

**STATE OF NEVADA**  
**EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION**  
**COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

*This meeting, conducted by the Commission on Postsecondary Education Chapter 394 of Nevada Administrative Code pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute NRS 394.383.*

**NEVADA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

Wednesday, September 18, 2019; 9:01 A.M.

<b>Place of Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Live Meeting:</u></b>	<b><u>Video Conference to:</u></b>
	DETR – SAO Auditorium	DETR – Stan Jones Building, Conf. Rm. A-C
	500 East Third Street	2800 E. St. Louis Avenue
	Carson City, Nevada 89713	Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

**Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) Staff**

**Present in Carson City**

Kimberly Gaa, DETR ESD Administrator  
Kelly D. Wuest, CPE Administrator

**Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) Staff**

**Present in Las Vegas**

Michelle Nash, CPE Postsecondary Education Specialist – Veterans Affairs SAA  
Maricris Wu, CPE Postsecondary Education Specialist  
Susan Beckett, CPE Administrative Assistant III

**Members of the Public, Media and Other Agencies**

**Present in Carson City**

Steve Watkins, Unitek  
Navneet Bhasin, Unitek  
Peter Gilkey, Vandelay Education, Reno DAS/MAS

**Members of the Public, Media and Other Agencies**

**Present in Las Vegas**

Robert Whitney, Nevada Attorney General Office Deputy Attorney General  
Gwen Ruter Mulhn, Save the Art  
Omar Herrera, Covered 6  
Dan Raimer, L.V. Institute of Welding  
Jeremy Reed, L.V. Institute of Welding  
Brie Roper, L.V. Institute of Welding  
Thomas Pfundstein, Finishing Trades Institute  
Roland Kailihiwa, Art Institute  
Jeremy Daugherty, Faculty of Ai

Daniel Taylor, Save Ai LV  
Josh Hudson, Save Ai LV  
Rosa Padilla, TPR PSVTS  
Charles Lee, AI  
Susan Jarvis, AI  
Alexis Lodge, Live Savers Training Center  
Tracy Evans, Live Savers  
Linda Montgomery, The Learning Center  
Alex Sotelo, AI  
Lisa A Mayo, AI  
Kato Charles, AI  
Mark E. Dottore, U.S. District Court Receiver  
Cesar Garcia, HVAC Academy  
Lisa Nordman, Aviation Institute of Maintenance  
Boyd Hawkins, Mark, Miller, Hawkins, PLLC  
Robert Graziani, Save the Art  
Roger Swartzwelock, Save the Art Institute  
Aaron Lacey, Save the Art Institute  
Chris Dunn, Covered 6  
Harold Daly, Finishing Trades Institute Southwest  
Matthew Woodard, Covered 6  
Michael Kopanski, Faculty & Staff Save AILV  
Michelle Vietmeror, Save AILV  
Don Murphy, Save the Art  
Joseph Markley, T.P.R.  
Tim Kelly, Save AILV  
Jennifer Salvio, Self  
Brian Neidlinger, Save AILV  
Alexander Cotton, Student  
Valery Rivera, Observing  
Orlando Rivera, Observing  
Aleksandra Appleton, Review-Journal  
Gina Rodriguez, Covered 6  
Carmelina Ruiz, Covered 6  
Ashanti McGee, Congresswoman Susie Lee  
Lauri Perdue, Nevada Massage Academy  
Kristin Swiderski, AiLV  
William Turbay, Save Ai LV  
Jacob Quance, AI  
Luis Guzman, Self  
Danielle Patton, Self  
Christen Chlinton, Save AILV  
Kamille Clinton, Save AILV  
Amanda Furra, Self  
Troy Agena, Self

Richard Rock, AIL.V.  
Mike Zuliani, Save the Art  
Iekes Sulliver, Save the Art Institute  
Michael Brown, Art Institute  
Mariah Abbott, AILV  
Roxanne Montoya, AILV

**Members of the Commission on Postsecondary Education**  
**Present in Carson City**

Larry Nathan (Nate) Clark, Vice Chair  
Chris Sewell, ESD Director's Office, DETR Appointed Commissioner

**Member of the Commission on Postsecondary Education**  
**Present in Las Vegas**

Rene Cantu  
Sharon Frederick  
Jill Hersha  
Jon Ponder

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was held at the Department of Employment Training and Rehabilitation Conference Meeting Rooms, in Las Vegas, Nevada and the SAO Auditorium, Carson City (via video conferencing). The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Commissioner Nathan Clark at approximately 9:01 AM.

