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Name of Organization: Community Partnerships Subcommittee of the Science,
Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
Advisory Council

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 2:00 PM

Place of Meeting: Governor's Office of Science Innovation and
Technology (OSIT)
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MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call.
Brandolyn H. Thran, Chair

Chair Thran called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.

Members Present: Brandolyn H. Thran, Pom Jintasawang

Members Excused: Kelly Barber, Richard Knoepfel, Cheryl Wagner, Jeanenne Harter, David Philippi, Michele Lewis, Mike Jackson

Guests Present: Jackie Lucerno, Nevada Outdoor School

Staff Present: Brian Mitchell, Debra Petrelli

- II. **Public Comment** (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item.)

There was no public comment.

- III. **Welcoming Remarks.**
Brandolyn H. Thran, Chair
Jackie Lucerno, Nevada Outdoor School

Chair Thran welcomed members. She reviewed purpose of meeting: 1) To provide update on STEM Ambassador Program 2) To continue discussion regarding this group's connection to the Nevada STEM Advisory Council's Strategic Plan, and 3) To review draft Partnership White Paper.

Chair Thran introduced Jackie Lucerno with Nevada Outdoor School in Elko, Nevada. She said her group is growing and they are trying to add outdoor education options for kids which definitely crosses over with some of this Subcommittee's objectives.

- IV. **Approval of the Minutes from February 7, 2017 meeting.**
Brandolyn H. Thran, Chair

Ms. Jintasawang made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2017. Chair Thran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- V. **Update of STEM Ambassador Program**
Brandolyn H. Thran, Chair
Pom Jintasawang

Chair Thran provided an update and announced she is the new Program Manager for the Nevada STEM Coalition and discussed the generic plan to move forward with an improved website and to include trainings for both teachers and the STEM Ambassadors regarding the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), and the posting of the program on the STEM Hub website.

Ms. Jintasawang provided insights from the STEM Ambassador perspective. Some of her colleague have been frustrated by the lack of movement, the inappropriate matching to age/grade levels, and the necessary paperwork. These insights are greatly appreciated and will be taken into consideration as the program is improved for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

Mr. Mitchell discussed the Nevada STEM Hub website and current advertising and targeted outreach to get more parents/teachers aware it exists. He said by integrating the STEM Ambassador Program into the STEM Hub website we will broaden that outreach.

VI. Review Connections Between NV STEM Advisory Council Strategic Plan
Brandolyn H. Thran, Chair
Pom Jintasawang
Brian Mitchell

Ms. Jintasawang provided comments on the STEM Advisory Council's Strategic Plan and its connection with this Subcommittee;

1. Page 6: Ask "why" the lack of engagement? Her thoughts were that the system (school system) is difficult to navigate – can we help make that easier? Can we provide a list of ideas to help?
2. The 2020 goal of "double"
3. Page 7: Regarding under-represented demographic, where is the biggest bang for our buck?
4. How can we measure "STEM" better?

Mr. Mitchell was thankful for the comments and agreed that engaging schools in STEM are extremely hard. He said he agrees improving schools ability to work with people in the community definitely needs to happen and would look to this group to provide some recommendations for school systems throughout the state to better engage with employers or other interested community members.

VII. Review and Discuss Draft Partnership White Paper
Brandolyn H. Thran, Chair

A short discussion was held regarding the outlined content of the White Paper, a document being prepared by the Subcommittee for guidance and direction. Chair Thran will lead the efforts and it was agreed to continue working on it.

Ms. Jintasawang pointed out she would like to share with other informal programs of what this Subcommittee is doing to reach teachers. It is important to speak to both communities, the professionals and the educators across the state. She also provided electronic comments on the White Paper as well.

VIII. Discuss Next Steps for Subcommittee
Brandolyn H. Thran, Chair

Goals and timelines will be set at the next meeting, when more members are in attendance.

IX. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item.)

There was no public comment.

- X. Adjournment.
Brandolyn H. Thran, Chair

Chair Thran adjourned the meeting at 2:50 P.M.

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