

March 24, 2022

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

THE NEVADA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

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The Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness Legislative Standing Committee was called to order by Chair Bailey Bortolin at 1:02 p.m. on Thursday March 24, 2022. This meeting is being conducted virtually. This meeting was noticed in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law and posted on <https://dwss.nv.gov/Home/Features/Public-Information/> the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services website.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Bailey Bortolin, Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Sisolak, Nevada

Christine Saunders, Policy Director of Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, Nevada

Nathaniel Waugh, Interim Executive Director Manager of Policy Advocacy and Training, Nevada Homeless Alliance, Nevada

Erik Jimenez, Nevada State Treasurer's Office Chief Deputy, Nevada

Christine Hess, Executive Director Nevada Housing Coalition, Nevada

Jonathan Norman, Advocacy Outreach Policy Director for the Nevada Coalition of Legal Service Providers, Nevada

Arash Ghafoori, Executive Director of Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, Nevada

Andre Wade, Nevada State Director of Silver State Equality Institute, Nevada

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Executive Director Nevada Homeless Alliance, Nevada

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jennifer Harvey, Advocate for unhoused in Reno, · Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist ·
Counseling Services H.O.P.E, Nevada

Serafin Calvo Arreola, Nevada Manager of Parking Enforcement, Nevada

Lilith Baran, Policy Associate at the ACLU of Nevada, Nevada

Pastor Phillip Washington, Vice Chair of Nevada Faith Health Coalition; Founder of Urban
Community Project, Nevada

Megan Blas, City of North Las Vegas, Nevada

OTHERS PRESENT:

Niani Cooper, Manager, Homeless to Housing, Nevada Department of Health and Human
Services, Nevada

Carolyn Carr, Program Coordinator, Homeless to Housing, Nevada Department of Health and
Human Services, Nevada

Ryan Sunga, DAG, Nevada

Agenda Item I. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

Niani Cooper:

Good morning and welcome to the Legislative Standing Committee for the Governor's
Interagency Council on Homelessness to Housing. This meeting has been publicly noticed in
compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law. The Legislative Standing Committee Chair Bailey
Bortolin will call the meeting to order.

Chair Bortolin:

Good afternoon, it's 1:02 p.m. and I'd like to call the March 24th meeting of the Legislative
Standing Committee to order. Will Niani please call roll?

Niani Cooper:

[Roll Call. We have quorum.]

Agenda Item II. Public Comment

Chair Bortolin:

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We will go to item number II. on the agenda, which is public comment. No action may be taken upon a matter raised until the matter is specifically added to an agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes. We are now open for public comment, please unmute yourself and state your name for the council.

[No Public Comment]

Agenda Item III. Introduction and Welcome New Members Legislative Standing Committee

Chair Bortolin:

As the next item on the agenda, I'd like to welcome the new members to the Legislative Standing Committee.

[Welcome received. Introductions made. No action taken]

Agenda Item IV. Discussion on Function of this Committee

Chair Bortolin:

The next item on the agenda is discussion on function of this committee.

[Suggestions noted. No action taken]

Agenda Item V. Discussion of Agenda Items for next meeting

Chair Bortolin:

We will go to item number V., which is discussion on items for the next meeting.

[Suggestions noted. No action taken]

Agenda Item VI. Public Comment

Chair Bortolin:

We will go to item number VII. on the agenda, which is public comment. No action may be taken upon a matter raised until the matter is specifically added to an agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes. We are now open for public comment, please unmute yourself and state your name for the council.

Sarah Mersereau-Adler:

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Thank you very much my name is Sarah Adler. I'm with Silver State Government Relations and I also am with NAMI, Nevada National Alliance on mental illness. So, two quick comments. 1. I'm so thrilled at this group and your membership and work. I'm reflecting back to a conversation with Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson, who was the initiator of this council and I discussed with him the importance of adding housing to its mission so.

You're doing great. Thank you so much. Second comment is that Nami this year is working very deeply on the issue of, uh housing needed by people of extremely low income, which includes the mentally ill. The substance addicted chronically homeless, not only ally housing, but also supportive housing. So, when you get to that examination in your agenda NAMI would be very pleased to join your discussion. Thank you so much.

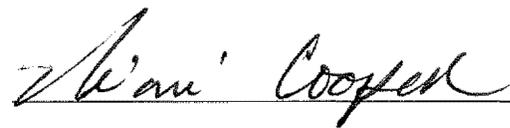
Chair Bortolin:

Great. Thank you. Hearing no other comments, this meeting is adjourned.

Adjourned 1:45 p.m.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Niani Cooper, Committee Moderator

APPROVED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bailey Bortolin", written over a horizontal line.

Bailey Bortolin, Chair

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Date: March 25, 2022