**Public Comments**

Commissioner Clark read the prepared statement pertaining to public comment. Pursuant to NRS Chapter 241, the public has a right to comment for three minutes on matters set on the Commission's meeting agenda. Although each member of the public has the right to speak for the full three minutes, the Commission asks that, if you hear a speaker say what you had intended to say, you consider simply stating, when it is your turn for public comment, that you agree with that particular speaker's comments. Each person, however, is free to comment as they choose to do so.

Public Comment Card Exhibit A. Roland Kailihiwa gave public comment pertaining to Art Institutes of Las Vegas (Save Ai LV). Graphic Design student spoke on financial aid issues and debt owed to VA, which have not been resolved. Staffing issues have caused many problems ranging from financial aid to a lower quality of education and instruction.

Public Comment Card Exhibit B. Michael Kopanski gave public comment representing staff, pertaining to Save AILV. Spoke on nonpayment of wages of certain staff (not all staff have gone without pay), FLSA Employment Law and negligence of employment.

**Written Comments**

None, in the North, Administrator Wuest. For the record, this is Susan Beckett, we have two. The two public comments were read aloud and attached as Exhibit C and Exhibit D at the end of the minutes.

**Confirmation of Posting**

Susan Beckett, for the record, Administrative Assistant III, Employment Security Division, Commission on Postsecondary Education. Yes, proper Notice was provided for this Meeting pursuant to Nevada's Open Meeting Law, NRS 241.020 and confirmation of posting was received.

**Open Meeting Compliance**

For the record, this is Susan Beckett, again, Administrative Assistant III, Employment Security Division, Commission on Postsecondary Education, we are in compliance with the open meeting law.

### **Roll Call**

- Rene Cantu-Present
- Vice Chair Nathan Clark-Present
- Sharon Frederick-Present
- Jill Hersha-Present
- Jon Ponder-Present
- Chris Sewell-Present

This is Kelly Wuest, roll has been taken and quorum has been confirmed.

### **Adoption of Agenda:**

Motion: Commissioner Clark - Motion to modify the agenda and move agenda item eleven, Art Institute of Las Vegas to fall after agenda item number two Aviation Institute of Maintenance.

Second: Commissioner Frederick.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, agenda is adopted with modifications.

### **Approval of Minutes May 8, 2019**

Motion: Commissioner Frederick – Motion to approve the minutes from May 8, 2019 meeting be approved.

Second: Commissioner Hersha.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, motion passes.

### **Adoption of 2020 Meeting Dates:**

Discussion: Commission Clark stated he had conflicts with three of the four proposed meeting dates. If we could move February 5 to February 12; August 5 to August 12; November 4 to possibly November 11. However, November 11, is Veterans Day and that probably would not work well for anyone.

Motion: Commissioner Frederick to table - Motion to table this until our next meeting. Until we can review our calendars.

Second: Commissioner Hersha.

Discussion: Commissioner Hersha, I would just recommend we come back with some back up dates since that will be a problem.

Results: Unanimous, table to next meeting

### **Administrators Report**

Administrator Kelly Wuest stated the Administrators report that was prepared on September 5, 2019 and submitted in the public posting packet remained the same for the meeting.

Introduced Kimberley Gaa, Employment Security Division Administrator and new Commissioner Chris Sewell.

## **Applications for Full Term License**

### **HVAC Air Conditioning Academy**

Testified: Cesar Garcia, Owner/Director updated information himself and about the school which has exceeded his original expectations from a year ago.

Discussion: Commissioners discussed the findings from the audit and Mr. Garcia regarding the student career services for employment in the field of training. Students who are not working in the area of training can not be recorded as placed.

Motion: Commissioner Hersha – A motion that HVAC Air Conditioning Academy be granted full term licensure.

Second: Commissioner Cantu.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous

### **Aviation Institute of Maintenance**

Testified: Lisa Nordman, Assistant Campus Director, gave background as to why the extension was requested. The request is due to a required build out in the back of the current hanger, delays between management and permits. The school is at its full capacity with students in their other program.

Discussion: No further questions from Commissioners.

