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Wyoming Community College Commission proposes changes to agency regular rules - Public Comment open through July 5, 2021.

**Cheyenne, May 14, 2021** - The Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC) is seeking public comment on proposed changes and amendments to the agency's Regular Rules. The changes will be **open for public comment through July 5, 2021**. Proposed rules are available for review at <https://rules.wyo.gov/Search.aspx?mode=2> under the Community College Commission drop-down menu. Confidential responses can be sent to [Rules@wyo.gov](mailto:Rules@wyo.gov).

The Commission unanimously proposed establishing regular rules pertaining to Chapter 6, a new Section 8 concerning service areas at the February 5, 2021 regular meeting. Recently, one county expressed interest in pursuing the formation of a district, and two counties expressed interest in pursuing annexation. This action brought to light the potential need to realign service areas.

According to Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§ 21-18-202(b)(iv), 21-18-202(b)(vi), and 21-18-202(c)(viii), the Commission has oversight authority and coordinating responsibility of service areas across the state of Wyoming. Current rules lack significant clarity and detail regarding the establishment, coordination, or modification of service areas. Amended rules are necessary to establish criteria and define a process in anticipation of the Commission considering and possibly modifying service areas.

The Commission approved and added Section 8 to confirm the originally established service areas. Additional elements are added into the rules and review process to:

- Reinforce collaboration between local community colleges districts and counties.
- Maintain county boundary and service area inclusion requirements.
- Establish an application and review process for the modification of service areas.
- Identify how service area modification will be to the benefit of Wyoming residents.
- Confirm alignment of the service area with the Wyoming Community College System Strategic Plan.
- Provide for a public hearing to encourage public involvement in the modification process.
- Set forth an adequate timeline for application review, processing, consideration, and implementation.

The current and proposed rules are available for review at:

<https://rules.wyo.gov/Search.aspx?mode=2>