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Nevada Commission on Postsecondary Education

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Post Date: October 28, 2025

The Commission on Postsecondary Education will conduct a meeting on **November 5, 2025**, commencing 9:00 a.m., at the locations listed below and via videoconferencing:

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DETR – EmployNV
Conference Room
3405 S. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89169

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The Commission may take items out of order; combine two or more items for consideration; remove an item from the agenda; or delay discussion on any item. The Commission will take public comment at the beginning and end of this meeting and may allow public comment after conclusion of any contested case or quasi-judicial proceedings that may affect the due process rights of an individual. The Commission will limit public comment to three minutes. Written submissions may be considered. While there will be no restriction on comments based on viewpoint, repetitive comments may be limited.

AGENDA

General Business

- A. Call to Order -----Informational
- B. Public Comment Phone Option Instructions -----Informational
- C. Public Comment-----Informational
Chair may limit public comment to 3 minutes per speaker but may not restrict comment based upon viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under the public comment period, unless the matter itself has been specifically included on this agenda as an action item.
- D. Review Written Comments -----Informational
- E. Confirmation of Posting and Opening Meeting Compliance -----Informational
- F. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum -----Informational
- G. Adoption of Agenda -----For possible action
- H. Approval of August 6, 2025, Minutes -----For possible action
- I. Administrator's Report -----Informational

Applicants for consideration of Full Term Licensure

- J. Academy of Protective Studies -----For possible action
- K. Charter College -----For possible action
- L. Dog Grooming Skills Academy -----For possible action
- M. Doral College -----For possible action
- N. NCLab -----For possible action

Applicants for consideration of an Initial Provisional License

- O. Alba Dealing School----- For possible action
- P. Dealer's Choice Gaming ----- For possible action
- Q. Intelvio Medical Training -----For possible action
- R. Nova Southeastern University -----For possible action

Application for Continued Enrollment

Closed session to consider the character, misconduct, competence or health of a person – action will be taken in open session.

- S. Las Vegas Institute of Welding -----For possible action
- T. Northwest Career College -----For possible action

Comments

- U. Public Comment-----Informational
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Adjournment

- V. Adjournment ----- For possible action

A copy of the meeting Notice and Agenda can be requested either in person or by written request to the Commission on Postsecondary Education, 2800 E. St. Louis Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104; email at dikajatt@detr.nv.gov; or telephone Devon Kajatt at (702) 486-2805 or fax request to (702) 486-7340. Copies of pertinent documents will also be made available on the CPE and DETR website at: <http://cpe.nv.gov> and <http://detr.nv.gov>.

NOTE: Written comments must be received by the Commission on Postsecondary Education on or before November 4, 2025, at the following address:

Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation
Employment Security Division
Commission on Postsecondary Education
Attn: Devon Kajatt
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Las Vegas, NV 89104
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Notice of this meeting was mailed to groups and individuals as requested at the following locations on or before 9 a.m. on the 3rd working day prior to the scheduled meeting date.

1. Commission on Postsecondary Education principal office at, 3405 S. Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89169
2. DETR – State Administrative Office, Stan Jones Building, 2800 E. St. Louis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
3. Nevada Building, Governor’s Office, 1 State Way, Las Vegas, NV 89119

Notice of this meeting was posted on the Internet on the following websites: DETR’s Public Notices website at: http://detr.nv.gov/Page/PUBLIC_NOTICES, the State of Nevada’s Public Notices website at: <https://notice.nv.gov/>, the Commission on Postsecondary Education page at www.cpe.nv.gov.

