



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Nevada Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights  
Announces Public Meetings Focused on Equity in Education Through  
Distance Learning**

The Nevada Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a series of public meetings – via webinar – examining equity in education through distance learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially among students in K-16 schools with disabilities and students of color. Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment session.

**EVENTS: Nevada Advisory Committee Public Meetings**

**WHEN: Improving Distance Education Outcomes Through Information Sharing I**

Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. PT, via webinar

Registration: <http://bit.ly/NVSAC3321>

Webex Meeting Number: 199 761 5903

Audio: (800) 360-9505

**Improving Distance Education Outcomes Through Information Sharing II**

Wednesday, March 31, 2021, 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. PT, via webinar

Registration: <http://bit.ly/NVSAC33121>

Webex Meeting Number: 199 068 5392

Audio: (800) 360-9505

Meeting materials and presentations will be available before and after the event at <http://bit.ly/NVSAC2021>. These are the first and second in a series of five public meetings exploring this topic. Please contact Ana Victoria Fortes (information above) for more details and regarding requests for accessibility.

The Committee will also accept written comments from members of the public. Please send written statements to Ana Fortes.

Chair Wendell Blaylock said: “The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all aspects of American life. Nowhere is this more evident than in the challenges to our local and nation-wide K-16

schools and education system. Through this project, the Nevada Committee will advise the Commission regarding potential issues with distance learning and effects to students on the basis of disability, race/ethnicity, and national origin, and if there is a potential for disparate impact. The Committee's findings and recommendations will provide integral information to the Commission, plus the appropriate federal and state entities, on the path forward for distance education."

**Nevada Advisory Committee  
Distance Learning and Equity in Education  
Web Hearing Agendas**

**Improving Distance Education Outcomes through Information  
Sharing Panel I**

March 3, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. PT

- Jhone Ebert, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada Department of Education
- Terry Norris, Director of E-Learning, College of Southern Nevada
- Melody Rose, Chancellor, Nevada System of Higher Education
- Brian Mitchel, Director, Office of Science, Innovation & Technology

**Improving Distance Education Outcomes through Information  
Sharing Panel II**

March 31, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. PT

- Stephanie Patton, Psychologist, Nevada Association of School Psychologists
- Dr. Vincent Richardson, Educator and Member, Clark County Education Association
- \*Representative, Great Basin College
- \*Representative, Nevada State Education Association

\*Tentative

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