

**STATE OF NEVADA**  
**EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION**  
**Hearing to adopt the amended Career Enhancement Program (CEP)**  
**Veterans and Senior Citizens Small Business Loan Program regulation**

Tuesday, August 12, 2014; 10:00 A.M.

**Live Meeting:**

The Legislative Building  
401 S. Carson Street, Room 3138  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

**Video Conference to:**

The Grant Sawyer Building  
555 E. Washington Ave., Room 4406  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Note: This meeting was also broadcast on the Internet at [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us)

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

**Present in Carson City**

Renee L. Olson, Division Administrator, Employment Security Division, ESD/DETR  
Dave Schmidt, Economist, Bureau of Research & Analysis, R&A/DETR  
Mikki Reed, UISS/ESD/DETR  
Joyce Golden, Administrative Office, ESD/DETR  
Paul Barton, ESD Council Member

**Present in Las Vegas**

Robert Borja, ESD/DETR

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

**Present in Las Vegas**

Dan Gouker, CSN

**Exhibits**

Exhibit A - Agenda for the Hearing/Meeting

Exhibit B - Notice and Explanation

Exhibit C - Proposed Regulation

## **I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Good morning. We're going to go ahead and get started. My name is Renee Olson. I serve as the Administrator of the Employment Security Division. I'd like to call this meeting to order and welcome anyone participating via Internet or in person at the meeting this morning. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive comments on proposed amendments to the regulation governing Career Enhancement Program Small Business Loans for Seniors and Veterans. NRS 612.607 requires the Administrator of the Employment Security Division to establish a program to provide grants of money to a nonprofit private entity to be used to make loans of money to veterans and senior citizens to start small businesses. The Administrator shall adopt regulations establishing criteria and standards relating to the eligibility for and use of any grant funds made pursuant to this chapter.

Ms. Golden, was proper notice of today's public hearing given as required by NRS 233B.060? Ms. Golden responded with introducing herself first. Joyce Golden, Administrative Assistant to the Administrator, "yes it was".

## **II. Public Comment**

Ms. Olson continued, saying that the second order of business on the Agenda is to call for public comment, so I'd invite anyone wishing to make public comment forward to the tables, and we'll start in Carson City. I don't see anyone coming forward. How about in Las Vegas? Would anyone like to come forward for public comment? Okay. It doesn't look like it, so we'll move on to Agenda Item III.

## **III. A. Review of Amended Regulation (Exh. B)**

The regulations being considered today were amended in order to clarify the requirements of conditions for approval of loans, modify the maximum loan amounts, and amend how interest is charged and clarify the reimbursement of administrative costs. A meeting of the Employment Security Council was held on May 27, 2014, to review the proposed regulation amendment and solicit input and recommendations from the Council and to hear public comment on the changes proposed for the regulation as required by NRS 233B.061 and NRS 233B.0608.

At the public meeting and regulation workshop held on May 27, 2014, the Employment Security Council offered opinion and recommendations about the interest rates charged and maximum loan amounts. Based on those comments, the interest rate was modified from a simple fixed 5% to a maximum variable rate of prime plus 2.25%. The prime rate will be determined periodically by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions Division. In addition, the standard maximum loan amount that can be approved by the grantee has been increased from \$5,000 to \$15,000. And with the approval of the Administrator, the individual loan amounts can exceed the standard maximum, and that amount was changed from \$10,000 to \$20,000. No public comment was received at the Council meeting.

On July 15, 2014, a Small Business Workshop was held to receive comment from small businesses and other affected employers. The Division has concluded that there would be no financial impact to small businesses due to the proposed regulatory changes. Again, no public comment was offered at this workshop.

Ms. Golden, have we received any written comments on the proposed regulation? Joyce Golden again: “No, we have not to date”.

**B. Public Comment on Regulation**

Ms. Olson thanked Ms. Golden and said that with that, she would open the meeting again for public comment. I don't see anyone coming forward at this time. There was no public comment.

**C. Administrator Adoption of Regulation (Exh. C)**

At this point the Administrator said: “I hereby adopt the proposed amendments to the regulations governing the Career Enhancement Program Small Business Loans for Seniors and Veterans.

**IV. Closing Public Comment**

And once again, we offer this time to anyone who'd like to provide public comment. There was no public comment at this time.

**V. Adjournment**

Ms. Olson thanked everyone for attending and with that adjourned the meeting.

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