. There is an urgency to really make sure that all of the residents of North Las Vegas have quality school options.

**Chairwoman Hirschi** opened the meeting to receive public comment and the following individual provided comments.

**Isaac Barron 22604 Stanley Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV** stated that the Board Members were appointed to consider really important decisions such as this one. He is very happy to hear the questions posed by members, as each came with a different perspective. It is good to see that in the City of North Las Vegas, we have people who are thoughtful, are definitely caring, and are looking out for the very best interests of the children and their education.

4. 2024 Black Hair Care Product Drive and Distribution of Items to Students in North Las Vegas. (For Discussion)

**Chairwoman Hirschi** stated this is the second year that the City has put this event on—that Mayor Goynes-Brown and City Council were behind the efforts to bring this event forward and the Board has supported it. It has been a big success. She thanked Homemade of Southern Nevada as they contributed over \$1,000 to the hair care drive, as well as **Member Coleman** for her efforts, **Kiana Fletcher, Tiffany Washington, Sariah Coleman, Annie Margaron** and many others for their participation.

5. Discuss Questions for Council to Consider Forwarding to the Clark County School District (CCSD) for Feedback and Answers from CCSD in Advance of the Next Quarterly Reporting. (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Discuss and Approve)

**Member Carpenter** stated that she would like to have a question forward to CCSD specifically regarding absenteeism in the City of North Las Vegas, and as a follow-up what steps are being taken to combat the issue.

**Chairwoman Hirschi** stated she would like to know how CCSD is handling the situation with students in need, and would appreciate knowing whether it is different in each school, and whether there is an opportunity for the Board to assist in this effort.

**Member Romero** stated he would like to have a question submitted related to the recruitment and interview process for a principal of one of the high schools or any school within our jurisdiction. Also to ensure the SOT participates in selection of the person who will lead their school. He expressed his opinion that CCSD should not rubberstamp a decision of allowing a deputy superintendent to serve in the seat of the superintendent. There should be some oversight by the state.

**Member Johnson** stated that it would be great to have representation from the cities in Nevada on the Board that can only be a voice; however, in her opinion if one cannot vote, how strong is one's voice. It would be great if our representatives could have a vote. **Ms. Johnson** explained that this item should be discussed under Item No. 6.

**Ms. Rodgers** stated this item calls for a motion as it calls for approval.

**Chairwoman Hirschi** asked for a motion to forwarding and receiving feedback from CCSD in advance for the Board's next quarterly meeting. **Senior Deputy City Attorney Rhiann Jarvis Denman** stated that the way this item phrased this would be recommendation to the City Council for questions that they will submit to CCSD for their quarterly meeting, as CCSD come to the Council Meetings quarterly and the city is able to get those questions in advance. She assisted the Board in restructuring the motion, stating the motion today should be the Board's recommended questions to be submitted by Council to CCSD.

**MOTION:** *Member Johnson moved and Member Mathis second the motion that the questions that were brought forward during the discussion be provided to the City Council for feedback.*

**ACTION:** **APPROVED**

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

6. Discuss Areas of Stakeholder Concern in North Las Vegas Schools to Relay to the City's Non-Voting School Board Trustee. (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Discuss and Approve)

**Member Carpenter** stated that CCSD is continuing to try to come up with ways to retain teachers, she asked whether the City's non-voting, School Board Trustee explore what specifically is happening that may benefit the city of North Las Vegas.

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**Member Magallon** inquired how the city would recruit teachers for a charter school city of North Las Vegas that has the lowest licensed teachers teaching in the schools.

**Chairwoman Hirschi** asked for a motion on this item, as it is a recommendation to the City Council to discuss areas of stakeholder concern in North Las Vegas Schools relay to the city's non-voting school Board Trustee.

**MOTION:** *Member Romero moved and Member Johnson second the motion.*

**ACTION:** **APPROVED**

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

No comments/reports offered by staff.

## **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

**Chairwoman Hirschi** reported on the following:

- Sedway Middle School is in the process of completing its calming room slash Counselor's Corner, it should be completed in March.
- Dickinson Elementary School reached out to us in regards to their Stem programs; she connected them with former **Committee Member Ursula Garvin**.
- **Ms. Garvin** is hosting a Stem Biotic Day on March 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to promote family engagement. She is also providing training to teachers in the robotics program.
- Dickinson Elementary is hosting a career day on May 10 from 8 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. They are in need of five speakers for that event.
- Northeast Career and Tech Academy hosted an NCAA Meeting last week.
- Legacy High School does not have a liaison with the trade school. If anyone is interested, to please let her know.
- Tristan Hayes attended the meeting; she connected with him, as he is over the trade schools at CCSD. She connected Mr. Hays with Carlos Brown, Fleet Manager at Hirschi Companies. Mr. Brown will review the curriculum for diesel mechanics.
- **Member Mathis** and the Public Education Foundation took cookies to all of the high schools in the city of North Las Vegas to remind their students and seniors to submit their applications

**Member Mathis** reported in the City of North Las Vegas, Clark County School District there are over 300 amazing schools throughout the district. However in North Las Vegas we have four (r43) schools that are named after African-American persons, as follows: William Bob Bailey Middle School, Eva G. Simmons Elementary School (in the audience), Ruby Duncan Elementary, and Goynes Elementary School.

**Ms. Johnson** stated Reading Week starts the week of March 4, with Dr. Seuss, and the City of North Las Vegas has some request from our schools most are elementary and some are for middle schools.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Isaac Barron 22604 Stanley Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV** stated that he is impressed with the manner in which the Committee has conducted its meeting, as it was his first time attending. He stated that he had attended the last CCSD Board Meeting, and that some things have changed. The Committee is moving into a more inclusive manner, though there are still some things that need to occur. He commented on the upcoming election cycle and those on the Board that have stated they would not seek reelection; however expressed that some state leaders are also dissatisfied with the way things are going.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairwoman Hirschi** adjourned the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of the Education Advisory Committee Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2024. I further certify that a quorum was present.

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Jackie Rodgers, City Clerk