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Live Meeting:

DETR – Job Connect/EmployNV
Conference Room
3405 S. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89169

Zoom Meeting:

Topic: CPE Quarterly Commission Meeting
Time: August 6, 2025, 9:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Zoom Meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nvdetr-org.zoom.us/j/81739592143?pwd=GRt5238qOVjbpzUnKQ3zqxylLegbWuM.1>

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Staff Present During Video Conference

Kelly Wuest, CPE Administrator
Maricris Wu, CPE Education Specialist
Susan Beckett, CPE Compliance Investigator I
Devon Kajatt, CPE Administrative Assistant III

Commissioners Present During Video Conference Meeting

Dr. Thomas Kenny, Chair
Sharon Frederick, Vice Chair
Dr. Randall Kirner
Jon Ponder
Kara Abe
Sherida Devine

Commissioners Absent During Video Conference Meeting

Peter Mikhail (excused)
Jessica Todtman (excused)

Members of the Public, Educational Institutions, and Other Agencies Present

Amber Richins, Director, Assist to Succeed Las Vegas
Tricia Catalino, Dean, Graduate College of Health Sciences, Hawaii Pacific University
Leonard LaFrance, Director and President, NCLab
Pavel Solin, Founder, NCLab

Daniel Salazar, Director, William's Academy
Joshua Lorenzana, William's Academy
Wei Zhang, Instructor, William's Academy
Greg Cloward, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Chu Hui Lo, William's Academy
Amy Li, William's Academy
Jing Bi, William's Academy
Cade Grogan
Katie Borden
Lorna Harrison

STATE OF NEVADA
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION
COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
MINUTES

August 6, 2025 – 9:00 AM PDT

Call to Order

The meeting was held via Video Conference, via ZOOM, and in person, DETR – Job Connect Conference Room, 3405 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89169. The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Thomas Kenny at approximately 9:02 AM.

Public Comment Phone Option Instructions

For members of the public please note the options for attending this zoom meeting are via web and phone:

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Public Comments

Devon Kajatt confirmed no one was physically present in the conference room, in the Zoom meeting, or via the phone for public comment.

Written Comments

Devon Kajatt confirmed that no written comments were received.

Confirmation of Posting

For the record, Devon Kajatt, Commission on Postsecondary Education. Proper notice was provided for this meeting pursuant to Nevada's Open Meeting Law, NRS 241.020, and confirmation of posting was received. We are in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Roll Call

- Commissioner Chair Kenny – Present
- Commissioner Vice-Chair Frederick – Present
- Commissioner Ponder – Present
- Commissioner Kirner – Present
- Commissioner Todtman – Absent (excused)
- Commissioner Abe – Present
- Commissioner Mikhail – Absent (excused)
- Commissioner Devine-Present

Administrative Assistant Devon Kajatt took roll verbally and by video. Quorum was confirmed.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Chair Kenny – Motion to approve adoption of Agenda for August 6, 2025.

Second: Commissioner Kirner.

Discussion: None.

Results: Commissioners Mikhail and Todtman were absent for the vote; the agenda is adopted.

Approval of May 7, 2025, Minutes

Motion: Chair Kenny– Motion to approve the minutes for the May 7, 2025, meeting.

Second: Commissioner Devine.

Discussion: None.

Results: Commissioners Mikhail and Todtman were absent for the vote; motion carries.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Wuest gave the Administrator's Report as submitted, and welcomed new administrative assistant Devon Kajatt, who joined CPE in June 2025, to the team. The Commission on Postsecondary Education reported two school opening and zero closures in the last three months. Regarding CPE's Veteran Administration update, in June CPE hosted the School Certifying Official (SCO) conference at Touro University with approximately 50 attendees. As of August 6, 2025, CPE has completed 9 of 11 scheduled supervisory visits, and reporting on said visits will be completed within one week. CPE is current with all VA applications. Two bills from the 2025 Legislative Session impact the Commission: AB 164 and SB 343. Assembly Bill 164 of the 83rd Session increases the Student Indemnification Fund from \$250,000 to \$750,000. Senate Bill 343 of the 83rd Session creates an exemption for CPE background requirements for individuals who hold a professional or occupational license in this State for which a background investigation was required. The law goes into effect October 1, 2025, and CPE is working to revise its forms to accommodate this change. CPE was selected as one of the first state agencies to transition to a new website provider beginning September 17, 2025. Additionally, the NCCIS background check process has transitioned online, and CPE staff are working to develop new processes and procedures to reflect these changes. Staff have also been working to move EDvera closer to launch. The Commission saw an increase in student complaints over the last quarter, many of whom were from students who were angry because their institutions adhered to their own policies and procedures but did have a couple of actionable complaints that are being investigated.