Motion: Commissioner Frederick – The provisional period for Aviation Institute of Maintenance be extended for nine-months.

Second: Commissioner Hersha.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous.

## **Hearing**

### **Art Institute of Las Vegas – Denial of Renewal**

Discussion: Mark E. Dottore, United States District Court Receiver, is looking to transition the school to the purchaser and looking to keep the license until that purchase is completed or at least so I can finish the students I have in the school right now. As to the payroll, these people will be paid, one way or another I will find a way to pay those professors. I have funded through different assets I have sold and gotten permission from the court. I have not been paid a dime, you would see a court order from that, and my company has not been paid. The receivership is funding the rent, the utilities and the things that need to be put in. At this point, none of the students have paid a dime in tuition, from what I know, because the department (Department of Education) shut off the funding. They will be paid, this was set up

under an agreement I had with the purchasers on 3/29/19. I have continued to fund things except for the payroll. I made one payroll, by the way.

Commissioners asked about the list of items for compliance. Mr. Dottore stated we are not currently taking any new students and we will not be taking any new students because of ACICS. There are data problems due to a computer system in Pittsburg. One of the issues regarding attendance, I am sure the new folks are doing that. Enrollment agreements ask the folks that are running the school right now. I am in charge of the school, I am not running the school. I am in charge of the school; the buck stops here. Commissioner Clark requested to hear from representatives of the school for clarification. Mr. Daniel Bliss (name from recording only, did not sign in) and Mr. Turbay spoke on behalf of the school on the local level as introduced by Mr. Dottore. Mr. Bliss stated the questions you have today, have been answered in the long-detailed submission we submitted. Mr. Bliss stated Dr. Dan Taylor has been working to correct the deficiencies. We are very close to closing the deal with the court and the investors. Administrator Wuest reviewed the criteria for a school to be licensed at the time of a renewal. Further discussions between Commissioners and Mr. Bliss, Mr. Turbay and Mr. Dottore pertaining to qualifications, financial, sale of the school, ACICS, faculty and students. Aaron Lacey representing Save the Art Institute, last name was inaudible on recording and did not sign in, gave presentation, portions inaudible due to standing away from microphones.

Motion: Commissioner Clark – Postpone the effective date of the denial of renewal to February 2020 contingent upon a notice being delivered to the students informing them of the status the school has with their state licensure, informing them of the risk involved in continuing their education and also contingent upon no new enrollments until the school is successful in submission of a change in ownership application and the commission has a chance to assess that application.

Second: Commissioner Frederick.

Discussion: Commissioner Hersha commented, the only contingency I would like to add is when we come back in November, we need an update. Regarding the letter has been written, the ownership has been transferred, some of those key things are moving forward have actually occurred, a status report. Commissioner Frederick stated could that be included in the Administrator's Report to the commission? Commissioner Clark commented, you're asking for an update of the status of the things that I have already said they need to submit in November? Commissioner Hersha responded, this is actually an update of other things, that they have already done that – that's fine, but I also want that the sale has actually completed, that they have trained teachers, I want to see that some of those things that are critical of them moving forward and being productive moving forward and they have accomplished those by November. If they close in October, they said the money is free they can pay some of those things and resolve some of those issues. I would like to see them just get it done, I think prolonging it is prolonging it. Commissioner Sewell furthered, I wholeheartedly agree getting some sort of an

update at the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting based on, we have already been told that they can move up the sale to the first of week or two of October and then after that they are going to have all this money; they can pay the teachers and move on. I think having that update will and we need to see this again.

Commissioner Cantu asked, there has been some mention of a bond, is that something the commissioners would like to add?

Mr. Turbay commented, I have one request, pertaining to the letter to the students. We have to be very careful of the wording of the letter because if the school stays open the Department of Education will not forgive the loans to the students because they quit. The students might get the wrong impression because the school is in jeopardy. Commissioner Clark responded, I don't feel it is necessary in my amendment, but it is certainly something you can supplement your letter with. I am not trying to get students to drop out or to stay. What I want to do is make sure they have the information in front of them and they can make an informed decision. Mr. Turbay furthered, there is a website for the art institute that all this information is posted including all the information for the show cause for accreditation. This is all public record and it is on the website. Commissioner Clark responded, I appreciate you put it on the website. I know that I surveyed my own students and found only 3% checked the website for information.

