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Complainant,	
VS.	
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL	
DISTRICT,	
Respondent.	
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MOTION TO EXPEDITE HEA	RING
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ADMINISTRATORS, ("APTA"), by and through its unders	igned attorney, hereby moves the
Board to immediately order and set a hearing for the next	available dates pursuant to NRS
288.280.	
I. THE PARTIES	
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The WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, ("District"), is a local government employer under NRS 288.060, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada which oversees and supervises Washoe County School psychologists and technical administrators and is the regulating authority with regard to policy.

# **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

#### **II. INTRODUCTION**

On January 9, 2024, the District unilaterally, and without the permission of APTA, withdrew recognition of APTA as the recognized bargaining unit for all APTA members. Subsequent to this, the District recognized a rival employee organization, Washoe Professional-Technical Administrators, ("WPTA"), as the recognized bargaining unit for professional-technical, ("Pro-Tech"), employees, a portion of APTA membership, and withdrew all labor organization recognition to include that for the school psychologists.

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### II. LEGAL AUTHORITY

NRS 288.110(2) states in part that "[e]xcept as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS 288.115, 288.280 and 288.625, the Board shall conduct a hearing within 180 days after it decides to hear a complaint."

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 submitted to the Board in the same manner and with the same effect as provided in NRS
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## III. ARGUMENT

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2024, the District responded and refused to provide the requested information. (Ex. 2.) In it's response, the District objected to this request stating that "on January 9, 2024 the Washoe County School District (District) withdrew recognition of APTA as the bargaining representative for District employees. As such, the provisions of NRS 288.180 no longer apply and we are not obligated to provide this information."

NRS 288.280 mandates that the Board hear a complaint regarding the failure to
 provide information as soon as possible after the complaint is filed with the Board. In
 accordance with this statute, APTA hereby moves the Board to schedule and hold a hearing
 regarding this request for information, and by incorporation those issues brought to the Board
 in its First Amended Complaint filed on January 30, 2024, under EMRB case number 2024 001, and the defense raised by the District, in an expedited manner and as soon as possible to
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#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, APTA respectfully requests the Board grant its Motion to Expedite Hearing and order and set a hearing to decide the these matters on the next available hearing dates.

DATED this 31st day of January, 2024.

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19	<b>OPPOSITION TO MOTION</b>	N TO EXPEDI	TE HEARING	
20	COMES NOW, Respondent Washoe Co	ounty School D	istrict ("WCSD"), by an	d through
21	its undersigned counsel of record, and hereby fil	es its Oppositio	on to Motion to Expedit	e Hearing
22	(the "Opposition") requesting that the State of	of Nevada Gov	vernment Employee-Ma	nagement
23	Relations Board (the "Board") deny the Associ	ation of Profes	ssional-Technical Admin	nistrators'
24	("APTA") Motion to Expedite Hearing (the "Mot	tion").		
25	I. INTRODUCTION			
26	APTA's Motion is an improper attempt to	o shoehorn the	merits of its allegations	contained
27	within its First Amended Complaint filed Jan	uary 31, 2024,	, into the form of a re	equest for

<sup>28</sup> information ("RFI") such that the EMRB hear the dispute on an expedited basis. This is a

perversion of NRS 288.280, and this tactic is inconsistent with the purposes of NRS 288.280 and
 should be rejected.

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#### II. FACTS AND RELEVANT PROCEDURAL HISTORY

4 In its Motion, APTA falsely alleges that the District "unilaterally, and without the 5 permission of APTA" withdrew recognition from APTA. This is plainly false, as WCSD has 6 demonstrated in the briefing surrounding the Motion to Vacate Hearing, that is presently pending 7 before the Board in Case No. 2023-015. For further analysis of the factual context surrounding the withdrawal of recognition, please see the briefing surrounding the Motion to Vacate Hearing 8 9 currently pending in related Case No. 2023-015. The facts surrounding this dispute will be fully 10 presented to the EMRB in the event a hearing on the First Amended Complaint is required. 11 However, the documents attached to the Reply in Support of the Motion to Vacate clearly and 12 unambiguously demonstrate APTA's allegations are false. WCSD appropriately withdrew 13 recognition from APTA based on APTA's application for voluntary withdrawal.

