

JOE LOMBARDO  
Governor

Dr. KRISTOPHER SANCHEZ  
Director

STATE OF NEVADA



COMMISSION MEMBERS  
Gabriela Wyett, *Chair*  
Demetrius Ware, *Vice Chair*  
Nic Steele, *Member*  
Juanny Romero, *Member*  
Anabel Navarro, *Member*  
Jon Lau, *Member*  
Nina Gallagher, *Member*

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY  
NEVADA COMMISSION ON MINORITY AFFAIRS

*The central advisory body advocating for and providing a voice to Nevada's minority community."*

**MEETING MINUTES**

Name of the Agency: Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs

Date and Time of the Meeting: May 9, 2024, at 9:30am

Location: Hybrid meeting – Nevada State Business Center and remote technology system

**1. OPENING**

A. Call to order & Roll call

The meetings call to order at 9:38am by Chairwomen Gabriela Wyett

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Gabriela Wyett, Demetrius Ware, Nic Steele, Juanny Romero, Anabel Navarro, Nina Gallagher.

**Commission Members Absent:** Jon Lau

**Guest Speakers In Attendance:**

Kenneth Evans, Clarissa Cota, Adrina Ramos-King, Debra Solt, Janna Bernstein, Stavan Corbett.

**Department Leadership & Staff in Attendance:**

Marcel Schaerer, Deputy Director, Department of Business and Industry  
Michael Detmer, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Nevada Attorney General  
Angie Rojas, Management Analyst, Department of Business and Industry

**Members of the Public Present:**

Allison Loftus, Saul Ramos, Carmen Jones, Juan Diaz, Leslie Balzer, Araceli, Andrea Vigil, Gina Jackson, Janet Serial, Gina Jackson.

- B. Silent Meditation & Pledge of Allegiance, conducted by Chair Wyett
- C. Land Acknowledgements, conducted by Chair Wyett

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT (1<sup>st</sup> Period)**

None

**3. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- 1) Approval of April 10, 2024, meeting minutes  
Commissioner Ware moved to approve; Commissioner Steele seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

**4. NCMA ACADEMY SERIES – (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)**

Commissioner Nic Steele provided a background information on what the NCMA Academy is and its purpose. He also welcomed and thanked all guest speakers for participating in the roundtable discussion.

Guest speakers introduced themselves and provided information on the programs and services they provide to the community.

The meeting discussed workforce development initiatives, including a grant program for Hispanic and Latinx students, wraparound services, career exploration, and internship opportunities, with a focus on computer technology and healthcare sectors, as well as the need to scale successful programs and invest in talent development while addressing the lack of soft skills in the current workforce through secured funding from local municipalities and government departments.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT (2<sup>nd</sup> Period)**

Janet Serial pointed out that the PowerPoint presentations were not available on the website. MA Rojas stated that the presentation received from guest speakers will be added to the meeting minutes.

See attachment 1 for the PowerPoint presentation for the Math Map from Janna Bernstein.

**ATTACHMENT 1**

[El Mapa Matemático/Math Map](#)

Andrea Vigil thanked the Commission for having the meeting and for addressing workforce development initiatives in the State.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

June 13, 2024

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Steele moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Ware seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36am.