**Amended Motion:**

Commissioner Clark – I would like to amend my motion to also add a contingency for an update on the status of the sale, and the release of the money from, I assume the department of education that has been discussed here today in addition to the other two contingencies in my original motion.

**Interruption:** Mr. Turbay stated, Commissioner Clark, again, I don't know, it would be very difficult to state that the department of education is going to release the money by then. Oh, just an update. Commissioner Clark replied, I asked for an update. You said several times in this meeting that the money is going to be released. I amended my motion, I am looking for a second.

**Second:** Commissioner Frederick – I will amend my second.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Clark asked, any further discussion? Commissioner Ponder stated, I think it would be good idea, something I would like to see. Just as the letter is going out to the students, giving them an update. Perhaps we can send an update to the teachers to let them know when they might be able to get paid. Maybe we can get an update on that at the November meeting. Commissioner Clark replied, I don't know if they are going to have an update on that. That is really a bankruptcy issues and not so much a Commission on Postsecondary Education issue. Is there an NRS that states for that issue? Administrator Wuest stated, NRS (394.450) states they have to follow all other regulations in Nevada. Commissioner Clark



asked, I don't know how to word that in a motion, maybe you could help me with that? Commissioner Ponder replied, perhaps what we could do is put it in as an update so that we could just have an update as to where we are at with it. Commissioner Clark furthered, so are you suggesting that the school provide an update to us on how they are doing with their payroll or the notice to the students? Commissioner Ponder replied, just as you were talking about the notice to the students going out, perhaps we could see a notice to the teachers of when they might possibly be able to get paid. Somewhere in the language to be reported back. Commissioner Clark asked, can the school even respond to that? Mr. Turbay stated, Commissioner that is the thing we are working, see if you are granting us the license we have the capacity, I have been assured we have the capacity from several banks, Bank of Nevada, Lexicon Bank that they will give a letter of credit basically allowing us to pay teachers and to close the school transaction and as we await for the release of Title IV funds. So, it's one contingent upon the other. So, Title IV funds you have to go through quite a few of steps in order to get those funds released dependent upon the Department of Education's being satisfied all the requirements, it's very complicated. But because we know that it is a very complicated issue, we have asked for bank financing prior to that to pay teachers and to continue on.

**Amended Motion:**

Commissioner Clark – So here is my amendment to my amended motion. I would like to add the contingency that the school provide a notice to all employees of the school explaining where they are at in this process just like you just explained to us relaying when you expect the money to be released, what conditions have to be met in order for that money to be released, and then the priority of the payroll above other liabilities of the school is paid once that money is released. The notice will include a list of liabilities of the school that must be paid and their priority status. So that the teachers can make an informed decision on whether they want to make an informed decision on whether they want to continuing working there or not.

Second: Commissioner Frederick – I will second my motion again, as amended.  
Discussion: None.  
Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

**Applications for Initial Provisional Licensure**

**Covered 6**

Testified: Christopher Dunn, CEO and Founder; Gina Rodriguez, Acting Director; Carmelina Ruiz, CFO; Omar Herrera, Chief Operating Officer; and Matthew Woodard, Campus Director present and available for information pertaining to Covered 6. Mr. Dunn presented background information for Covered 6 and the information from their school, and business in California.

Discussion: Commissioner Frederick asked about the red man training and student laptops to use and retain in cyber security training. Mr. Dunn gave explanations. Commissioner Hersha asked about financial aid/scholarships and job placements. Mr. Dunn explained job placements along with apprenticeships. Further discussion about creating relationships with employers occurred between Commissioner Hersha and Mr. Dunn. Commissioner Clark asked about admission requirements and background check requirements. Mr. Dunn explained the reasons pertaining to background checks, the outcomes and employment. Commissioner Clark continued questions to include the fee for the hand gun. Mr. Dunn explained the gun is not provided to the student as a purchase rather a loan to use during specific training situations. Commissioner Frederick asked about the test out policies. Mr. Dunn explained possible testing possible veterans and other areas. Commissioner Ponder thanked and then asked about job placement services for people with challenging backgrounds. Mr. Dunn explained his business with staff and security company's in Nevada and California. Commissioner Cantu asked about training to be used for illicit purposes. Mr. Dunn explained how the school is a learning as you go and many times, we need to bring experts and specialists. Commissioner Hersha asked about where you might be located. Mr. Dunn explained we are currently looking for a facility. Commissioner Sewell asked about the practical training area. Mr. Dunn expanded and explained the use of simulators and the program to have it train to the law enforcement standards.

