

*****Notice of Public Meeting*****

The meeting is subject to the provisions of the Nevada Open Meeting Law [NRS 241.020](#)

Nevada State Rehabilitation Council (N.S.R.C.)

Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 1:00 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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URL: <https://nvdetr-org.zoom.us/j/84622125935>

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

Jack Mayes, Chair, will call the meeting to order. Jenny Richter Livia, NSRC 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

Chair Mayes 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 has imposed a limit of **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 dial **(253) 205 0468** when prompted to provide the meeting **ID 846 2212 5935**. You can also visit [zoom.us](#) and enter the meeting ID **846 2212 5935**. Members of the public attending virtually can request to speak by using the “Raise Hand” feature.

3. For Discussion Only: NSRC Membership Updates- Tab 3

Chair Mayes will open the floor for new members’ self-introduction and for informational only the current council composition membership.

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 of the May 5, 2026, Meeting Minutes - Tab 5

Chair Mayes will begin the discussion to approve, deny, make possible changes or corrections to the May 5, 2026, meeting minutes.

6. For Discussion and Possible Action: 2026 NSRC First Draft Annual Report - Tab 6

Julie Irish contractor, to review the proposed first draft of the NSRC Annual Report and discuss possible changes, additions, or corrections.

The Nevada State Rehabilitation Council must prepare and submit to the Governor and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), no later than 90 days after the end of the Federal fiscal year an Annual Report on the status of the vocational rehabilitation programs operated within the state and make the report available to the public through appropriate modes of communication, [34 CFR § 361.17](#)

7. For Discussion Only: Consumer Satisfaction Quarterly Results from Market Decisions Research (MDR)- [Tab 7](#)

MDR brief presentation for the First Quarter findings.

8. For Discussion Only: Disability Employment Business Partnerships Program Updates - [Tab 8](#)

Mechelle Merrill, Deputy Administrator of Programs, will open the floor to Cynthia Cendagorta, Chief, Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) who will provide an update on program initiatives.

9. For Discussion Only: Disability Innovation Fund (DIF) - [Tab 9](#)

Mechelle Merrill, Deputy Administrator of Programs, Will provide an update on the Nevada The Roadmap through Innovative Partnerships (Nevada TRIP).

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

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.

11. For Discussion Only: Division Reports- [Tab 11](#)

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

12. For Discussion Only: Comments by the Council- [Tab 12](#)

Chair Mayes will initiate the discussion.

13. Public Comment - [Tab 13](#)

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14. Adjournment- Tab 14

N.S.R.C. Council Members

Ashley De Loera, Obioma Officer, David Nuestro, Drazen Elez, Robin Kincaid, Jack Mayes (Chair), Dawn Lyons, Jennifer Kane, Sandra Sinicrope (Vice Chair), Rebecca Rogers, Mary Brabant, Edward Estipona, Charles (Chuck) Neuwohner, Rebecca Jayakumar

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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- Attorney General's Office - 1 State of Nevada Way. Suite #100 Las Vegas, NV 89119
- DETR - 500 E. Third Street, Carson City, NV 89713
- DETR - 2800 E. St. Louis Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89104
- Vocational Rehabilitation - 3016 W. Charleston Blvd. Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89102
- Vocational Rehabilitation - 1325 Corporate Blvd., Reno, NV 89502
- Carson City Library - 900 Roop St., Carson City, NV 89701
- 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 - 2281 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV 89431
- EmployNV Career Hub - 3405 S. Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89169
- 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

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