

Notice of Public Meeting

**Nevada State Rehabilitation Council (N.S.R.C.)
Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 1 p.m.**

Physical Meeting Locations:

Vocational Rehabilitation
1325 Corporate Boulevard, Reno, NV 89502
&
Vocational Rehabilitation
3016 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89102

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Quorum Confirmation, and Agenda Posting Verification - Tab 1

Raquel O'Neill, Chair, will call the meeting to order. Jenny Richter Livia, the NSRC Council Liaison, will conduct the roll call, confirm the presence of a quorum, and verify the timely posting of the agenda and notice of the meeting in accordance with Open Meeting Law.

2. Public Comment - Tab 2

Ms. O'Neill 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 **253 205 0468**.

3. For Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of the February 04, 2025, Meeting Minutes - Tab 3

Ms. O'Neill will begin the discussion to approve, deny, make possible changes or corrections to the February 04, 2025 meeting minutes.

4. For Discussion Only: Vocational Rehabilitation Success Stories - Tab 4

Mechelle Merrill, Deputy Administrator of Programs, will introduce two Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Counselors who will share participants' success stories.

5. For Discussion and Possible Action: Approval Letter for Governor Joe Lombardo - Tab 5

Ms. O'Neill will begin the discussion to approve, deny, make possible changes or corrections to the draft Letter

6. For Discussion Only: Other reports - Tab 6

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.

7. For Discussion Only: Disability Innovation Fund (DIF) Grant update. - Tab 7

Mechelle Merrill, Deputy Administrator of Programs, will provide an update on the Nevada TRIP.

8. For Discussion Only: Disability Inclusion Partnership Plaque Presentations 2025. - [Tab 8](#)

Mechelle Merrill, Deputy Administrator of Programs, will open the floor to Ken Pierson, who will provide information on Employer Recognition.

9. For Discussion Only: State Plan Subcommittee for the scheduled meeting on July 9, 2025 - [Tab 9](#)

Mr. Mayes will begin the discussion on possible future meeting agenda items

10. For Discussion Only: Division Reports - [Tab 10](#)

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

11. For Discussion Only: Comments by the Council - [Tab 11](#)

Ms. O'Neill will begin the discussion on possible future meeting agenda items.

12. Public Comment - [Tab 12](#)

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13. Adjournment

Council Members

Raquel O'Neill (Chair), Robin Kincaid, Cynthia Gustafson,
Judy Swain, Rebecca Rogers, Jennifer Kane, Jack Mayes (Vice-Chair),
Dawn Lyons, 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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- Voc. Rehab - 3016 W. Charleston Blvd. Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89102
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- 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 - 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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