Motion: Commission Frederick – That a twelve-month provisional license be granted to Covered 6, to offer the three programs in Physical Security Specialist; Executive Protection and Cyber Security Technician, contingent upon personnel, facility information and receipt of surety in the amount of \$90,000.00

Second: Commissioner Cantu.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

#### Five-minute break

Motion: Commissioner Clark made motion for a five-minute break at 11:29 am.

Second: Commissioner Frederick second the motion.

Discussion: None

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

#### Las Vegas Institute of Welding

Testified: Dan Raimer, Director introduced Gabrielle Roper, Owner and Jeremy Reed, Director of Education. Mr. Raimer gave background information on the introductory course of welding at the school and plans for the future.

Discussion: Commissioner Clark asked about accreditation. Mr. Raimer explained the accreditation information was submitted in the application. Further discussion included discussion urging the word certification no longer be used and replacing it with qualification. Commissioner Clark will talk with Mr. Raimer if he contacts

him regarding the difference between certifications and qualifications. Commissioner Ponder stated you had mentioned a desire to help incarcerated people, what are your plans moving forward with that? Mr. Raimer explained, he has been talking with Workforce Development and Hope for Prisoners. Mr. Ponder asked about the location of the school. Mr. Raimer stated he has an agent he is working with and wants the school to be easily accessible for bus travel. Commissioner Sewel asked what types of placement programs are going for graduates. Mr. Raimer stated he has contacts in the industry because they are part of the industry. Commissioner Hersha asked about advertising. Mr. Raimer stated there will be no initial advertising, he will be using local leads and his current contacts.

- Motion: Commission Hersha – That a twelve-month provisional license be granted to Las Vegas Institute of Welding, to offer the Introduction to Welding-Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) that consists of 100 hours and Introduction to Welding-Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) that consists of 100 hours, contingent upon receipt of surety in the amount of \$65,000, facility information, and staffing information.
- Second: Commissioner Ponder.
- Discussion: None.
- Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Live Savers Training Center, LLC.

Testified: Alexis Lodge, Owner, gave background of herself and plans for the school.

Discussion: Commissioner Frederick asked about the workbook and is it optional? Ms. Lodge explained the textbook is required and the workbook is an optional item. Commissioner Hersha asked about career placement. Ms. Lodge responded she has resources through Valley Health. Commissioner Hersha your budget showed a high number of students for enrollment. If you didn't make your enrollment, how would you be with your budget? Ms. Lodge, I only based the enrollment 15 which is limited per instructor. I would only have one instructor which is myself. Commissioner Ponder, job placement what is the average salary? Ms. Lodge explained according to the State of Nevada \$24,000 to \$34,000. Additional discussion included other avenues for career and education advancement from this entry level position.

- Motion: Commission Frederick – That a twelve-month provisional license be granted to Live Savers Training Center, LLC. to offer a nursing assistant certificate program, contingent upon surety bond in the amount of \$28,000, facility information, personnel requirements, and curriculum approval from Nevada State Board of Nursing.
- Second: Commissioner Cantu.
- Discussion: None.
- Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

*Reno Dental Assistant School*

Testified: Peter Gilkey Compliance Director of Vandelay Education, gave background on the school and information on the school programs based on the company's national model

Discussion: Commissioner Sewell asked about placement options after program completion. Mr. Gilkey gave information about placement. Commissioner Sewell furthered with requesting information about salaries. Mr. Gilkey gave information on both medical assistants and dental assistants.

Motion: Commission Hersha – That a twelve-month provisional license be granted to Reno Dental Assistant School to offer the Dental Assistant Certificate program, contingent upon surety bond in the amount of \$15,300, and personnel information.

Second: Commissioner Frederick.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

*Reno Medical Assistant School*

Testified: Pete Gilkey, Compliance Director of Vandelay Education present for discussion and available for questions.

Discussion: Commissioner Clark, asked about the issue in Texas with falling below the minimum requirements. Mr. Gilkey explained it was early in our years of business and problems stemmed from the area where school was located. The company has not had any issues recently.