## III. THE MOTION SHOULD BE DENIED

## A. THE MOTION IS IMPROPER UNDER NRS 288.280

NRS 288.110(2) provides the deadlines within which the EMRB must conduct a hearing.
For the purposes of APTA's First Amended Complaint, that means the Board has 180 days after it
decides to hear a complaint to conduct a hearing. *See* NRS 288.110(2). However, in NRS 288.280,
the Nevada Legislature outlined an expedited basis for the EMRB to hear disputes regarding "an
alleged failure to provide information as provided in NRS 288.180" requiring that they "be heard
and determined as soon as possible after the complaint is filed. . . ." NRS 288.280.

Similar to Congress, the Nevada Legislature, "does not alter the fundamental details of a regulatory scheme in vague terms or ancillary provisions—it does not, one might say, hide elephants in mouseholes." *Whitman v. Am. Trucking Associations*, 531 U.S. 457, 468, 121 S. Ct. 903, 910, 149 L. Ed. 2d 1 (2001) (citations omitted). As applied here, it was certainly not the intention of the Nevada Legislature to permit APTA to squeeze the "elephant" of the allegations contained within the First Amended Complaint into the "mousehole" of NRS 288.280 regarding responses to requests for information. The EMRB cannot rule on the question of whether WCSD's

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failure to respond to the request for information was proper without determining the underlying
issue of whether the allegations contained within the complaint regarding a withdrawal of
recognition are valid.

4 Indeed, APTA is transparent in its attempt to get the EMRB to rule on the RFI "and by 5 incorporation those issues brought to the Board in its First Amended Complaint . . . and the defense 6 raised by the District, in an expedited manner. ... " Mot. at 3:9–13. Of note, the District has not 7 even answered the Complaint yet, nor has it raised any defenses. This is because the deadline to 8 respond to the Amended Complaint is not until February 20, 2024. However, APTA would seek to 9 have the EMRB rule on the dispute regarding the RFI, even though doing so requires the EMRB to 10 answer the ultimate question underlying the factual allegations contained within the First Amended 11 Complaint. Put simply, the Nevada Legislature never intended to permit this sort of gamesmanship 12 involving the request for information process. Instead, the reason for permitting an expedited 13 review of requests for information is to facilitate getting the parties back to the bargaining table. 14 APTA is not a recognized employee organization, and there are no negotiations with APTA as to 15 any of WCSD's employees. Accordingly, APTA's attempts to rely on NRS 288.280 are improper and should be rejected. 16

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## **B.** THE UNDERLYING REQUEST IS ALSO IMPROPER

As it pertains to requests for information, NRS 288.180(2) provides that "the employee organization . . . may request reasonable information concerning any subject matter included in the scope of mandatory bargaining which it deems **necessary for and relevant to the negotiations**." *See* NRS 288.180(2) (emphasis added).

In this case, there are no negotiations because APTA is no longer a recognized employee organization with the WCSD. In contravention of the above statute, APTA has sent WCSD an RFI, when it knows there are no negotiations for which the RFI could be relevant to. In fact, APTA knows that the parties attended a temporary restraining order hearing scheduled for February 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. before Second Judicial District Court Judge David Hardy in Case No. CV24-00282. Accordingly, any suggestion by APTA that its RFI is somehow proper is inconsistent with reality and an improper use of NRS 288.180. Indeed, unrecognized third parties who do not represent any role in representing the interests of WCSD employees cannot send WCSD RFI's and
 compel WCSD to answer. Accordingly, the EMRB should deny the Motion.

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#### C. EVEN IF IT WAS PROPER, APTA VOLUNTARILY WITHDREW

Every single provision of NRS Chapter 288 cited by APTA presumes that APTA is a
recognized employee organization who WCSD is under an obligation to bargain with. *See* NRS
288.160. However, as APTA and this Board know, WCSD withdrew APTA's recognition in
response to an application for voluntary withdrawal of recognition pursuant to NAC 288.145. *See*Motion to Vacate briefing in Case No. 2023-015.

9 Indeed, WCSD has responded to the RFI, and noted it rejected APTA's arguments that it
10 remained the bargaining representative. WCSD also asked counsel for APTA "[i]f you have any
11 authority for the proposition that NRS 288.180 applies to an unrecognized entity, please provide it
12 to me. Upon receipt of such authority, we will evaluate our position and potentially reconsider."
13 To date, APTA has not provided any authority to WCSD that this is the case.