Applicants for Consideration of Full-Term Licensure

Assist to Succeed Las Vegas

Testified: Amber Richins, Director, was present to answer questions but did not testify.
Discussion: None
Motion: Commissioner Kirner –Assist to Succeed Las Vegas be granted a full-term license.
Second: Commissioner Ponder.
Results: Commissioners Mikhail and Todtman were absent for the vote; motion carries.

Hawaii Pacific University

Testified: Tricia Catalino, Dean, Graduate College of Health Sciences was present to answer any questions and thanked staff for being professional and very supportive.
Discussion: None
Motion: Commissioner Kirner –Hawaii Pacific University be granted a full-term license.
Second: Commissioner Devine.
Results: Commissioners Mikhail and Todtman were absent for the vote; motion carries.

Pretty in Ink Brow Academy

Testified: None
Discussion: None.
Motion: Commissioner Ponder – The Provisional license for Pretty in Ink Brow Academy be extended for an additional nine months.
Second: Commissioner Abe.
Results: Commissioners Mikhail and Todtman were absent for the vote; motion carries.

Savvy Needle Phlebotomy Training

Testified: None
Discussion: None
Motion: Commissioner Kirner – Savvy Needle Phlebotomy Training be granted a full-term license.
Second: Commissioner Frederick.
Results: Commissioners Mikhail and Todtman were absent for the vote; motion carries.

NCLab

Testified: Leonard Lafrance, President, and Pavel Solin, Founder. Leonard Lafrance stated that NCLab is eager to come into compliance with Nevada's statutes and regulations but argued that NCLab is a unique institution and that the laws and regulations enacted related to postsecondary institutions and their instructors should not apply to NCLab because of its unique business model, which is heavily reliant on artificial intelligence (AI).

Discussion:

Pavel Solin agreed that NCLab does not employ instructors due to its AI-based teaching model, and therefore, that certain requirements such as conducting FBI background checks and maintaining a surety bond are not only not required, but also excessive and prohibitive to businesses such as NCLab.

Vice Chair Frederick inquired about the surety bond: whether or not NCLab currently has one in effect and at what amount. Pavel Solin responded that the Commission's calculation of the surety at \$112,000 is prohibitively excessive, especially as Mr. Solin does not believe NCLab employs course instructors. Rather than the \$112,000 bond currently required by the Commission, Pavel Solin suggested a \$10,000 bond would be more appropriate and fairer. Discussion about surety bond calculation ensued, with Administrator Wuest explaining that bond amounts are calculated based on projected student enrollment across an institution's programs, that NCLab had proposed courses in five different programs and that NCLab provided CPE with projected student enrollments in the programs that required bond amount of \$112,000, instead. Pavel Solin suggested that, as NCLab is already required to carry liability insurance to indemnify UNR, the company should also not be required to maintain a surety bond in excess over the insurance. Administrator Wuest explained that the bond is required by law to indemnify the Commission pursuant to NRS Chapter 394.

Chair Kenny inquired about the contracts NCLab has entered into with NSHE institutions in this State. The Commission requested copies of all contracts with the state's public institutions. Leonard Lafrance and Pavel Solin argued that they do not have the authority to share their contracts with the Commission and that, even if they did have authority, they still would not be able to produce the documents as they are not contracts at all, but actually Memoranda of Understandings (MOUs), instead. Leonard Lafrance stated his interest in attaining compliance and would be willing to adjust the language in the contracts to become compliant, so long as NCLab is able to continue avoiding any interpretation of Nevada's statutes which might suggest that NC Lab provides direct instruction to students. NCLab once again stated their goal of being eligible to participate in the ETPL. In order to do so, NCLab must be licensed by CPE and, in order to be licensed, NCLab must comply with Commission requirements.

