

MINUTES - AS PRESENTED 10/19/21
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
ATTENDANCE ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

October 5, 2021

9:35 a.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present

Becky Nielsen, Chair
Dave Flatt, Vice Chair
Anna Binder, Member
Diane Kinsel, Member
Lois Mack, Member (via phone conference)
Dr. Greta Peay, Member
Matthew Tramp, Member
Colleen Wilson-Pappa, Member

Members Absent

Albert Delgado, Member
Mallory Levins, Member

Tracy Murphy, Coordinator IV
Steve Burda, GIS Coordinator III

Ray Negrete, Transportation Coordinator IV

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt agenda dated October 5, 2021.

Motion: Matthew Tramp Second: Dave Flatt
Albert Delgado and Mallory Levins were not present to vote.

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were submitted.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the AZAC meeting minutes for January 19, 2021.

Motion: Dave Flatt Second: Colleen Wilson-Pappa
Albert Delgado and Mallory Levins were not present to vote.

Vote: Unanimous

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

Tracy Murphy welcomed the AZAC members back for another Zoning Season. She said there are some new faces and that staff appreciated the members' dedication to this commission. Ms. Murphy also welcomed newly appointed AZAC member, John Shea, who was sitting in the audience. She said he would be joining AZAC as a member at the next meeting.

Tracy introduced herself, the Demographics, Zoning, and GIS staff present, and Ray Negrete from Transportation. She thanked Luke Puschnig, General Counsel for the Clark County School District for attending the meeting.

Each AZAC member introduced themselves, they stated their time served on AZAC, the district they serve, their background, and/or some of their experiences with the school district.

REVIEW OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW/LLEGAL ISSUES

Luke Puschnig, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, stated he had provided AZAC with an Open Government Training presentation. He went over AZAC's responsibilities under the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Mr. Puschnig stated that the Nevada Open Meeting Law was designed to insure that committees actions and deliberations are done openly and publicly. He said that the Nevada Open Meeting Law applies to AZAC because the representatives are appointed by the Board of School Trustees. Mr. Puschnig defined a meeting as the gathering of members of the public at which a quorum is present therefore AZAC currently has 11 members, a quorum would be 6 members. He expressed the importance of providing the public with any document provided to AZAC at each meeting. Mr. Puschnig stated that public comment needs to have an adequate amount of time to speak; the Commission can not discriminate against someone who has a different opinion; and needs to allow the public to speak and express their opinion. He reviewed the consequences of violating the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Colleen Wilson-Pappa thanked Mr. Puschnig for his presentation and asked how to handle question(s) given in the Public Comment Period. She gave different examples on possible ways to address the public questions and asked for guidance.

Luke Puschnig stated that the public should be directed to speak to staff or to wait until the end of the meeting to speak to a member regarding question(s) because the Commission needs to complete business on the agenda.

Matthew Tramp asked for clarification of the quorum rule. He used the example of, if AZAC was to meet with the minimum amount of required members and if one member leaves that meeting then AZAC would have to stop that meeting because there would not be a quorum present. He also questioned if at Public Comment Period time a question arises that is out of AZAC's jurisdiction, does the Chair have the authority to stop that speaker, like the Board does at a Board meeting. Mr. Tramp asked for a timeline of when the redistricting of the Trustees will be done and if an AZAC member is taken out of the district they are currently representing, when will the new district boundaries take effect. He asked if the AZAC members would be able to finish out their term.

Luke Puschnig stated that AZAC should be following Robert's Rules of Order and the meeting should be ended in that situation when a quorum is no longer present. He said that AZAC has a wide definition of what AZAC does in regards to attendance zoning but in reality at the end of the meeting, the public can talk about anything; however, for the most part, the public should only be talking about Zoning. Mr. Puschnig stated he would have to review with the Board of School Trustees' Legal Counsel regarding the redistricting question.

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

Tracy Murphy presented the AZAC presentation of Operational Procedures. She gave brief details regarding AZAC, reviewed AZAC Duties, Regulation 7111, Criteria, 2021-2022 Zoning Season priorities, gave examples of the tools and data used in the zoning process, and reviewed a standard zoning timeline.

Colleen Wilson-Pappa thanked Tracy Murphy for the great overview. She stated that she loves the statistics staff provides. Mrs. Wilson-Pappa stated it will be trickier for next year as AZAC looks at these things while students are doing Distance Learning and some doing person to person. She asked what will be provided for the capacity reports.

Tracy Murphy stated that for Distance Learning, staff has the enrollment numbers for the Nevada Learning Academy which reflects the 2020-2021 school year and can present that in respect to what happened last year. She said that staff is currently working on the data and will be able to provide the enrollment numbers for this year.

Dr. Greta Peay thanked staff for the overview. She requested clarification that John C. Fremont Middle School will convert to a full magnet school for the 2022-2023 school year.

Tracy Murphy stated that the plan is for John C. Fremont Middle School to be a full magnet school for the 2022-2023 school year. She stated that there will need to be a transition of their current boundary.

Matthew Tramp asked for clarification regard staff tracking the stats at the zoned schools for all the students that are participating in Distance Learning

Steve Burda stated that staff observes the enrollments of the Virtual Academies both elementary and secondary levels, and monitors where the students are assigned based on the address provided and have the potential to return. He said that staff has seen a lot of growth in those programs.

Anna Binder asked if John C. Fremont Middle School transitioned into a magnet school will they have preferential seating for the students in their current zone versus students that live out of that area or do the magnet school rules apply. She wanted to know what outreach progress has been done to make the parents aware of these changes.

Tracy Murphy stated that the Magnet Office implements preference areas for the magnet schools and they operate under the lottery program. Mrs. Murphy stated that the Magnet Office does the outreach for their magnet schools.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Greta Peay nominated Becky Nielson for Chair. Colleen Wilson-Pappa nominated Matthew Tramp and Dr. Greta Peay nominated Dave Flatt for Vice Chair. Matthew Tramp withdrew his name from Vice Chair.

Motion to nominate Becky Nielson as AZAC Chair
Motion: Dr. Greta Peay Second: Lois Mack Vote: Unanimous
Albert Delgado and Mallory Levins were not present to vote.

Motion to nominate Dave Flatt as AZAC Vice Chair
Motion: Dr. Greta Peay Second: Anna Binder Vote: Unanimous
Albert Delgado and Mallory Levins were not present to vote.

CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

AZAC discussed the tentative dates for the next AZAC meeting. The next AZAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

John Shea introduced himself by stating that he has lived in Southern Nevada for about 25 years. He has recently sold his business which has opened some time to participate in other activities. Mr. Shea stated he has 2 daughters in the School District. He will be representing District E.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Motion: Dave Flatt

Second: Matthew Tramp

Vote: Unanimous

Albert Delgado and Mallory Levins were not present to vote.