14 To the contrary, the only available guidance from the EMRB on this question conclusively 15 establishes that APTA's position is incorrect. See Deborah Boland, M. D., A Local Government 16 Employee and Member of the Umc Physicians' Bargaining Unit of Nevada Service Employees 17 Union, Seiu Local 1107, AFL-CIO, Clc Et. Al., Complainants Nevada Service Employees Union, 18 Item No. 802, 2015 WL 1324423, at \*6-8 (March 23, 2015). In *Boland* the EMRB reasoned that 19 "[u]pon UMC's acceptance of Local 1107's withdrawal, Local 1107 ceased to be the recognized 20 bargaining agent. Thereafter UMC was not obligated or permitted under the Act to continue 21 negotiations with Local 1107." Id. (emphasis added). WCSD accepted APTA's notice of 22 voluntary withdrawal on January 9, 2024. At that time, APTA ceased to be the recognized 23 bargaining agent and WCSD is not obligated, nor even *permitted* to continue negotiations with APTA. This would indisputably include responding to an RFI dated over two (2) weeks after 24 25 WCSD had accepted APTA's notice of voluntary withdrawal. Accordingly, the Motion should also 26 be denied because requiring WCSD to respond to the RFI would expose it to a potential unfair labor 27 practice complaint for continuing negotiations with APTA. See id.

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1 APTA's voluntary withdrawal and WCSD's subsequent approval of that withdrawal also 2 mean that APTA lacks standing to bring this dispute before the EMRB. The First Amended 3 Complaint is clear, that APTA believes it continues as the "recognized bargaining unit for the school 4 psychologists and technical administrators at the District." First Am. Compl. at 2:4–5. However, 5 the RFI issued to WCSD asks WCSD to provide APTA with "the name, current position, hire date 6 and current salary step and rate for all members or eligible members of APTA." As described 7 above, WCSD's position is that the professional-technical employees are now represented by 8 Washoe Professional Technical Association ("WPTA"), not APTA. Accordingly, APTA has no 9 standing to request information concerning employees represented by another bargaining unit. 10 Furthermore, it would be improper for WCSD to dictate to APTA who its members are, or who the 11 employees are that are eligible to be members of APTA.

12 Additionally, because APTA is not a recognized employee organization by WCSD, it has 13 no standing to issue RFIs to the school district. As explained above, the Motion is being brought 14 pursuant to NRS 288.280 which allows for disputes under NRS 288.180 to be heard as soon as 15 possible. However, NRS 288.180 expressly contemplates ongoing negotiations and even requires 16 the RFI to be "relevant to the negotiations." NRS 288.180(2). There are no negotiations with 17 APTA because they are not a recognized employee organization. For this reason, APTA has no 18 standing to bring this Motion. Indeed, if APTA is not a recognized employee organization, it has 19 no right to issue RFIs or compel WCSD to respond to such RFIs. Consequently, APTA lacks 20 standing to bring a motion to expedite a hearing regarding this matter, because the RFIs themselves 21 were issued without standing.

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## III. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, WCSD requests that the Court deny APTA's Motion to ExpediteHearing.

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## III. ARGUMENT

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# APTA has not voluntarily withdrawn its recognition.

3 Under NAC 288.145(1)(a) it is permissible for a local government employer to 4 withdraw recognition of an employee organization if the organization "[v]oluntarily withdraws 5 in writing as the bargaining representative." Furthermore, NAC 288.145(2) provides that the 6 local government employer that wishes to withdraw recognition for any reason other than 7 voluntary withdrawal by an employee organization, "must request a hearing before the Board 8 9 and receive the written permission of the Board before withdrawing recognition of an 10 employee organization." The Board had made it very clear that "[a] voluntary withdrawal 11 represents *the only circumstances* in which an employer may withdraw recognition without 12 first seeking the approval of this Board." Deborah Boland et al v. SEIU, Local 1107, EMRB 13 Item No. 802, Case No. A1-045847 through A1-045864 (2015) (citing NAC 288.145(2)) 14 15 (emphasis added). No such permission or approval to withdraw recognition of APTA has ever 16 been sought by the District or granted by this Board and the District has failed to provide any 17 evidence supporting any claim to the contrary. 18

In its Reply in Opposition to the Motion to Vacate Hearing, filed by APTA on January
 23, 2024, APTA provided overwhelming evidence demonstrating that it is the recognized
 bargaining unit for its members and that it did not authorize the District to remove this
 recognition. (Reply in Opposition to Motion to Vacate Hearing Exs. 1-5.) Clearly, APTA has
 never voluntarily or otherwise withdrawn its recognition of any of its members.

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#### b. APTA's request for information is proper under NRS 288.180.

