

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Appellant,
vs.
JOSE LUIS VELASQUEZ,
Respondent.

No. 39789

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

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BY J. Richard
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

On July 17, 2002, this court entered an order directing appellant to show cause why this appeal should not be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. That order was entered after a preliminary jurisdictional review revealed that the district court had not entered a final, written judgment, and that appellant was attempting to appeal from a minute order.

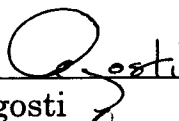
On July 26, 2002, appellant filed a response to our order to show cause. Appellant concedes that the district court did not enter a formal written order. Rather, appellant explains, the clerk of the district court "distributed a copy of the judge's [minute] order to all parties." On June 11, 2002, appellant filed in the district court a notice of entry of the minute order. Appellant requests this court to suspend "the requirement of a written order physically signed by the judge," and to treat the minute order as a final written judgment and to exercise jurisdiction over this appeal.


No appeal may be taken from a minute order, and a notice of appeal filed before entry of a formal written order is ineffective and does not confer jurisdiction on this court. See Rust v. Clark Cty. School District, 103 Nev. 686, 747 P.2d 1380 (1987); NRAP 4(a)(1). Further, this court is one of limited appellate jurisdiction, and does not acquire the

power to review a case simply because a party files a notice of appeal. See Mahaffey v. Investor's Nat'l Security, 102 Nev. 462, 725 P.2d 1218 (1986); Long v. A-1 24 Hour Towing, Inc., 101 Nev. 682, 707 P.2d 1151 (1985). Thus, this court cannot elect to treat the minute order as an appealable order. Accordingly, we dismiss this appeal for lack of jurisdiction.

It is so ORDERED.


_____, J.
Young


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Agosti


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Leavitt

cc: Hon. Valorie Vega, District Judge
L. Steven Demaree
Jose Luis Velasquez
Clark County Clerk