Motion: Commission Hersha – That a twelve-month provisional license be granted to Reno Medical Assistant School to offer the Medical Assistant Certificate program, contingent upon surety bond in the amount of \$60,000, and personnel requirements.

Second: Commissioner Frederick.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

*Total Physician Resources Inc., dba TPR PSVTS*

Testified: Rosa Padilla RN, Owner gave background about herself, her business and the acronyms of the school.

Discussion: Commissioner Cantu asked about earnings and job prospects after completing the program. Ms. Padilla explained income and employment opportunities. Commissioner Cantu furthered with what is the career pathway regarding a certificate with this type of program. Ms. Padilla continued with options after working in the field. Commissioner Clark inquired about the budget and the limited number of students. Ms. Padilla explained the budget and the desire to spend time marketing and building her business.

Motion: Commission Frederick – That a twelve-month provisional license be granted to Total Physician Resources Inc., dba TPR PSVTS to offer the Medication

Management and Caregiver programs, contingent upon facility information, and personnel information.  
Second: Commissioner Hersha.  
Discussion: None.  
Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

### Unitek College

Testified: Steve Watkins, Vice President Program Development & Regulatory Affairs gave information and background information about school.

Discussion: Commissioner Hersha requested information about potential financial issues for Department of Ed heightened cash monitoring. Mr. Watkins explained the reasons behind the issue. Commissioner Hersha furthered with what type of marketing are you planning? Mr. Watkins furthered we are planning on web-based marketing, google paperclip with web searches. Commissioner Sewell stated, rural Nevada is starving for this type of employee and program.

Motion: Commission Hersha – That a twelve-month provisional license be granted to Unitek College, to offer the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and certificate programs in Practical Nursing and Medical Assisting program contingent upon approval from the Nevada State Board of Nursing, facility information, staffing, and surety in the amount of \$505,000.

Second: Commissioner Ponder.  
Discussion: None.  
Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

### Applicants for Added Program

#### Finishing Trades Institute - Southwest

Testified: Thomas Pfundstein, Director, Harold Daly, Manager gave background their credentials and on current school and need for the additional program.

Discussion: Commissioner Hersha asked if there are transfer agreements with CSN. Mr. Daly gave the update on the agreements.

Motion: Commissioner Frederick – Finishing Trades Institute Southwest be granted approval to offer the proposed Associate of Applied Science Degree in Construction Technologies with concentrations in Architectural Glazier, Master Glazier, Commercial Paint, Drywall Finisher and Floor Coverer.

Second: Commissioner Hersha.  
Discussion: None.  
Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

## **Elections**

### **Election of Officers**

Motion: Commissioner Frederick nominates Commissioner Clark as Chairman for the Nevada Commission on Postsecondary Education.

Acceptance: Commissioner Clark accepted nomination.

Discussion: None

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Motion: Commissioner Hersha nominated Commission Frederick as Vice-Chair; no further nominations.

Acceptance: Commissioner Frederick accepted nomination.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

### **Commission Comments**

None.

### **Public Comment**

Robert Whitney requested to make a comment during public comment. Mr. Whitney stated, we lost two board members unfortunately. Long time Commissioner BJ North turned in her resignation and Grant Nielson unfortunately passed away. I wanted to publicly acknowledge Commissioner Grant Nielson and Commissioner BJ North for their dedication and service on the board. Commissioner Clark, Ms. North was with the Commission quite a long time, 9 years.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner. Time: 12:35pm.

# Exhibit A

**COMMENT CARD**  
**COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA**  
**AND WISH TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

PRINTED NAME

Roland Kailuina

PRINTED BUSINESS OR SCHOOL YOU REPRESENT

Art Institutes of Las Vegas (SAVE A LV)

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF TOPIC YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON

Financial Aid Issue, Debt owed to VA,  
issue has not been resolved. Quality of  
Education lacking.

Please give completed form to CPE staff member.



# Exhibit B

## COMMENT CARD

COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA  
AND WISH TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

PRINTED NAME	MICHAEL KOWANSKI
PRINTED BUSINESS OR SCHOOL YOU REPRESENT	SAVE ALIV
BRIEF OVERVIEW OF TOPIC YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NONPAYMENT OF WAGES</li><li>• FLSA EMPLOYMENT LAW</li><li>• NEGLIGENCE OF MMA</li></ul>

Please give completed form to CPE staff member.