Administrator Wuest stated that the Commission has attempted to obtain copies of each of the contracts NCLab entered into with NSHE and has received one contract back. She explained that the Commission is not interested in any information about the proprietary software being used, but rather information about employee roles, advertising, and funding, so that the Commission can gain a full understanding of the institution's structure.

Vice Chair Frederick inquired about NCLab compliance with CPE background check requirements for school staff. Both Pavel Solin and Leonard Lafrance claimed not to understand which employees are required to undergo background screening and asked the Commission for clarification around background screening requirements, stating they believed they had been compliant. Susan Beckett explained that NCLab's academic advisors, as well as anyone else in direct contact with students, must complete the background check process. Pavel Solin asked which credentials would be required for NCLab advisors; Susan Beckett stated that CPE staff will be happy to provide NCLab with guidance in this matter.

Commissioner Devine asked if it would be possible to cap the number of students allowed into a program and then base the bond amount off that capped calculation. Chair Kenny sympathized with Devine's question but stated that the problem seems to stem from the fundamental disagreement as to whether or not NCLab provides direct instruction to students and, if so, whether or not NCLab has any students enrolled in its programs. While NCLab claims to have only had one enrollee in the past year, the institution claimed to have at least five students in each of its five programs when it submitted its application to CPE.

Motion: Chair Kenny – The Commission is to evaluate the bond requirements and require reinstatement of the bond within a 30-day timeframe or the license will be suspended until a bond is issued; require NCLab to submit all current institutional documents for CPE staff approval; and extend the provisional license of NCLab for an additional 3 months to enable CPE staff to provide an extensive report concerning the operations of NCLab.

Second: Commissioner Devine.

Results: Commissioners Mikhail and Todtman were absent for the vote; motion carries.

Applicants for Consideration of Initial Provisional Licensure

William's Academy

Testified: Daniel Salazar, Director; Joshua Lorenzana, Institutional Contact, and Wei Zheng, Instructor.

Discussion: Chair Kenny inquired as to what sorts of relationships the school is building with community partners in an effort to connect future graduates with vocational outcomes. Mr. Lorenzana stated that, while the school has not had the opportunity to build out formal relationships with local casino operators, the school's instructors work in the industry and are aware of which properties are looking to add dealers at any given time. Commissioner Ponder asked about the institution's recruiting strategy and was told that William's Academy plans to focus on marketing efforts through the school's website and social media accounts. The school plans to maintain most records in a digital format and plans to utilize the HubSpot application to manage student records, and Chair Kenny reminded William's Academy to ensure any third party contracted to assist with records management be FERPA compliant.

Commissioner Kirner asked what kinds of skill sets are required for students at the school and how long it will take to complete the poker dealing program. The school has developed practical training that will include various real-world scenarios designed to expose students to many of the common situations that can arise at table games in casinos.

Motion: Commissioner Kenny – A 12-month provisional license be granted to William's Academy, contingent upon receipt of a surety bond in the amount of \$10,000, faculty approval, personnel information and curriculum approval.

Second: Commissioner Kirner.

Results: Commissioners Mikhail and Todtman were absent for the vote; motion carries.

Election of Officers

Nominations: Nomination of Dr. Thomas Kenny for Chair; Thomas Kenny accepted.
Nomination of Sharon Frederick for Vice Chair; Sharon Frederick accepted.

Results: Commissioners Mikhail and Todtman were absent for the votes; both votes passed unanimously among those present.

Public Comments

Chair Kenny confirmed no one was physically present in the Zoom meeting, or on the phone for public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Kenny at 10:30 AM PDT.