On January 24, 2024, APTA sent a request for information to the District in which it requested information it deems necessary for the negotiations process. (Motion Ex. 1.) This request was sent in preparation for the interest arbitration between the parties that was scheduled for February 20-21, 2024, after APTA had declared impasse pursuant to NRS
 288.217. Despite this declaration of impasse, on February 14, 2024, the parties continued their
 off-the-record negotiations regarding setting additional negotiation dates and subjects related
 to negotiations. Clearly, the parties are still engaged in negotiations. Additionally, as explained
 in the FAC, the District's withdrawal of recognition of APTA plainly violates several statutes
 under NRS 288 and this Board's previous decisions and is in no manner valid.

On January 26, 2024, the District responded to APTA's request for information and 8 9 refused to provide the information. (Motion Ex. 2.) In its response, the District objected to this 10 request stating that "on January 9, 2024 the Washoe County School District (District) 11 withdrew recognition of APTA as the bargaining representative for District employees. As 12 such, the provisions of NRS 288.180 no longer apply and we are not obligated to provide this 13 information." Id. As indicated by this response, the District's purported withdrawal of 14 15 recognition of APTA was unilateral and no evidence or support was, or can be, provided that it 16 was approved by this Board. Id. Again, no voluntary withdrawal of recognition of any APTA 17 employees was ever provided by APTA to the District, the District has never sought approval 18 of this Board to remove APTA's recognition as the exclusive bargaining unit, and the Board 19 20 has never provided its approval for the District to remove APTA's recognition.

Furthermore, the parties entered into negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement on January 10, 2023, and to date have not been able to reach an agreement. As such, the parties are still engaged in the negotiations process as defined in NRS 288.170. Given that the parties are still in negotiations, APTA is legally entitled to, and permitted by NRS 288.180, to request information it deems necessary for negotiations. The District is compelled to furnish this information "without unnecessary delay" and does not have the legal right to refuse to provide this information. NRS 288.180; *Reno Police Protective Association* 

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1	v. City of Reno, EMRB Item No. 175, Case No. A1-045390 (1985) (holding that "[t]here is no
2	question that subsection (2) of NRS 288.180 specifically requires that the employee
3	organization be provided 'reasonable information concerning any subject matter included in
4	the scope of mandatory bargaining which it deems necessary for and relevant to the
5	negotiations.' Further, the statute requires that such information be furnished without
6 7	unnecessary delay"); Clark County Public Employees Association, SEIU Local 1107 vs.
8	University Medical Center, EMRB Item No. 299, Case No. A1-045501 (1992) (clarifying that
9	the "statutory criteria is that such information be reasonable, related to a subject within the
10	scope of mandatory bargaining, necessary for and relevant to the negotiations"); Education
11 12	Support Employees Association vs. Clark County School District, EMRB No. 541, Case No.
12	A1-045765 (2003).
14	Despite the statutory requirement and these unambiguous prior decisions of this Board,
15	as of the date of this Reply, 23 days since making the request, the information has not been
16	provided to APTA.
17 18	c. The hearing must be expedited as required by NRS 288.280.
19	As noted above, NRS 288.280 mandates that "an alleged failure to provide
20	information as provided by NRS 288.180 must be heard and determined by the Board as
21	soon as possible after the complaint is filed with the Board." (emphasis added). In the FAC
22 23	filed on January 31, 2024, APTA requested information it deems necessary for negotiations
23	pursuant to NRS 288.180 and the District has flatly refused to provide this information. (FAC
25	at ¶¶ 45-46; Motion Exs. 1-2.)
26	In 2015, the Nevada Legislature changed the word "shall" in this NRS to "must,"
27	further emphasizing the desire of the Legislature to have cases involving a refusal to provide
28	information heard as expeditiously as possible. APTA has alleged, and provided evidence to

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support this allegation, that it requested information under NRS 288.180, and the District has refused to provide the requested information. Therefore, pursuant to NRS 288.280, this hearing must be expedited and heard as soon as possible by the Board.

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# IV. CONCLUSION

In accordance with NRS 288.280, APTA hereby moves the Board to schedule and hold 6 a hearing regarding this request for information, and by incorporation those issues brought to 7 the Board in APTA's FAC filed on January 31, 2024, under EMRB case number 2024-001, in 8 9 an expedited manner and as soon as possible to address these egregious violations. This 10 Motion necessarily incorporates the FAC as the issue of APTA's recognition as the exclusive 11 bargaining unit for its members is an integral question that must be answered, and this is the 12 basis for the Opposition filed by the District on February 14, 2024. Based on the foregoing, 13 APTA respectfully requests the Board sanction the District and its representatives for their 14 15 egregious violations of statutes and this Board's jurisprudence and grant its Motion to 16 Expedite Hearing and order and set a hearing to decide these matters as soon as possible.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

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