# Exhibit C

September 17, 2019

I Shanda Edwards enrolled in The Art Institute of Las Vegas in January 2016 under the Post 911 GI Bill under the impression that I was 100% covered for my education. I was misled into a situation, which resulted in me being \$19,000 in debt to the school before I even understood what was happening, this forced me into taking out student loans based on misinformation. It took me over a year to dig myself out of debt with the Institute.

Now that the Art Institute of Las Vegas is in a state of major transformation and financial discourse, I am left holding the responsibility of a massive student debt that I should never have been responsible for in the first place, along with that I was owed the amount over \$4000. Three legally binding documents were filed that prohibited DCEH from using my GI Bill and/or student stipends for the future use of any tuition costs.

As of the Winter Term of 2019, I received a total of \$1200 out of the over \$4000 of my stipends. The account of the remaining over \$3,000 was used to pay for my final Spring term before graduation due to their Chapter 5 funds being frozen. Even without them using my money to pay themselves off, that still left them with almost \$600 that they owed me, not counting pending Pell Grant and Student loans.

"Save AI LLC " has told me multiple times that they will get the money pay me the money that is owed to me, yet I have not seen a penny. I just want the money that was owed to my diploma and me and to move on with my life.

Sincerely  
Shanda Edwards

# Exhibit D

I'm a "former" adjunct instructor at the Art Institute. I resigned in July after a long association with AI.

I tendered my resignation with great regret, as I have worked very happily for the Art Institute, and have had a long association as a lecturer and guest speaker on campus as far back as 2006. From my first classes in April 2017 until my last I received several personal testimonies from my former students stating how much I influenced them, and how I was a significant contributor to their success in starting their careers.

I have been greatly disturbed by the actions of the parties involved in the "sale" of AI since the announcements at the beginning of the year. I feel it is important that someone gives a counterpoint to what we've seen and been told from the existing/current owners.

There is a large group of students and faculty who have not been heard who have been negatively affected by the current administration.

The videos/news stories about AI don't really tell the whole story. Firstly, the communication throughout the last 10 months between admin/owners and the "new" owners to the students and faculty has been virtually non-existent, and intentionally vague. We've heard lots of empty promises about "big changes" etc. and statements that "the deal is done" or "we're finally free" etc. but in reality there has been no concrete evidence to this day that this change will ever take place.

Dates keep getting pushed further back. Teaching staff did not get paid for the first quarter nor, to my knowledge, the second quarter despite numerous assurances and verbal promises. The latest info seems to indicate they "hope" the changeover will be complete in November, which means the teaching faculty won't have been paid for the last 9 months.

However, I recently was told that all this time the admin, and the "new owners" have all continued to be paid privately through the Receiver!

Any attempts to get real answers have either been met with incredulous rebukes or complete silence. Some teachers who have dared to challenge the new owners ended up being literally forced out and were told by the new owners that they will be reported as "abandoning" their jobs and blocked from receiving unemployment benefits.

Most of the faculty are resigned to the fact we are not likely to receive any of our back. Students have equally been kept in the dark without knowing if they are still enrolled in one school or the other, where their money is going and if they will ever graduate. The new owners secretly "enrolled" Arizona AI students to falsely boost their numbers for the accreditation bureau's investigation (search the internet for the article about Phoenix Arizona Art Institute loan forgiveness).

The Veterans Administration has told students enrolled under the "GI Bill" to drop out.

The new "owners" are NOT doing this honestly or transparently. They cry in front of the cameras and say how hard they are working but in reality they are lying, deceiving and misleading the teaching faculty and students.

I am disappointed because this group of people have described themselves as the better alternative to the "corporate monster". They've taken a "moral high ground" and see themselves as "saviours" but, despite the noble intentions at first, sadly this now feels like a desperate folly they refuse to abandon over their pride - and their actions have proven they lack the professional maturity to carry it out successfully.

All parties involved have been woefully negligent in fulfilling their promises of transparency and honest communication with the loyal, dedicated professionals at their mercy - many who by the way have been treated like criminals and traitors for simply seeking answers and making the difficult but unavoidable decision to move on.

The students have been kept in the dark and denied their chance to escape - they are simply a commodity being used for leverage.

This situation has caused FAR MORE collateral damage than if they had just let the school close.

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